



Above: It's not everyday you see Lance Mountain blasting Frontside Airs out of a massive concrete tube. How unfortunate. Lance in his element, taking us back in time. **Facing Page Clockwise:** Out of a dozen or so perfect ledges in the park, this is the one that caught Dan Dreihoble's eye moments before this Tailslide. No the park doesn't turn green at night, you're hallucinating. Jason Cichoki, lofty Pop-shuv. Whose house? Dave Lambert builds his repertoire with this Backside Flip off one of Millennium's many curves. One of many unknown rippers in the massive park throws down a well-caught Kickflip.

PARK LIFE

Millennium Park

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Calgary's gift to skateboarding

...ing on the hill looking down on the crater of dirt spanning well over 200 yards, I wondered how
... pull it off. After looking over the blueprint of the Millennium Park hanging in the local
... shop, it seemed the Dream Park was nothing more than that—a dream.

I left Calgary for the summer, the occasional thought of the park rebounding in my head.
When I returned, some of the concrete had been poured, and the Millennium Park was taking
... shape. Slowly, as more transitions and obstacles were born, the dream became a reality.

It's not hard to describe what the park consists of. In fact, it's rather easy. It's got every-
... thing. It has a beginner streetcourse with small ledges, flatbars, stairs and a few trannies, as well as
... an intermediate course with bigger ledges, bigger transitions, and some rails down stairs and banks.
... If you've got those areas wired, move on to the advanced course: a cloverleaf bowl, a soon-to-
... built snakerun and, le pièce de résistance, the giant fullpipe. The Millennium Park caters to all
... skill and skill levels.

Although the overall area of the park is, unbelievably, somewhere around that of a football
... field, it can still get crowded. With so many up-and-coming locals, it's wise to plan your sessions for
... quiet days. Some of the greatest sessions I've ever had were at 3 a.m. or 9 a.m. There are wash-
... room facilities and snack shacks in the park, and a no-pad policy is (for the time being anyway) in
... place.

A short skate from Calgary's downtown core, the park has become a central hub to meet
... friends. There's even a laser that shines straight up and can be seen from outer space. So when in
... doubt, follow the beam and check it out. There's no way you'll be disappointed.





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