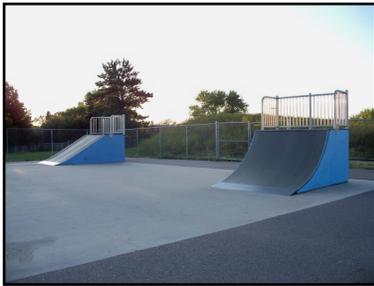


Antigo Optimist Skate Park

Located in Antigo Railway Activity Park
1011 First Avenue

- **Park Classification:** Community Park
- **Park Season:** Spring-Fall (varies due to weather conditions)
- **Park Hours:** 7:00 am - Dusk or 10:00 pm in the winter months
- **Restroom Facilities:** A portable toilet is on site
- **Restroom Season:** Summer months
- **Restroom Hours:** 7:30 a.m. - Dusk
- **Additional Park Amenities:** Skate Park with ramps and rails
- **Total Acreage:** 3.454 acres
- **Parcel(s):** 2010002, 2010152 (Riser Energy Parcel)



General Park Description

A fenced in skate park with moveable structures on a concrete slab. The park includes a variety of ramps, rails and boxes for skate boarders and roller bladers to practice and showcase their skills. Bikes are allowed, but need to have plastic pegs.

History

The skate park was made possible through donated and city funds. Local sponsors include the Antigo Optimists who contributed \$5,000.00 towards the project. Additional monies (approximately \$500.00) were raised from penny wars at the Antigo High School and Middle School as well as car washes. Initial proposals for the park, by interested youth to the City of Antigo Council, occurred in 1998, but they were not pursued due to liability concerns. The project did not receive approval from Council until 2000. At this time, approximately twenty organized and determined youth (with their parents) addressed council and presented their case. In 2001 \$5000.00 of Capital Improvement Funds were budgeted for the future project. In 2002 an additional \$10,000.00 was added to the fund and in 2003 \$15,000.00 were earmarked and budgeted for a total of \$30,000.00. The park was constructed in the fall of 2003. The total acreage for this park area was expanded in 2010 due to the acquisition of the Riser Energy Parcel through the Hospital Land Exchange.

Recent Upgrades (within the past five years)

- Repairs to skate park equipment were made in the spring of 2010. Repairs included reinforcement, with additional internal supports, of the current structures.

Future Plans

- See Schrieber Anderson park plan for long-term goals
- See 5 year Park Plan Matrix

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Additional Notes/Comments

- Vandalism is a constant issue at this site (primarily in the skate park), and the possibility of installing a camera system is currently being considered (2010). Structural damage as well as graffiti and litter cost the City of Antigo considerable resources in the form of labor and supplies.
- We have had access issues dealing with utilization of the skate park. Vehicles drive on the adjacent property and cause damage and disturbance at the assisted living facility. The future plans will address this issue with landscaping, additional parking and paths.
- The City of Antigo Park and Recreation supervisor has met with local youth that utilize the skate park (various meetings occurred in 2008, 2009 and 2010). Discussion topics included: future wants, current needs, park use expectations...etc. A number of youth participated in litter pick-up on two occasions in the spring of 2009.
- The Park and Recreation Department works with local law enforcement to keep them informed of park closures and recent vandalism. Local authorities have assisted with investigations into vandalism and their efforts have allowed the City of Antigo to receive restitution for damages that occurred at the park.
- In 2010 the City of Antigo acquired parcel number: 2010152 or the "Riser Energy Parcel". This parcel expanded the existing park property to the south allowing for additional recreational opportunities in the future with continued park development.