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MEMORANDUM FOR Concord City Council Members Interested in visiting NH Skateparks.

FROM: Concord Skate Park Sub-Committee Members and the Concord Skatepark Association.

SUBJECT: Familiarization with features, Pro/Cons of each park, and directions to parks.

1. Attached will be several guides to selected skate parks in NH. Each guide will attempt to point out the major features of the subject park, the Pro's and Con's of each park, things that we would like to see in a new park in Concord and things we think would not work well here in Concord. Also, a short description of the location of the park and some pictures from the location.

2. This is being done for several reasons; firstly to familiarize the council members with the terminology and expectations found in a modern skatepark. We understand that the council members may not be as familiar with Skateboarding as they are with other more traditional sports. Also, we understand that it would be cumbersome and time consuming to take council members to each of these parks. We have prepared this guide so that members may visit at their own convenience or become more informed as to what is out there.

3. The members of the Concord Skatepark Association provide this guide to you to streamline communications with the Concord City Council members. Our aim is to bring the City of Concord a top notch new skatepark that will provide many years of safe and functional service to the residents of Concord without excessive maintenance or cost prohibitive phased builds.

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1. “Rusty Berrings” Skatepark Lebanon NH

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Figure 1. Rusty Berrings shortly after the initial build.

Location:	51-53 Glen Road, West Lebanon NH.
Size:	16,000 sq ft. – additional 8,000 sq ft built last summer.
Builders:	Parker Construction, Inc 2017
Cost:	\$350,000 park, 4 light towers cost \$100,000

1. This park is probably one of the best all-around skateparks in NH. That being said, there are some glaring areas that were poorly executed. The transitions in this park were poorly constructed. Many of the surfaces that are supposed to be flat and level are not. The smaller features aimed at kids learning do not have coping. This may be due to the company building the park lacking experience in park building.

2. The park is large enough to accommodate many riders and will not become crowded too quickly. The park has lighting which is on until 11pm. There is a good balance between beginner and advanced features. There is ample parking and co-located playground and porta-pottys. There was a recent addition of 8000 sq ft last summer that added some much needed features such as a flat bar, and a grind box.

2 David W. Deane Skatepark Nashua NH.



Figure 2 Nashua Skatepark

Location:	Stadium Drive, Nashua NH, Next to Nashua YMCA and Stellos Stadium
Size:	18,000 sq ft
Builders:	Pillar Design 2017
Cost:	\$500,000

1. Easily the best built skate park in NH. However, there is very little for a beginner to do here. The transitions are difficult to ride. Both of the bowls are way too tight and way too deep. One large more mellow bowl would have been a far better use of space. The street section of this park was squeezed into a narrow perimeter around the giant center section. This park can get very crowded and the large features make it difficult to see people coming.
2. The park is very well built. The concrete is smooth and the coping is well attached. The transitions are tight but very precise. For someone looking for a pro level park in NH this is the place but this is not something we want to do here in Concord. There are a few great little street features like a ledge, grindbox, and a ride on grind but no flat rail, and not enough space to really use any of these features.

3. Hart Family Memorial Skatepark, Meredith NH



Location:	Prescott Park, 367 Daniel Webster Highway Meredith NH.
Size:	11,000 Sq Ft
Builders:	Pillar Design Nov 2019
Cost:	\$232,000

1. Good all-around small park. This park never gets that busy. There is a nice balance between transition and street skating obstacles. The Half pipe in the back is a great addition. We are hoping this park is going to be added to because it is pretty small. The concrete is some of the best I've seen. The transition is smooth, and the slabs are level and flat. The bathrooms and the small picnic area are a great addition. This is sort of what we'd like in Concord but on a larger scale.

#### 4. Laconia NH Skatepark



Figure 3 Laconia NH skate park. Too small.

Location:	915 N. Main St Laconia NH
Size:	4,000 Sq Ft
Builders:	Pivot
Cost:	\$170,000

1. This park is well built but much too small. On any given afternoon this summer I would stop by this place on my way to Meredith and it would be mobbed. There are a lot of kids that skate in Laconia and they struggle to get a turn here. There are some nice features such as the hubba with a ride on grind. The granite curb is a nice touch. But everything is too small and without ample room to get any speed. Major drawback to this park is that it is directional. This means any skater who skates with their right foot forward will have trouble here. This park is built for left foot forward skaters. These builders did do a great job here though.

5. Plymouth NH



Figure 4 Plymouth NH street style with a great bowl.

Location:	107 Railroad Square, Plymouth NH
Size:	5,500 square feet
Builders:	Mud dogs 2020
Cost:	\$40,000

1. Small but wide-open park. Plenty of room. You will notice that there is much less transition here and that this is mostly a street style park. There is a very nice bowl up in the back. Ledges, a hip, grindboxes and flat rails. Very well constructed. It would be nice to take the street section from this park and incorporate it into a larger park with a transition section and perhaps two bowls here in Concord. The open concept here is something that many skaters in Concord really appreciate. You may hear it described a plaza type park.

## 1. TRANSITION

The name given to the curved vertical surface of the ramp.

## 2. VERT

This describes any transition that reaches vertical.

## 3. COPING

This comes in many forms: the round bar-style coping you find mostly on ramps; pool-style tiling found in bowls; and right-angled flashing on box sections.

## 4. DECK

The flat landing at the top of quarter pipes and half pipes.

## 5. FULL PIPE

This is the original and least common of all pipes. Generally not purpose built. Found in industrial ruins. This gives skaters the chance to go over-vert.

## 6. QUATER PIPE

A single transition ramp (quarter of a full pipe). This can consist of any angle and size, all the way from mini to vert.



## 7. HALF PIPE

This is basically two-quarter pipes opposite each other, with a calculated amount of flat bottom connecting them.

## 8. MINI RAMP

Usually 5ft or smaller. Not tall enough for the transition to go vert.

## 9. VERT RAMP

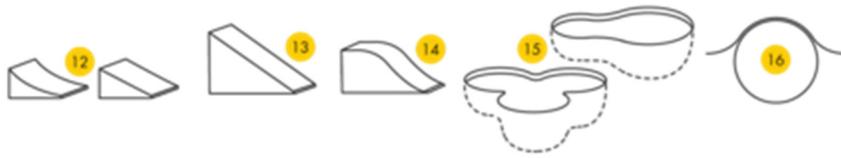
At least 8ft tall with transitions that go to vert.

## 10. EXTENSION

Extensions can be found on half pipes. They are literally an extension in height on one section of a ramp.

## 11. SPINE

Two-quarter pipes meeting back-to-back.



## 12. KICKER/LAUNCH

A small ramp used for launching off. These are often transportable and can be moved around skate parks and street spots.

## 13. BANK/WEDGE RAMP

Any flat, slanted surface that allows for riding. These can vary in size and angle.

## 14. ROLL IN

A large rolling quarter pipe with no coping, used for gaining speed. Also commonly found on vert ramps.

## 15. BOWL/POOL

Originally emptied in-ground swimming pools. Bowls are now found in concrete and wooden forms in most skate parks. They come in many shapes and sizes (such as kidney and clover). The best ones have a flat bottom and coping (or pool tiles) just like a half pipe.

## 16. CRADLE/OVER-VERT

A spherical over-vert extension commonly found in bowls. Enables inverted and over-vert manoeuvres.



## 17. HIP

Any two transitions that meet to create a protruding corner. These can come in banked form (flat surface) or curved with a transition (like a quarter pipe).

## 18. FUNBOX

A combination of banks, flats, ledges, and rails. Fun boxes come in a multitude of different sizes and designs.

## 19. PYRAMID

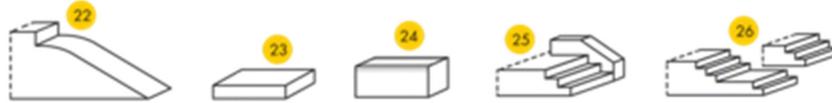
A four-sided ramp with a flat section at the peak. It usually has flat sides but sometimes has a transition.

## 20. VOLCANO

A cylindrical cone with a flat top (sometimes has a rounded top).

## 21. NESSY

A smooth curvaceous rolling ramp with a kicker at the end for jumping. We've nicknamed this one after the Loch Ness monster.



## 22. EURO GAP

A wedge ramp with a flat section and a step up to the deck. Usually skated up the ramp with speed to launch over the gap.

## 23. MANUAL PAD

A small raised box for doing manoeuvres on and off.

## 24. GRIND BOX/LEDGE

A box with coping for doing grind and slide manoeuvres. This is often a movable object. If fixed in place it is referred to as a ledge.

## 25. HUBBA

An angled ledge that commonly runs down a set of stairs. Used for grind and slide tricks.

## 26. STAIR

The original street skate obstacle. Commonly used to throw yourself off in all sorts of aerial manoeuvres.



## 27. FLAT RAIL

A flat (or cylindrical) metal pole used for slides and grinds. Rails normally are parallel to the ground and often 1-2ft in height.

## 28. HANDRAIL

An angled metal pole running down a set of stairs. There are numerous styles including kinked handrail (as shown).

## 29. RAINBOW RAIL

A curved rail that comes out of the ground at both ends allowing skaters to grind over the top.

