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Manzanita Skate Park

- **What:** 12,000-square-foot skate park, Anaheim's largest
- **Where:** Manzanita Park, 1260 N. Riviera St., north Anaheim
- **Opened:** December 2019, dedicated Feb. 6, 2020
- **Features:**
 - 7-foot-deep bowl for experienced skaters
 - 3-foot-deep beginner bowl
 - Skate plaza
 - Grind ledges, rails, ramps
- **Skate park designer, builder:** Los Angeles-based Spohn Ranch Inc.; also designed Anaheim skate parks at Schweitzer at Palm Lane parks
- **Skate park mural:** silhouette of skaters doing handstands, bowl drop-ins, grinding and other tricks, set against a California sunset
- **Artist:** Mike McMillian of Anaheim with design input from local kids
- **Other project work:**
 - Parking lot landscaping, including native Manzanita plants, the park's namesake
 - Nine additional parking spots for a total of 40
 - Traffic roundabout, parking lot pavers to capture and filter rainwater
- **Project cost:** \$1.6 million
- **Funding:**
 - \$925,650 city park funds paid by developers
 - \$400,000 federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant
 - \$264,350 state Housing-Related Parks Program grant





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- **Manzanita Park:**

- 7.5 acres
- Opened in 1972
- Home to 4,800-square-foot Manzanita Park Clubhouse of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress

- **Background:**

- Park serves predominantly Hispanic Romneya neighborhood between Harbor Boulevard and Euclid Street, with the Riverside (91) Freeway to the north
- Boys & Girls Club opened in 2016
- Replaced Manzanita Park Recreation Center, burned in suspected gang-related arson fire in 2012
- City spent \$1.2 million to renovate burned community center



- **Anaheim skate parks:** Manzanita is Anaheim's eighth skate park

- Brookhurst Park
- Logan Wells Memorial Skatepark
- Miraloma Family Resource Center
- Next Up Foundation, downtown
- Palm Lane Park
- Ponderosa Park
- Schweitzer Park

- **Anaheim skateboarding history:**

- **1965:** National Skateboard Championships Association formed in Anaheim
- **1965:** National Skateboard Championships held at La Palma Park, aired on ABC's "Wide World of Sports" in first broadcast of a skateboarding competition
- **1966:** Skate shoemaker Vans opens factory in Anaheim
- **1974:** A moonscape of concrete craters and stalagmites opens at Brookhurst Park, becomes skate spot favorite nicknamed "Sadlands"
- **1976:** Skateboard Expo before 55,000 fans as part of a Beach Boys concert at then-Anaheim Stadium
- **1976:** Concrete Wave skate park opens near Ball Road and the Santa Ana (I-5) Freeway, closed in 1980s
- **1981:** Pro skater Neil Blender graduates from Loara High School
- **2016:** Seventh annual Skateboarding Hall of Fame induction ceremony held in City National Grove of Anaheim