

PARK SPOTTING

Poway, California

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The new park in Poway, California might not be as large as some other skateparks, but the designers did a good job of incorporating as many elements as possible and still providing flow lines throughout.

Around the perimeter, you'll be greeted with a couple flatbars, quarter-circle manual pads and ledges, a taller ledge if you're feeling hoppy, and a pyramid ledge sequence for the ultimate manual manipulations or ledge combo tricks. For the tranny warriors, there's a sort of snakerun bowl section with a nine- or ten-foot-tall tombstone to get crazy on. The best part of all, though, is the pyramid. Not only is it equipped with a Hubba that runs across and down one side, but its banks are long enough to negotiate the lip, and it'll pop you in the air just right.

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Overall, Poway is a good time, if you manage to show up when no one else is there. If the park is crowded, flow lines are cut to a minimum. As far as pads go, full pads are required. The park is also monitored, but a nice thing about that is they show up for ten minutes to make sure everyone's wearing their pads and then they leave for a couple hours, so pads can be worn at your own discretion. Be on the lookout for sheriffs, though, the station is adjacent to the park, and I've heard of people being cited at times.

The park is located in the northeastern part of San Diego County and has free admission. It also features lights keeping the facility open until 9:30 p.m. Take the Poway Road exit off the I-15 freeway and head east for about five miles. Turn right after the public library, and make another right at the first stop sign. The park is on your right. Go shred.—Eric Sentionin 🐾