

Skate-cation: Skate parks of San Jose, Sunnyvale, Scotts Valley, and Santa Cruz

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Ollie. Half Cab. Varial. Kickflip Indy. If this is the lingo you hear at home, round up the skateboarders and venture out on a Skate-cation! Trying out new skate parks is a great summer activity that doesn't use too much gas, gets the kids away from the game console, and provides fun for all. My 16-year old son, Brendan, and his friends love to skateboard. Although they are at different skill levels, they all enjoy going to a skate park so we've come up with a few favorites that we visit on a regular basis. So, pack up the skateboards, helmets, pads, snacks, and plenty of water. And don't forget a good book for you, the designated driver!

Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park: Opened in 2008, this 68,000 square foot skate park is the largest in California and will definitely keep your skaters busy for a few hours. The \$3 admission is worth the price since the park has the world's longest full pipe, the tallest vert wall, and the largest cradle, as well as bowls for beginners and a pool for advanced skaters. You'll need to sign a liability waiver for skaters under 18, unless one is on file. Pads and helmets are required. Located at [Lake Cunningham Regional Park](#) (opposite the lake from Raging Waters) at 2305 South White Road (near Tully) in San Jose.



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Sunnyvale Skate Park: 18,000 square foot skate park full of ledges, curbs, and small bowls. This is my son's Silicon Valley. Located at 540 N. Fair Oaks (near the Wolfe Road split) in Sunnyvale.

On hot days, head over the hill and hit these skate parks:

Scotts Valley Skate Park: Similar to Sunnyvale Skate Park, but a bit bigger. It has a mix of street, bowls, an adjacent to the Scotts Valley dog park so bring Fido if you want something to do during the skate session. H and enforced by local police. Located at 361 Kings Village Drive in Scotts Valley, next to Skypark. Kings Vil

Ben Lomond Skate Park: About 15 minutes inland from Scotts Valley, this small park has a bowl and ledge crowd in the afternoon so it's a good one to hit early in the day. Located at 8500 Highway 9 in Ben Lomond

Santa Cruz Wave Skate Park: This is a compact skate park within walking distance of Boardwalk, the ocean Avenue. It features a pool, a pipe run, and a mini-bowl. Located at 225 San Lorenzo Boulevard at Riversid

Santa Cruz Derby Skate Park: This is an old school park with a small snake run and one bowl. Built about 2 designed by Ken Wormhoudt and is generally considered to be the first skate park in the world. Wormhouc Zach, went on to design, construct, or consult on more than 500 skate park designs around the world (incl listed above). Located in Derby Park at the corner of Auburn and Woodland, near West Cliff Drive and Na

A great resource for information about these skate parks and others in California is www.caliskatz.com.

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