

Squamish

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Squamish, BC is about halfway between Vancouver and Whistler. It's a place more known for mountain biking and snowboarding than for skateboarding, but that's about to change. This park is a must for anyone who can carve. In terms of the design, this one's a bit out there. It can't be described in simple terms like "snake run with coping" or "peanut bowl." Spectrum Skatepark's Jim Barnum, the designer, solely describes it as "WILD MANIA." The park also has a street area with some unique pieces as well. This original design is

topped off with some amazing attention to detail. The park is a work of art with its granite overhang ledges, treads on the stairs and 3D concrete and mural work. It's great to see that skateparks can be more than grey concrete and bad spray paint.

Spectrum has had a real presence in this area due to Jim's previous work in nearby Whistler. Like Whistler, this park was skater built from top to bottom, the way a park should be done. The crew of Alistair Clark, Brett Lawler,

Leo Decker, Cody Maky, Brandon Naim, Clint Rutledge, Luke Jouppi, Trevor Montcaster, Sebastien Templer, and Squamish residents Jeremy Atkinson and Dave Price made sure that nothing was overlooked. The park also would not have happened if it weren't for the dedication and persistence of Hal 2000 and Kelly Kaye. Squamish was in desperate need of a good skatepark and at its opening, the park was sessioned heavily by local skaters as well as visitors from Vancouver and Whistler areas.

Sluggo, backside method transfer



To get to the park, take the Sea to Sky Highway to Squamish, turn off the highway at Cleveland Ave., turn right on Buckley and keep going until you see the Youth Centre which is across the street from the High School.

FACTS

Sq. Ft. : 16,000 sq ft.
Obstacles : 4' to 7' bowl with 10' curved vert wall. A spined bowl corner which flows over to a big bank-to-bank-gap. Three-level street area flows from a wide bank to a 5 set and a 9' set. Pyramid has a rail and a wall ride/barrier style ledge running up, across, and down one side. Also a 5' step-up, a 6' wall ride, a "big" 4' set, a kicker ledge, and a beginner area.