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## SKATEPARK CITIES - PART 3

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The latest post in our skatepark series looks at Birmingham and the surrounding area. We feature only the sickest skateparks, both paid for and free.

Birmingham has always had a thriving skate scene and home to local skating legends such as Daniel 'Jagger' Ball and Mark 'Zippy' Preston in the 80's and beyond. In more recent years, Bobby Male, a skateboarder from Sutton Coldfield, even collected an award in China – achieving celebrity status along the way. Bobby honed his skills in Birmingham, and you can too.

Here are Birmingham's best skate spots.

### 1. Creation Skatepark

Creation is the biggest extreme sports venue in the Midlands, with over 23,000 sq ft of ramps. It also boasts being the UK's only skatepark that's open to the public all day, every day. The only day they're closed is Christmas day. So if you get a new deck in your stocking this year, you'll have to wait to jump on it at Creation.

With custom wooden ramps on a concrete floor, there's a focus on transitions with spines, jump boxes, kickers many pads, ledges and flat bars. There's also a foam pit so you can practice your more extravagant tricks.

All day tickets are available, there's also a toilet, an on-site café and a relaxation area.

#### • Opening times:

- o 10am – 10pm Monday to Friday
- o 10am – 7 pm Saturday and Sunday
- o Private hire can be arranged 7.15pm – 11pm on weekends.

#### • Charge:

- o Standard Membership is free of charge
- o Monday to Friday: £8.50 for all day o Late session (7pm – 10pm): £5
- o Weekends/Bank Holidays/School Holidays: £10 for all day

#### • Address: 582 Moseley Road, Birmingham, B12 9AA

- Website: [www.creationskatepark.co.uk](http://www.creationskatepark.co.uk)

## 2. Unit3Sixty

Located just outside Birmingham, Unit3Sixty provides 22,000 sq ft of skateboarding heaven. It is home to the UK's largest indoor bowl and also hosts a street course with endless options.

There's also an on-site café, a skate shop and free Wi-Fi, so you can skate, recharge, share your experience on Facebook and then go again.

The street course contains both fixed and non-fixed obstacles, including ledges, rails and kickers. So you can perfect your steez here and challenge yourself on every run.

Respected riders such as Ryan Price and James Hewitt visit Unit3Sixty and Henry Fox also visited in the run up to NASS 2015 alongside Chris Vale and Luke McManus. Reckon you'll be lucky enough to see them in 2016?

### • Opening times:

- o Monday: 12pm – 10pm (BMX only 8pm – 10pm)
- o Tuesday: 12pm – 10pm (Over 30s only 8pm – 10pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
- o Wednesday: 12pm – 10pm (Scooters only 4pm – 7pm, no scooters 7pm – 10pm)
- o Thursday: 12pm – 10pm (Skateboards only 8pm – 10pm)
- o Fridays: 12pm – 10pm
- o Saturday: 10am – 10pm (Under 12s only 10am – 12pm)
- o Sunday: 10am – 10pm (Under 12s only 10am – 12 noon, no scooters 7pm – 10pm)

These times vary during the school holidays.

### • Charge: Non-Members

- o 2 hours = £6
- o 4 hours = £10
- o All day = £15

## Members

- o 2 hours = £5
- o 4 hours = £8
- o All day = £13

Memberships are £40 per annum.

• Address: Block F, Units 5+6, The Stourbridge Estate, Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 1JN. • Website: [www.unit3sixty.com](http://www.unit3sixty.com)

3. Lightwoods Park Skatepark If you live on the west side of Birmingham, then Lightwoods Park skatepark is the place for you.

With both transition and street elements, there's a little something for everyone. From speed bowls to mini ramps and rails, you can test all of your skating skills.

With a great selection of obstacles and a smooth surface, Lightwoods Park really is a great little spot. Challenging lines are available for advanced skaters, while the large and quiet nature of the space is also well suited for beginners.

- Opening times: Unsupervised access 24 hours a day
- Charge: Free
- Address: Lightwoods Park, Hagley Road West, Birmingham, West Midlands, B17 8AL.
- Website: n/a

4. Fox Hollies If you're looking for a skatepark with a logical flow, a great selection of ramps and a smooth riding surface then Fox Hollies skatepark is for you. Located in Fox Hollies Park, the skatepark is well suited to beginners as it only traditionally gets busy on a weekend and there's lots of space between the obstacles.

The park also has a wide variety of obstacles, including ramps, hips, ledges, banks and an open sided bowl with varying heights, meaning that there's something for people of all skill levels. Everyone can improve at Fox Hollies.

- Opening times: Unsupervised access 24 hours a day
- Charge: Free
- Address: Gospel Lane, Olton, Birmingham, West Midlands, B27 7AG.
- Website: n/a

There are more skateparks in Birmingham than just these, but hopefully they get your creative juices flowing. If we've missed your favourite, just let us know in the comments.

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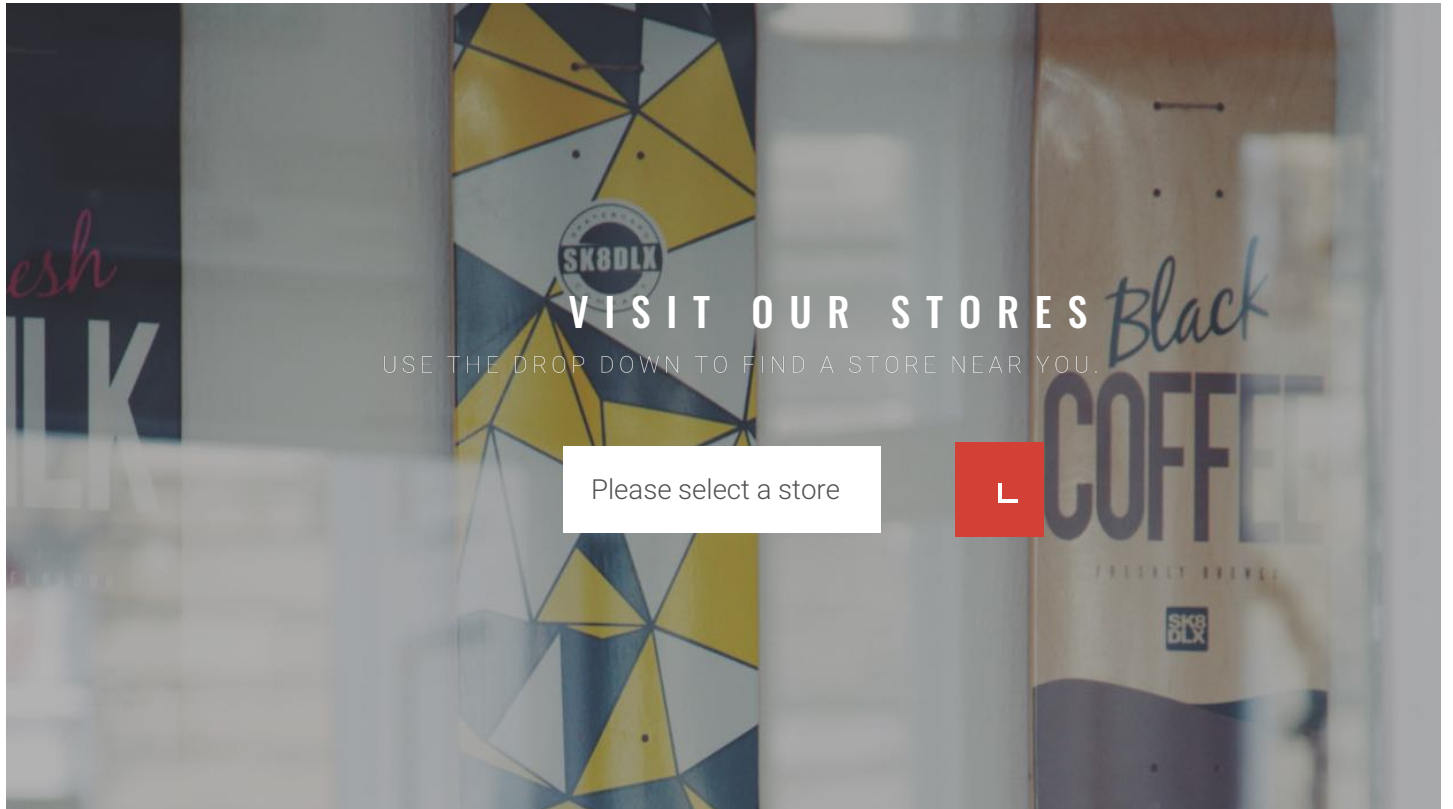
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