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Photos: Amir Zaki

The American photographer **Amir Zaki** has published a beautiful photo album with the title **California Concrete, a Landscape of Skateparks**. In it he explores the undulating concrete landscape of the skate parks in California.

The parks he visited all consist of wavy lines that you also encounter everywhere in nature, but then forever caught in concrete. A wonderful variation on **brutalism**. The absence of the local skateboarders means that the viewer only has an eye for the design (and some nice details).

Wide view



To show the architecture of the parks in southern California at its best, Zaki has attached his DSLR camera to a GigaPan motorized tripod. A technique that is mainly used for taking panoramic photos. This gave him a nice wide view of the concrete tracks.

In addition to beautiful photography, the book also contains a text by Tony Hawk in which he explains why he thinks Amir Zaki so beautifully shows an important part of American skateboard culture. The empty parks and the open air above them represent the ultimate feeling of freedom. In addition, architect Peter Zellner is also speaking.

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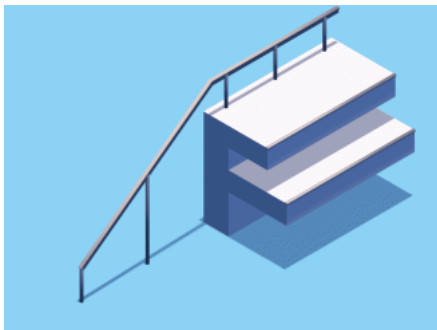


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