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Glen Eagles Park is located in West Vancouver British Columbia mere minutes from the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal. This skills park comes with six years history including three program director staff changes, all whom have been very active in trying to move the park building process along against all odds. Non profit organization, The DIRT Club for Youth originally tried to work with the Recreation center to try and gain access to the land, tabling a offer to help build and maintain a Skills Park site. Unknown was the fact that West Vancouver was already looking at developing an Adventure park complex encompassing skate board, bikes and a climbing wall, all within the same proposed areas. The local community had heard promises about these parks for four years and began to raise their concerns through a letter writing campaign and multiple phone calls to both council and Parks and Rec staff.



Glen Eagles hired program director James Hudson who had a great deal of experience with cycling and soon started to rely on his guidance with the bike park issues while council had done their homework set a budget hiring architect Van der Zalm + Associates and New Line Skate parks for the Adventure park design and construction. Knowing that it was going to take over a year of design phase to start Sk8 park construction, combined with the uncertainty of the logistics of a bike park, management decided to build a temporary bike park for 2004 with the objective of rebuilding the entire adventure park for 2005. James spearheaded project management for the temporary park and hired Hoots to design and build dirt jumps and Sean (Crankworx builder) to do fabricate James' designs for the technical features component.





Bike park construction took 3 weeks of intense labour and then another week of detail work including signage and garbage management.





As a interim park the Rec center ran programming on the park and actively documented the parks effectiveness developing guidelines of needs for the proposed final park that was slated for 2005 and got a much better understanding of both risk management and maintenance challenges.



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