## Bike Park Sociology

"Every year has progressively gotten worse," says <u>City Councilmember Mark Squilla</u>, whose district encompasses many of the areas most affected, from <u>Kensington</u> to South Street. "People come from all over. They look to our streets as a playground."

Squilla, meanwhile, says he, too, is in favor of finding a resolution that allows for riders to coexist with the rest of the city in a safe and reasonable manner. As Squilla says, "It needs to be a priority."

<u>Dangerous</u>, illegal and incredibly popular: What to do about Philly's ATVs?

A lot of people haven't been given the space in the world of cycling to enjoy themselves as others enjoy the liberty and freedom that we speak of so often with regard to cycling. The times have to change.

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"The park brings young people together using cycling as a common focus. Our hope for the new KwaMashu bike park is that it will promote a cycling culture which is in line with the City's active mobility plan," said Councillor Mkhize.

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In 2018, the Crown Mountain Park and Recreation District (CMPRD) board and staff members proposed a plan to create the most diverse and progressive bike park in the region. The goal was to transform this area into a biking-centric destination and bike-training ground for all ages and abilities.

Crown Mountain Bike Park — Parks & Rec Business (PRB)

Perhaps that's why, as small as my jumps were, they felt like magic. It reminded me of being a ten-year-old on <u>Peter Pan's Flight</u> at Disney World in the 1970s, when the roller-coaster-like track you're riding in your pirate ship comes to a visible end and then you somehow soar into the air. <u>To Air Is Human</u>

Gaige Sippy, Venue Manager for the <u>Durango Mesa Park Foundation</u>.

"We can continue to train some of the finest athletes, not only in the country but in the world. And our college has an exercise science program that fits nicely into that."

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"The main thing would be more of a positive outlook on life,"

Cycling classes may help middle school students boost their mental health: Shots - Health News: NPR Frontiers | Middle school cycling program is associated with improved mental health and wellbeing in adolescents during COVID-19

"A 2010 study found that bicycle recreation and tourism contributes \$924 million to the state's economy and estimates that "the potential value of health benefits from reducing short car trips and increasing bicycling total \$409 million."







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The University of Arkansas released a report Monday (June 12) showing that Northwest Arkansas' cycling industry contributed \$159 million to the economy in 2022 through cyclingrelated jobs, tourism revenue and taxes.

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