

ACTION 5B

Skate Park



Skate Park in Somerset KY

A skate park is fairly inexpensive to install and requires very little maintenance once built and minimal supervision. It is also an activity that appeals to individuals who either are not interested in organized sports or may not have the means or the support to participate. The activity can be done in groups or individually and requires very little equipment, all of which can be purchased at a minimal cost. A bike and/or skateboard are all one needs to engage in this sport. *Note: Helmets, knee pads and elbow pads are normally not required at most public skate parks but are highly recommended.*

Unlike organized sports like basketball or football, skateboarding has no set arena or rules. Nor does it require a certain layout or specific elements. A community has the option to make it as large or as small as they want. And if a “street park” design is used, more elements can be added over time as funds become available.

A “street park” (left) is one in which a concrete pad is poured and elements added separately. This differs from a “bowl park” (right) in which the elements themselves are poured in concrete. A “flow park” combines both “street” and “bowl” design.



Street Park



Bowl Park



Flow Park



Knott County Fiscal Court built a “street park” design skate park in Hindman KY in 2006. *The photos above were taken the day the skate park opened. The photo below taken in Fall of 2015 is how the skate park looks today.* Very little maintenance has been done in the nine years since it was built and yet it is in use year-round. Many parents and community leaders will attest that the skate park is extremely popular and has provided a much needed recreation outlet for the youth in their community. Having a sanctioned site also greatly reduced the conflict of skateboarders using both private and city property to hone their skills.



Knott County Skate Park in 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

A street park design skate park should be built either in the back parking lot area of the IGA building or in space behind the high school in Cadiz is highly recommended.

Note: This could be a joint project of the Cadiz-Trigg County Tourist Commission, Trigg County Fiscal Court, City of Cadiz, and “The Way” Christian Youth Center in Cadiz.

See APPENDIX H for more on skate parks including a cost estimate for seven (7) obstacles for a street park design skate park.

