

Skate Parks by **barkman**[™]



The perfect ride starts with barkman.



designed for skaters

All barkman skate parks are designed by our own expert skate park design team in consultation with the world's leading skate park design and build company, Spohn Ranch, to ensure that every park we build has the right mix of flow and challenge to keep skaters of all levels coming back for more. This is critical because many parks are often unimaginative in design, with too little variety or challenge to be fun for experienced skaters. Conversely, some parks can be too extreme for beginners, sending them back to the shopping mall parking lot. In contrast, barkman skate parks are designed to give skaters enough challenge and variety so that they can endlessly invent runs and perfect their skills – exactly what a skater wants in a park.

"I just wanted to reiterate the fantastic job you did on the install of our new skate park last fall. The kids absolutely love it and we expect to see a lot of local and regional skaters take advantage of the beautiful facility."

Roger D. Jeffers, Director, Parks and Recreation Division, City of Moraine, Ohio



the barkman advantage

Engineered for Safety and Reduced Noise

Improperly manufactured concrete parks can quickly become unsafe due to cracks, chips and a rough riding surface that arise from improper curing and finishing during the casting process. This can increase the incidence of injuries at a skate park. barkman skate parks, however, can be counted on to deliver superior durability, ride and performance thanks to barkman's proprietary manufacturing process using barkman precast technology which ensures an extremely strong, smooth riding surface that stands up to wear from the elements and riders. Additionally, barkman skate parks are extremely quiet, thanks to the natural sound absorption afforded by barkman's high-density precast concrete. This makes them virtually noiseless when compared to other structures – an important consideration if the park is to be located in a residential neighborhood.

Built to Last

One of the most important advantages of barkman skate parks made from precast concrete manufactured using barkman's precast technology, is their durability. barkman precast concrete will never warp and is almost impervious to the elements. Because barkman skate parks require very little maintenance year around, they save a community tens of thousands of dollars in maintenance costs over the life of the park compared to other methods of building a skate park.

An anti-graffiti coating is also available for barkman skate parks, permitting the easy removal of graffiti using only a cloth and solvent.

Customizable to Your Needs

Rather than supply your community with an "off-the-shelf" solution, every barkman park is a unique creation that has been designed to meet your community's specific requirements. We'll work closely with your project team to fully understand the wants and needs of your skaters and the neighbourhood where the park will be located. barkman's design process includes providing you with detailed 3D AutoCAD drawings, allowing you to view your park from any angle or viewpoint you wish. This allows you to involve skaters and all other important stakeholders in the park's design, and make appropriate adjustments or changes to your design long before construction begins.

"barkman has some really cool obstacles that a community with insurance or staff issues could just drop in as landscaping sculpture elements in places where skaters are already skating."

Heidi Lemmon, Skate Park Association USA (SPAUSA)

“When planning a skate park for our city, barkman’s representatives were easy to get along with and were very eager to work with us to alleviate any concerns which we had. barkman’s representatives were also very helpful when it was time to install the park, and their expertise was unsurpassed in putting the park together and making the entire project work. We would not hesitate to recommend barkman to anyone looking for a skate park for their community.”

Gayle Bunker, Mayor, Delta City, Utah



Skateable Art (Sk8 Art)

For communities looking for something extra special in their neighbourhood, barkman offers unique "Sk8 Art", which are as much a piece of sculpture as they are skateable - providing the ideal marriage between art and skate. The result is an almost irresistible challenge for any skater. As such they are the perfect answer for communities looking to lure skaters away from skateable landscaping where their presence can be disruptive to others, to a more appropriate skating environment.

barkman's Skateable Art can be placed almost anywhere there is concrete landscaping including walking paths and neighborhood parks. They are also perfect additions to any skate park, where their presence can elevate the park from the ordinary to something truly memorable for any skater. Here, barkman's ability to make each piece completely unique (the molds can be destroyed so that no other community can claim a similar piece) can provide a park with that special "something" that draws skaters of all abilities.

Superior Quality

Every feature of barkman parks is made from high-strength precast concrete, produced in barkman's state-of-the-art facilities, and manufactured with a minimum of 6,000 lbs. per square inch of compressive strength. Because we maintain complete control during the mixing and curing process, we can ensure that our concrete always meets our strict standards, thus

avoiding the surface inconsistencies, which can occur with other forms of concrete fabrication and installation. Contrast this with poured-in-place parks that can have rough seams and joints due to differences in concrete batches from one pour to the next. Our process also ensures consistency in height, length and transition, which ensures that all barkman skate parks have a uniform surface and no surprising irregularities common with other methods of casting or shotcreting concrete.

Service and Support

barkman will work closely with you through all stages of your skate park project. During the initial concept and needs assessment stage, barkman provides a consultation service that can help your community establish the project's parameters and answer any preliminary questions that residents or officials may have regarding the project (including assisting you with any public forums regarding the project). Once you're ready to build, barkman will work with you to help you design a park that suits your budget, your location and the needs of your local skaters. This service is available free of charge for qualified customers. If your community requires revisions to the design, these can be done quickly and accurately. We also assist and/or lead the installation process – everything from on-site assembly supervision to complete component installation. Finally, after installation is complete we can provide an ongoing consulting service, to help you with any further upgrades or site planning issues you may have.

"Of the dozen parks around here in a 60-mile radius, this barkman park seems to be the most popular. It has the best material that I've skated and the design of the ramps is really slick – a lot better than some of the concrete and wooden parks in the area. Many of the kids are already talking about expanding the park to reduce the congestion caused by so many skaters using it."

Steve McQuiggan, Skateboarder, Glen Carbon, Illinois

“barkman knew our budget and worked with our community to ensure that skaters of all ages and skill levels would enjoy our park. Once our project was ready to be put in place barkman sent out people to help us install the park. These individuals joined in with us and helped to ensure that the park was done right, and even followed up with a phone call to be sure that we were happy with the park. barkman was a class act from beginning to end.”

Brian E. Hopfe, Weyburn Youth Center Executive Director, Weyburn, Saskatchewan



barkman concrete technology

Precast Concrete Technology Exclusive to barkman

Not all concrete is the same. While basic concrete may be one of the easiest materials to produce, making concrete of superior quality is a challenge. This is especially true of the type of concrete required for skate parks where surface smoothness and concrete durability are paramount. Here, barkman's precast concrete technology, perfected through extensive R&D and barkman's almost six decades of experience as a concrete manufacturer, allows it to manufacture concrete to the special tolerances, stresses and standards required by the world's best skate parks. Key to barkman's technology is an approach that sees every skate park as a custom installation, with both mix and method being adapted to the requirements of the project. This approach is in direct contrast to many of barkman's competitors which use the same mix and method for every project.

The need for a custom approach stems from the fact that concrete quality can be affected by variables at every point in the manufacturing process. During the manufacturing process these include variations in the size and type of aggregates used, the order the materials enter the mixer, the mixing action itself, the air temperature and – most importantly – the amount of water in the mix. When casting the concrete, closely monitoring the environment is also crucial to achieving optimum strength and durability. Important variables on site include air temperature, rain, wind and shifting forms. Another often-overlooked consideration is the

drying rate of moisture from the surface of freshly placed concrete, which if not controlled can lead to surface durability issues down the road. To monitor and control these many variables throughout the manufacturing and laying process, barkman has invested heavily in the proper equipment, facilities and technology required – a claim other skate park companies can't always make. If you seek the best quality concrete for your skate park, insist that it be made with barkman's precast technology.

barkman Meets or Exceeds Industry Standards

barkman manufactures and tests our products for quality assurance and compliance to ASTM and CSA (Canadian Standards Association) standards.



"We were very impressed with the amount of expertise and on-site assistance barkman was able to bring to the project. They made my job very easy."

Benny Sorensen, Director of Parks and Recreation, North Ogden, Utah

“We couldn’t keep them off of it. Every day kids are out there playing around on it. If we put lights out there, kids will want to stay out all night. I think it’s going to be huge for the area. It’s going to be there a long time after I’m dead and I plan to live a while.”
Phil Loethen (as quoted in the Collinsville Herald), Tri-Township Park President, Troy, Illinois

our parks





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about barkman

Since 1948, Barkman Concrete Ltd. has manufactured precast concrete products for residential, commercial, agricultural and municipal applications. Our product line includes a wide selection of skate park features, concrete pavers, retaining walls, paving slabs, septic tanks, steps and site furnishings. We also manufacture specialty products for the transportation and utility industries (concrete trenching for electrical and plumbing systems). We can produce custom precast products for just about any need.

A Commitment to Excellence

At barkman we are committed to product quality and customer satisfaction. Not only do we use the best materials and apply the latest techniques in the manufacturing of all our products, we also back up our products with our own customer satisfaction assurance program. All barkman products are guaranteed against manufacturing defects.

Professionally Engineered Products

Extensive research and intensive product testing goes into the manufacturing of all barkman products. We are active members of Manitoba Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA), Canadian Nursery & Landscape Association (CNLA), Manitoba Home Builders Association (MHBA), Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA), Interlocking Concrete Paver Institute (ICPI), International American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM) as well as actively affiliated with Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA). All our products meet or exceed the standards set by these organizations. We also stay current with the latest advances in the precast industry, and apply the latest techniques and technologies to meet the changing needs of the market and our customers.

Serving Canada, USA and Central America

As one of the leading manufacturers of precast concrete, you can find barkman products installed in many areas throughout Canada and USA, in both commercial and residential applications. We regularly ship our products throughout Canada, USA, and Central America. In addition to our head office and main production facility located in Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada, we also maintain significant production facilities in Winnipeg and Minneapolis.



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