

A Few Skateboard Park Facts – Item 11.2, PPCC Agenda 8/22/19

1) Nearby Skateparks:

Santa Monica – The Cove. <https://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=32414>

- Operated by City of Santa Monica; 20K sf.
- Open to kids over 6, teens and adults; hours vary depending on age of users; in general, open daily from 12n – 5, 7 or 10pm.
- Various safety rules re use of facilities, helmets, other equipment, etc.
- Park is staffed and is physically “closed” at night (after closing time)
- Users must sign liability waivers (parents of minors must sign) and are clearly told they skate at their own risk.
- Users must register and pay fee for a skatepark pass.

Venice Beach – at the boardwalk, on the sand. <https://www.venicebeach.com/venice-skatepark/>;
<http://www.veniceskatepark.com>; <http://www.visitveniceca.com/2015/06/17/venice-skate-park/>

- Operated by the City of LA, Dept. of Recreation & Parks (RAP); 16K sf.
- Only “beach skatepark” in the world.
- Built in 2009 at cost of \$3.5 million; hosts various tournaments throughout year.
- Open daily from 9am – sunset (no age restrictions).
- Various safety rules re use of facilities, helmets, other equipment, etc.
- Park is unsupervised/not staffed and is not physically “closed” at night.
- No liability waivers required; users skate at own risk (but no written warnings about this).
- Use is free; no registration or passes required to use the park.

2) Other Skateparks in Los Angeles:

Skateparks maintained by RAP. <https://www.laparks.org/skateparks>

- There are at least 24 *other* skateparks throughout LA, including in WLA (Stoner Park; 20.5K sf) and Westchester (13K sf).
- Some parks were supervised with staff/monitors *in the past*, but it appears this is no longer the case and/or isn’t required by the City (lack of funding).
- Stoner & Westchester: open daily early morning – sunset, no age restrictions, skate at own risk, no registration or passes required, use is free, not physically “closed” at night, etc.

3) Possible Cost/Size:

- Venice Beach Skatepark (16K sf), cost \$3.5M; Belvedere (East LA) Skatepark (20K sf), cost \$1.2M. <https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/things-to-do/best-skateparks-in-los-angeles>
- Average cost: \$45 per sf. <https://publicskateparkguide.org/fundraising/how-much-do-skateparks-cost/> [but cf. costs of Belvedere & Venice – 1/3 to 5x more than supposed average cost!].
- According to the Public Skatepark Guide website (linked above), an 8-10K sf skatepark may be required to service the Palisades (population 25K); see, e.g., “Skateboard Adoption Model.”

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