

Some old
skate photos
from 1970s
Lomita
California

BEFORE SKATEBOARD PARKS WERE BUILT, WE RODE SIDEWALKS AND STREETS, PARKING LOTS AND SCHOOL YARDS AND HAD TO FIND OR BUILD MORE INTERESTING SKATE TERRAIN AND PROPS LIKE THINGS TO HIGH-JUMP OR BANKS TO SURF.





THERE WAS A FAMOUS SKATE-BOARDING SPOT IN SOUTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALLED THE VERMONT DROP – PART OF THE BIG L.A. RIVER DRAIN AGE DITCHES. WHEN WE FOUND THIS SPOT ON WESTMONT STREET IN SAN PEDRO WE CALLED IT THE WESTMONT DROP. WE COULD TALK OUR FRIEND'S OLDER BROTHER INTO DRIVING US THERE. THE BOTOM WAS SHARP SO IT WAS HARD TO SKATE BUT IT WAS FUN.



**WE HAMMERED TOGETHER TWO
OPPOSING BANKS FROM SCRAP
WOOD SUPPORTED BY STUFF
THAT WAS IN OUR YARD: BRICKS,
A PICNIC TABLE, A STACK OF
PLYWOOD COVERED BOXES.**



Craig





mike



**CRAIG BUILT A STREET RAMP WITH
PIECE OF PLYWOOD AND A SMALL
END TABLE WEDGED AGAINST THE
CURB.**



craig



Craig



Darren



mark



**WE APPROPRIATED AN 'APPLEGATE
FOR CITY COUNCIL' SIGN FOR
A TALL BANK RAMP, WE USED
A BUNCH OF 4X4 FOOT BOXES
(ORIGINALLY MEANT TO BECOME
A WORM RAISING OPERATION)
THAT WERE HOLDING UP ONE SIDE
OF THE WESTMONT RAMP TO
BUILD A LONG RUNWAY. DANG,
THAT LOOKS LIKE A SINGLE LAYER.
THERE WERE LONG PLANKS
RUNNING FROM BOTTOM TO TOP
BENEATH THE PLYWOOD.**



mike

THERE WERE TWO POOLS IN SAN PEDRO THAT WERE BEING SKATED. I THINK THIS WAS THE FIRST STREET POOL. THE OTHER ONE WAS NINTH STREET, I NEVER SKATED THE SECOND ONE. ERIC DRESSEN TOLD A FRIEND THAT I TOOK HIM TO SKATE HIS FIRST POOL. I WONDER IF THIS WAS IT. WE ALSO SKATED A POOL IN MONTEBELLO.



eric



Dave



Mike



anthony



mike



mark

**EXCEPT FOR THE HIGH JUMP IMAGE
THESE ARE SCANNED BLACK AND
WHITE PRINTS FROM SQUARE 120
FILM NEGATIVES.**