

New Mexico Best of 2007

City of Albuquerque Alamosa Community Center Skate Park

Concrete Project



The \$2.1 million project recreates the concrete arroyos and other features throughout Albuquerque that have attracted skaters from throughout the country. The park includes concrete walls, concrete stairs, large and small bowls, a radiused bridge and grind rails.

Completed in March, the park offers two distinct skating areas. The Skylit Bowl offers advanced skaters a 3/4 pipe with 11-ft sidewalls. Smaller bowls are incorporated into the sides and ends for less-experienced skaters. The concrete

finishers displayed great skill in forming the concrete, marble coping and smooth transitions. Innovative construction methods were developed in the field to produce precast concrete upper elements of the pipe so that proper bowl curvature could be attained.

The second area, the Trenches Street Park, incorporates rails, steps, lips, gaps and volcanoes - the stuff of street skaters' dreams. To provide context, the design incorporates some of the city's older and more popular skate features such as those

found on the UNM campus, Civic Plaza, McCollum Elementary and the arroyos, but in an environment where such features can be ridden legally.

Skaters have already given their stamp of approval to the park's smooth, hand-finished concrete, so essential to successful and safe skating.

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Integrative Skatepark Environments

General Contractor: FacilityBUILD

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