Skateparks and skate spots can be vital spaces for young people when they are designed to do so. One of the best ways to elevate your skatepark from an “exercise yard” to a vital, celebratory space is to feature unique signature elements that help that space stand apart.

Here are a selection of signature elements from skateparks and skate spots around the world.

For more information about these facilities and the positive impact of signature elements in your next skatepark project, please contact us.

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A massive crucible and other elements from the site’s derelict foundry were used as skate features in the new skatepark.
Arvada, Colorado, USA

Arvada’s skatepark is flush with innovations. Most are subtle characteristics that only discerning skateboarders will notice, but a few structures and details that the general public will enjoy.
CRADLES and OVER-VERT

Lake Havasu, AZ (left)
The Pat Tinnell Memorial Skatepark features a cradle shaped to resemble a military helmet.

Marble Falls, TX (below)
Polson, MT (bottom)
Places that feature upside-down skating provides implicit challenges and can be visually striking.
Los Angeles, CA (right)
Geelong, Australia (far right)
Phoenix, AZ (bottom)
Marble Falls, TX (bottom right)

Intentional design aesthetics that employ geometric shapes can help present the skatepark as an attraction that proudly celebrates youth recreation.
Skatepark design easily affords the opportunity to include symbols that have specific cultural, historical, or geographic meaning.

These examples depict a skatepark built on the town’s original train station, a Colorado State emblem, books (for a facility on a university campus), and a nautical theme for a coastal town.