

Ground broken for Knoxville Skatepark in Tyson Park

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The city and county broke ground today on the Knoxville Skatepark, a \$537,000, 15,000-square-foot venue in Tyson Park.

Construction will take three to four months and include urban terrain-like stairs, rails, ramps and ledges.

The park will be free and open to the public.

The facility is being built by skate park designer Wally Hollyday, whose California-based firm has built more than 100 skate parks across the United States.

The city of Knoxville and Knox County each provided \$200,000 for the project while Lamar Advertising gave \$100,000 toward construction. The Tony Hawk Foundation kicked in an additional \$25,000.

More details as they develop online and in Thursday's News Sentinel.

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Skateboarder Jay Cabler, a member of the Knoxville Skatepark Task Force, walks by a row of shovels following Wednesday's ground breaking for the new Knoxville skate park in Tyson Park.