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A NEW SKATEPARK has been carved out of the Cambrian Shield on the eastern shores of Lake of the Woods in the community of Naotkamegwanning First Nation...

Thursday, October 15, 2020 with signs of fall everywhere, the children and youth of Naotkamegwanning First Nation are catching some big air and learning new tricks as they discover what it takes to ride the new skatepark in their home community of Naotkamegwanning First Nation.

The skatepark was three years in the making, with a few stops and starts. The dream team came together, in the fall and winter of 2019, committing to the build for the summer of 2020. Even with all of the challenges and safety protocols that needed to be followed, due to COVID-19, this team of concrete artists, builders, engineers, and landscape architects were undeterred and completely invested in the design/ build process. The Indigenous history and heritage of the Ojibway people in northwestern Ontario loom large in the design of the Skatepark – and this is demonstrated in the long curves and straight-aways as it transitions to the turtle. Skaters of all levels can enjoy the great outdoors, in the company of friends from the community, as they grind, bail, bank, and flip. Scooters, walkers, and cyclists can also enjoy the BMX trail that surrounds the skatepark.



