

FACTSHEET

Xtreme SkatePark @ East Coast

- A joint development by the National Parks Board (NParks) and the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Xtreme SkatePark is the first skate park in Singapore which has been built to international competition standards. It promises to be an exciting venue for extreme sports enthusiasts, not only in Singapore but the region, set against a backdrop of lush greenery, beach and sea views.
- Currently, there is no skate park of international standard to provide for the needs of our skating, skateboarding and BMX communities. This was one of the recommendations of the Youth Consultation exercise conducted in 2004 by MCYS. A survey conducted by the Singapore Sports Council in 2005 showed that some 30,000 Singaporeans participated in various popular types of extreme sports, of which 18,000 took part in inline skating (including aggressive and leisure skating), and skateboarding activities. Worldwide, extreme sports have a significant following in US, Europe and Latin America¹ and gradually gaining recognition and popularity in Asia².
- Xtreme SkatePark is designed to synergise with the beach setting and to give users and spectators a unique 'by the sea' experience. It was designed and built with the help of CONVIC Design, an Australian professional skate park design firm, which specialises in designing concrete skate parks. Its portfolio includes Australia's three largest skate parks and the world's largest skate park in Shanghai, completed in 2005.
- The entire skate park occupies an area of 1.4 ha (the size of about 2.5 football fields) and comprises a combo bowl, a vertical bowl and a streetcourse covering 0.4 ha. It is catered to both beginners and professionals, who will be able to find features that suit their skill levels:

¹ Based on the Superstudy of Sports Participation conducted in the US, some 75 million participants engaged in extreme sports in the US in 2004.

² Extreme sports are now recognised by the Olympic Council of Asia and were featured in the inaugural Asian Indoor Games in 2005.

- Streetcourse - The Streetcourse caters to all riders. It provides elements for both intermediate and advanced skaters and bikers. The Streetcourse consists of a mix of street obstacles, including stairs, handrails, ledges and gaps to enable progression from lower level ramps to more advanced areas.
 - Combo Bowl - The Combo Bowl section is an intermediate to advanced level bowl with different depths, hips, corners, a spine, sub box and bank wall. The layout enables riders to travel continuously around the sections of the bowl and transfer from one area to another.
 - Vertical Bowl - The 3.6-metre Vertical Bowl area is for advanced skaters/bikers and consists of a channel with different corners. This is a challenging bowl that will ensure progression for skate park users to enable them to enter competitions.
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- Xtreme SkatePark is located near Car Park F1, also known as the 'energy' zone of East Coast Park, close to other extreme sports facilities such as cable skiing, windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, inline skating and cycling. It would help inject more vibrancy and establish this particular location in East Coast Park as the sports cluster to cater to those interested in the sun, sea and sports. It is part of NParks' ongoing efforts to add more diversity to the lifestyle and recreational options in our parks to cater to a wider range of park users.
 - NParks has worked with cycling/skating associations to promote safe and responsible use of the skate park, such as wearing protective gear (helmets, kneepads and elbow pad), and being considerate towards less experienced users. Two workshops were conducted before the skate park was opened, which were attended by over 70 extreme sports enthusiasts from six different associations. NParks will continue to organise such workshops to reiterate the safety messages and responsible use of the skate park.