

Park Etiquette V1

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- **REMEMBER**, you were a first timer once.
- **TREAT** others the way you want to be treated, you know *"The Golden Rule"*.
- **LEARN** the traffic flow of the park. The bigger the ramps the more random the flow.
- **TREAT** the park like crossing the street *"Look both ways before you go"*.
- **KNOW** your ability level & stay within it - *"don't drop into the vert ramp if you can't drop into the mini."*
- **RAMPS** are not slides.
- **NO WAX**, it's as simple as that.
- **DON'T** stand in the middle of a ramp while waiting for your turn; make sure you are out of the way.
- **IF** you collide with someone, make sure they are ok, if they seem even remotely hurt, find somebody they came with and let them know what happened.
- **DON'T** put anything (board, wheels, foot etc) on the coping while someone else is doing a run.
- **IF** you fall, move out of the way quickly rather than laying/standing there.
- **NO** whining or crying unless you have a really good reason.
- **DON'T** throw anything: board, bike, scooter, or helmet etc.
- **KEEP** beverages out of the park, a spill can make a huge slippery mess.
- **DON'T BE A SNAKE**, when someone is doing a line, don't drop in on them, wait your turn.
- **DON'T TAKE MARATHON RUNS**, you might think it's cool to ride for a longtime straight, but do it all the time and people will get mad. A couple times a session is acceptable.
- **DON'T USE THE FLATBOTTOM** of ramps or the middle of a ramp area (other than the plaza) to practice flatland/flatground tricks.
- **COMMUNICATE!** Whether verbally or a head nod, gesture etc, let people know what you plan to do.
- **CALL** your drop-in.
- **BE AWARE** of what's going on around you and make sure everybody gets a shot.
- **LEDGES** are not for sitting.
- **APOLOGIZE** if you do something wrong, seriously.
- **WARN** people if you lose your board etc, or if you see somebody lose theirs.
- **WIPE** your feet at the door, try to keep the crud outside.
- **DON'T** ride your bike, scooter, skateboard from your car to the park, it just hauls outside crud inside.
- **IF** you are going to attempt a banger of a trick, get a spotter to keep your takeoff/landing area clear.
- **IF** you are filming/shooting, be aware that other people in the park paid to be here as well.
- **IF** you can't deliver feedback to somebody regarding their etiquette in a non-threatening friendly manner, get an employee to do it for you.
- **DON'T BE A ONE-UPPER**, if you don't understand this, have somebody explain it to you.
- **KNOW** that the later in the day a session occurs; skaters/riders get bigger/older and the higher the level of skill tends to be. Don't expect to come session like you are training for the X Games during the 9am session on a weekend day. The opposite is also true, if you are a beginner or are on the small side, a 6pm Saturday session is most likely not for you.
- **DON'T** steal.
- **USE** the recycling/trash barrels accordingly, the more we recycle, the less we pay to dispose of stuff. We do our best to keep prices low and every little bit does count.
- **KNOW** that everybody will make a mistake at some point.
- **DON'T** skate/ride in the hallway, people are not expecting you to be flying by. One of the worst injuries ever was an older woman being struck by a board after the owner fell and flung it down the hall. It struck her in the ankle, as a result she fell straight to her head on the concrete. No she was not wearing a helmet. Yes she did get hurt, badly. NOW you know why we ask you to not ride in the hall.
- **FINALLY**, have some fun, we love having you here. Be respectful in your feedback to anybody, whether it is in person or on the internet. If you can't say something nice, at least say it nicely.