

# History of China Creek and the China Creek Skatepark



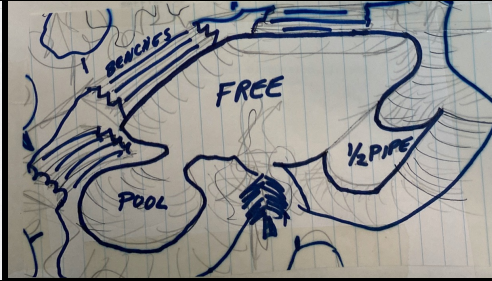
China Creek Watershed drains major part of East Van



China Creek Is buried in a Concrete sewer



China Creek Ravine becomes a City Dump and is filled in and transformed into a park



Skateboarders work with Neighbourhood Committee to design First Concept for Skate Park



1979 Skate park Opens

City Council tries to close skate park

Park Board Staff recommend Demolishing the park



40th Anniversary of skatepark

Park Board renew and expand skatepark

Pre -1912

1912

1950 - 1953

1978

1979

1987

2006

2019

2022

2024



China Creek Skatepark



2024 - Photo Credit Rich Odam

**China Creek BOWLS Skatepark**

China Creek BOWLS Skatepark was opened in May 1979 and was among the first skateparks in the Lower Mainland. Area residents, including youth living nearby, contributed to its design and ever since, it has become one of several centres for the skateboard community and culture. Skateboarding in bowls was popular in the 1970s and 1980s and the park pre-dates the emergence of street style skateboarding. It drew skateboarders from the local neighbourhood and beyond as it was the only public skate park in the city of Vancouver until 2001 with the opening of the Hastings Bowl Skatepark. The park has and continues to host a mix of ages, cultures and genders emphasizing fun skateboarding and socializing. Mutual respect is the foundation for the "skate etiquette" of the park. There are now a variety of skateparks in different neighbourhoods including Kensington, Mount Pleasant, East False Creek and Quilchena.

This plaque is sponsored by local skaters

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