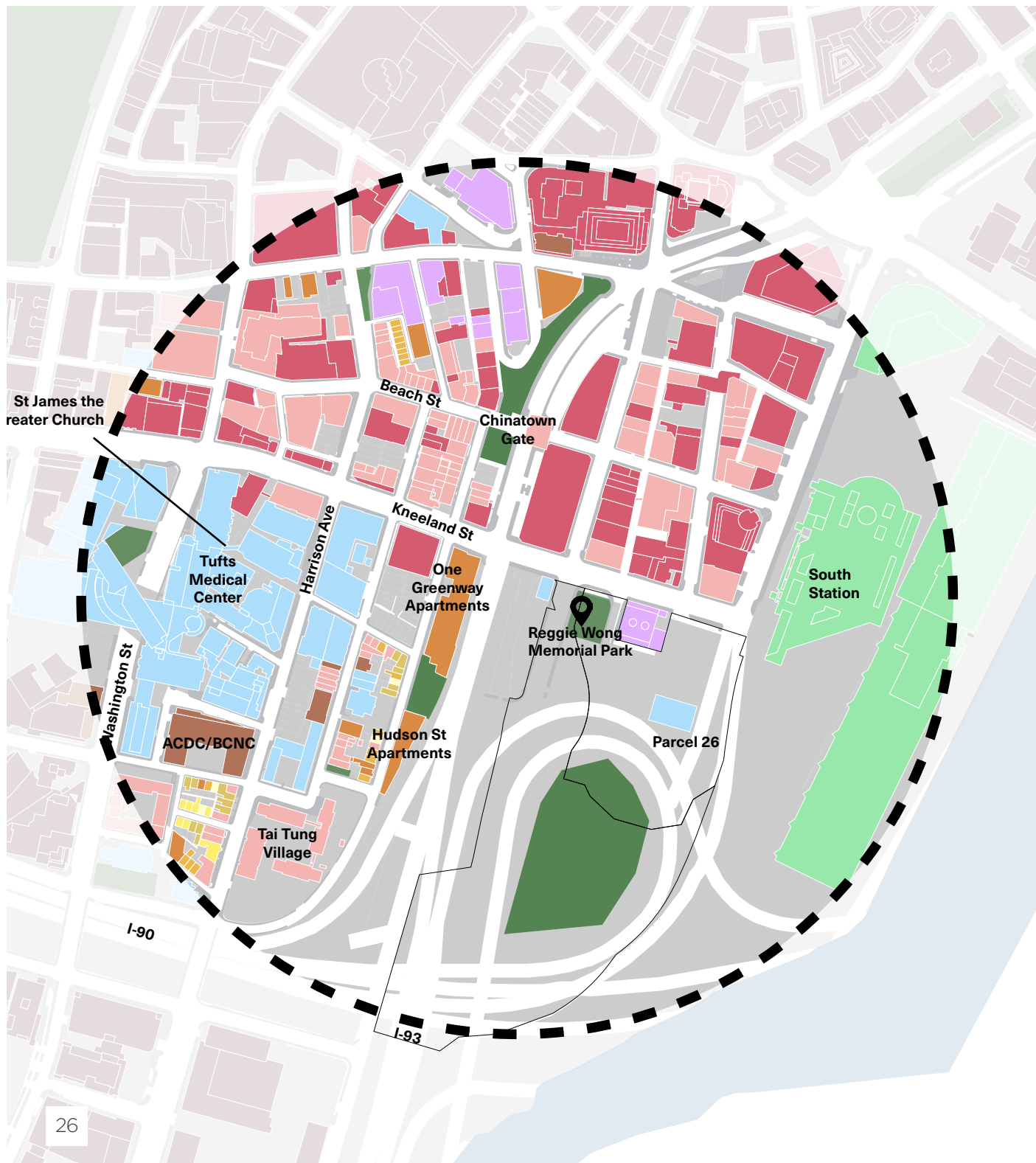


Reggie Wong Memorial Park

135 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA

Reggie Wong Memorial Park is located on the edge of Chinatown and the Leather District in close proximity to the I-93 Expressway and the Massachusetts Turnpike. The site is near pedestrian, bike, bus, and rail connections resulting in numerous passersby. The fenced-in open space consists of two basketball courts and a volleyball court and modest plantings and trees. The hardscaped park is visited primarily by a diverse community of skateboarders that vary in age and race, in addition to players of the Chinese American sport 9-man volleyball. The two groups have at times competed over the use of the space. Air and noise pollution from nearby highways and industrial facilities along with the park's asbestos contamination pose health risks. While the park's non-blacktop spaces are currently fenced off for remediation, and its opening hours are significantly reduced, Reggie Wong Memorial Park is a haven for its visitors, who have established distinct communities through play.



Land Use Key



Mixed Use	Single family
Commercial	Two family
Industrial	Three family
Institutional	4-6 Unit
Government	Apartment
	Condo

Site Photos

Reggie Wong Memorial Park



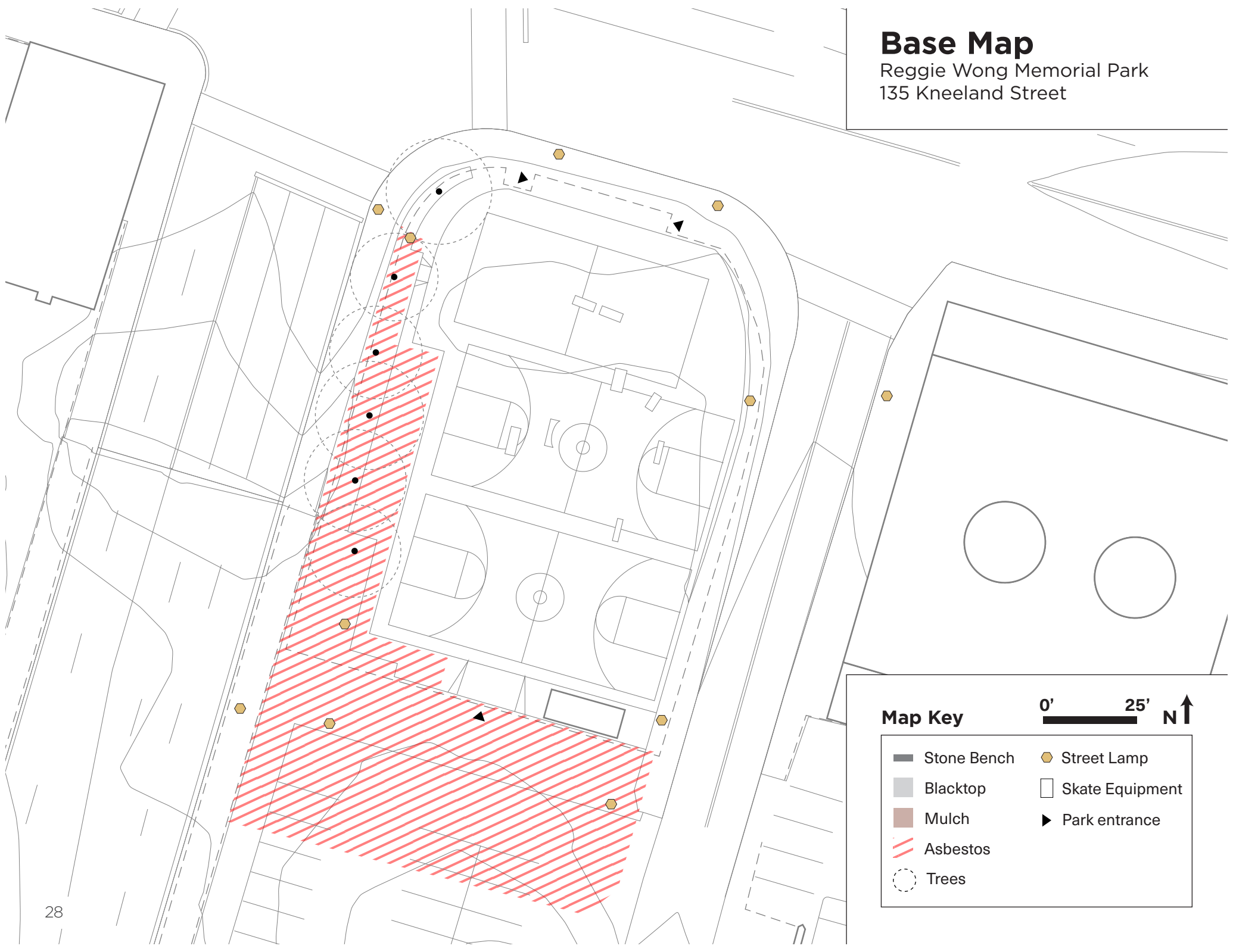
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Base Map

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
135 Kneeland Street



Map Key

0' 25' N ↑

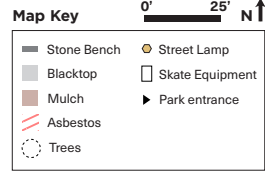
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| ■ Stone Bench | ● Street Lamp |
| ■ Blacktop | □ Skate Equipment |
| ■ Mulch | ▶ Park entrance |
| ▨ Asbestos | ○ Trees |



Monday, 11/06/23

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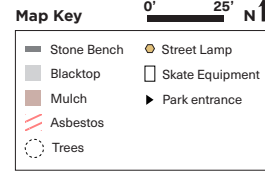
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48F, cloudy



Friday, 11/10/23

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
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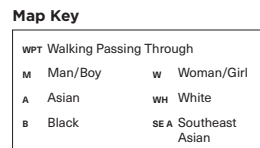
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Monday, 11/06/23

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
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4:15pm-5:00pm
48F, cloudy



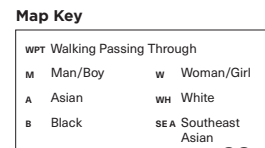
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1	1	Teen	M	Mixed	> 45	Skateboarding
2	1	50s	M	Mixed	<1	WPT
3	1	30s	M	WH	<1	WPT
4	1	20s	F	Mixed	<1	WPT - nursing
5	3	20s 20s 20s	M M M	Mixed	<1	WPT
6	1	20s-30s	F	WH	<1	WPT - phone
7	1	20s-30s	F	WH	<1	WPT - phone
8	1	20s-30s	M	SE A	<1	WPT
9	1	30s	F	SE A	<1	WPT
10	1	20s	M	B	<1	WPT
11	1	20s-30s	M	L	<1	WPT
12	1	20s-30s	F	SE A	<1	WPT
13	1	30s	F	WH	<1	WPT
14	1	30s	F	WH	<1	WPT
15	1	30s	M	WH	<1	WPT
16	1	30s	F	WH	<1	WPT
17	1	30s	F	WH	<1	WPT
18	1	50s	F	WH	<1	WPT
19	1	20s	M	B	<1	WPT
20	1	20s	M	B	<1	WPT
21	1	20s	M	WH	<1	WPT

#	Quantity	P Age	P Gender	P Race	Time	Activities
1	2	20s 20s	M M	WH	25	skateboarding
2	2	20s 20s	M W	WH	<1	WPT
3	1	40s	W	B	<1	WPT
4	1	40s	M	WH	<1	WPT
5	1	40s	M	L	<1	WPT (with suitcase from station)
6	1	20s	M	WH	30	skating (spray planted after stay in park)
7	1	20s	M	WH	>40	skating
8	1	20s	M	WH	>40	skating (arrived with bike)
9	1	40s	M	WH	<1	WPT
10	1	20s-30s	W	WH	<1	WPT
11	1	20s-30s	M	WH	<1	WPT
12	1	60s	W	A	<1	WPT
13	1	30s-40s	W	WH	<1	WPT
14	1	30s	M	WH	<1	WPT
15	1	30s	M	WH	<1	WPT
16	2	20s 20s	M W	A	<1	WPT
17	1	30s	M	WH	<1	WPT
18	1	20s	M	WH	>25	skateboarding
19	1	50s-60s	M	WH	<1	WPT
20	1	30s	M	WH	<1	WPT

Friday, 11/10/23

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
135 Kneeland Street

2:45pm-3:45pm
51F, cloudy, 10mph wind





Sunday, 11/12/23
 Reggie Wong Memorial Park
 135 Kneeland Street

2:00pm-3:00pm
 42F, sunny

#	Quantity	P Age	P Gender	P Race	Time	Activities
1	10	Teens-40s	M	Mixed	> 60	skateboarding, rollerblading, filming
2	2	20s	M	B B	> 60	skateboarding
3	1	20s	M	L	> 60	skateboarding
4	1	40s-50s	M	WH	<1	WPT - rubbernecking
5	1	50s	M	WH	<1	WPT
6	3	20s	F	WH	<1	WPT
7	1	20s	M	WH	>45	skateboarding
8	3	20s-30s	M	Mixed	>45	skateboarding
9	5	20s-30s	Mixed	A A A A A	<1	WPT
10	1	20s	M	A	> 30	skateboarding
11	1	70s	M	WH	<1	WPT
12	1	40s	M	WH	<1	WPT
13	2	20s	F	B B	<1	WPT
14	1	50s	M	WH	<1	WPT - jogging
15	2	40s	M F	WH WH	<1	WPT
16	1	60s	M	WH	<1	WPT
17	1	20s	M	Mixed	> 10	skateboarding

Sunday, 11/12/23
 Reggie Wong Memorial Park
 135 Kneeland Street

2:00pm-3:00pm
 42F, sunny

Map Key

wpt	Walking Passing Through		
M	Man/Boy	w	Woman/Girl
A	Asian	WH	White
B	Black	SE A	Southeast Asian

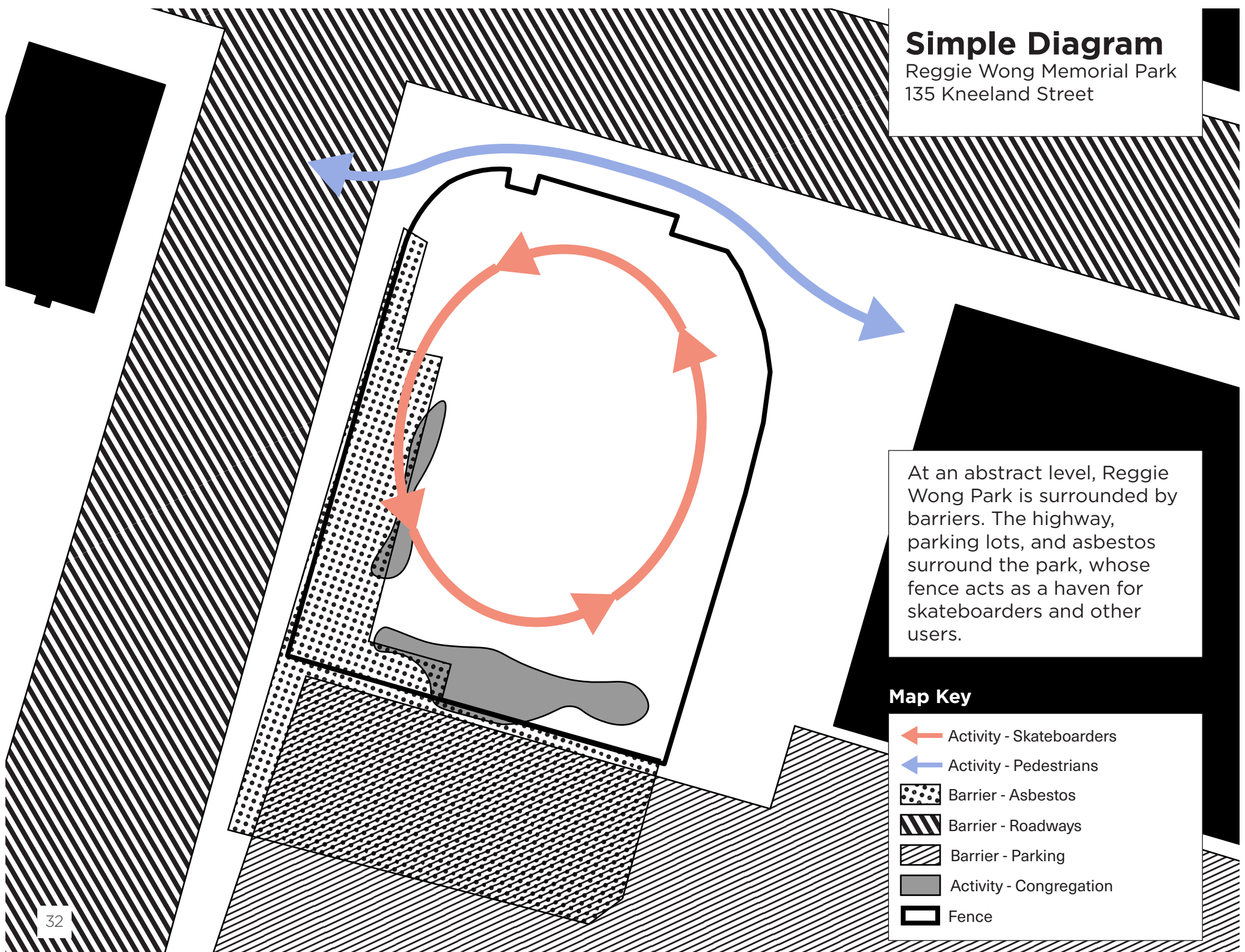
Reggie Wong Memorial Park

Combined behavioral use map

This shows the combined observed activities of Reggie Wong Park's users. Note the high density of prescriptive travel paths of pedestrians, versus the erratic and highly varied usage by skateboarders.

Simple Diagram

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
135 Kneeland Street



At an abstract level, Reggie Wong Park is surrounded by barriers. The highway, parking lots, and asbestos surround the park, whose fence acts as a haven for skateboarders and other users.

Map Key

- Activity - Skateboarders
- Activity - Pedestrians
- Barrier - Asbestos
- Barrier - Roadways
- Barrier - Parking
- Activity - Congregation
- Fence



User Hierarchy

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
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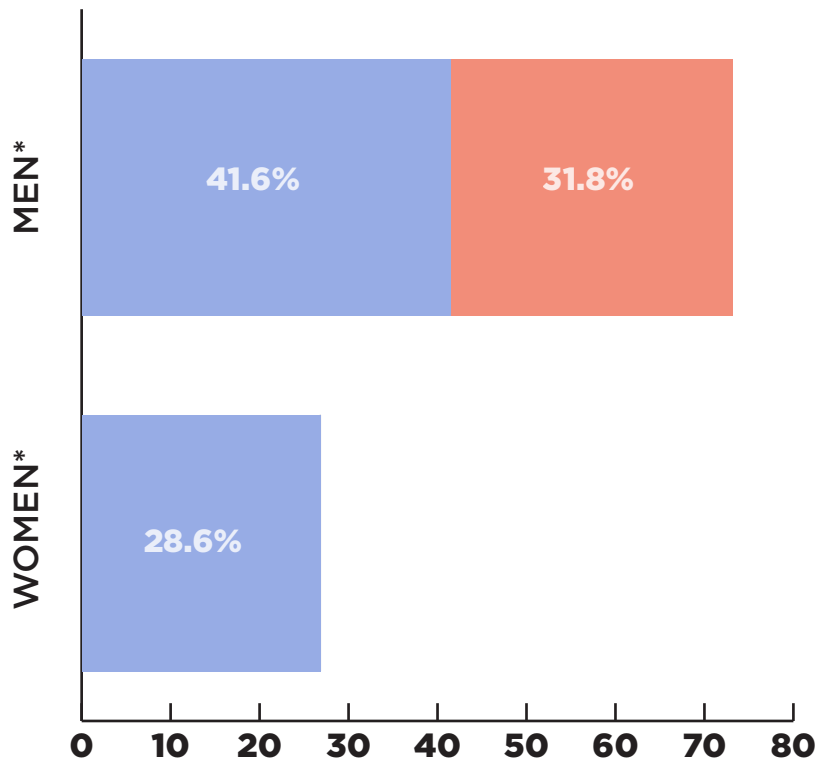
This diagram depicts a hierarchy of the time spent in the park. The number of icons represent the total visitors from all the site observations. The size of the icons depends on the visitor's duration. While there may be more passersby than skateboarders, their overall usage of the park varies greatly.

Key

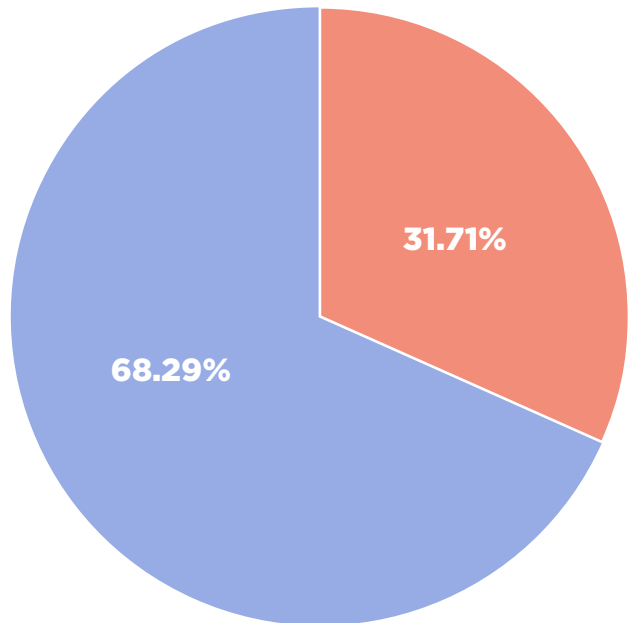
Activities:

■ Skateboarders	30-60+ minutes
■ Pedestrians	<5 minutes

size = duration of stay



User Breakdown



Overall Activities

Demographics

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
135 Kneeland Street

This diagram shows the perceived gender differences between users: skateboarders and pedestrians. More men than women were observed using and passing by Reggie Wong Park, and all skateboarders were men.

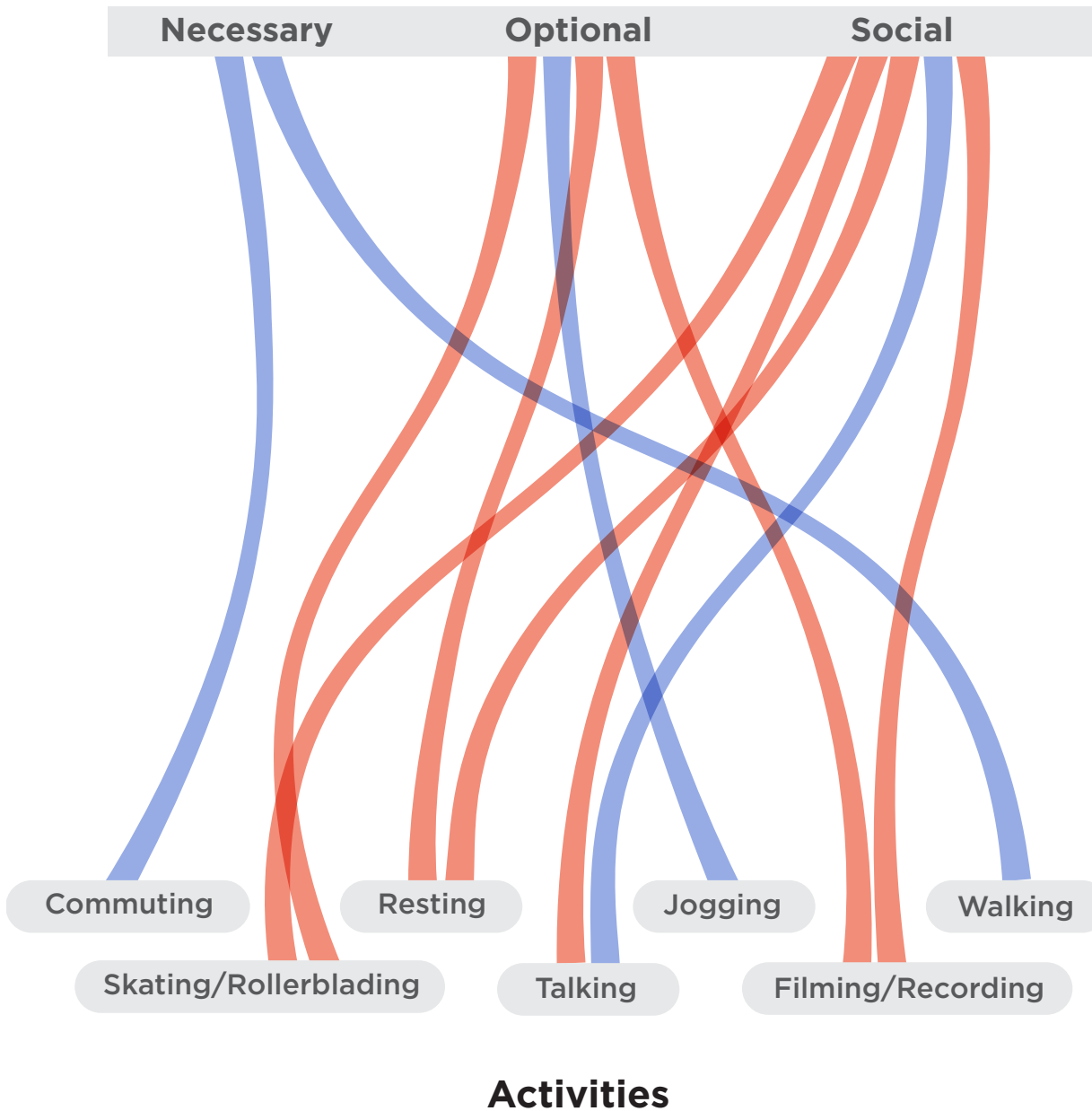
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Activities:

- Skateboarders
- Pedestrians

*Perceived Genders

Categories



Activities - Types

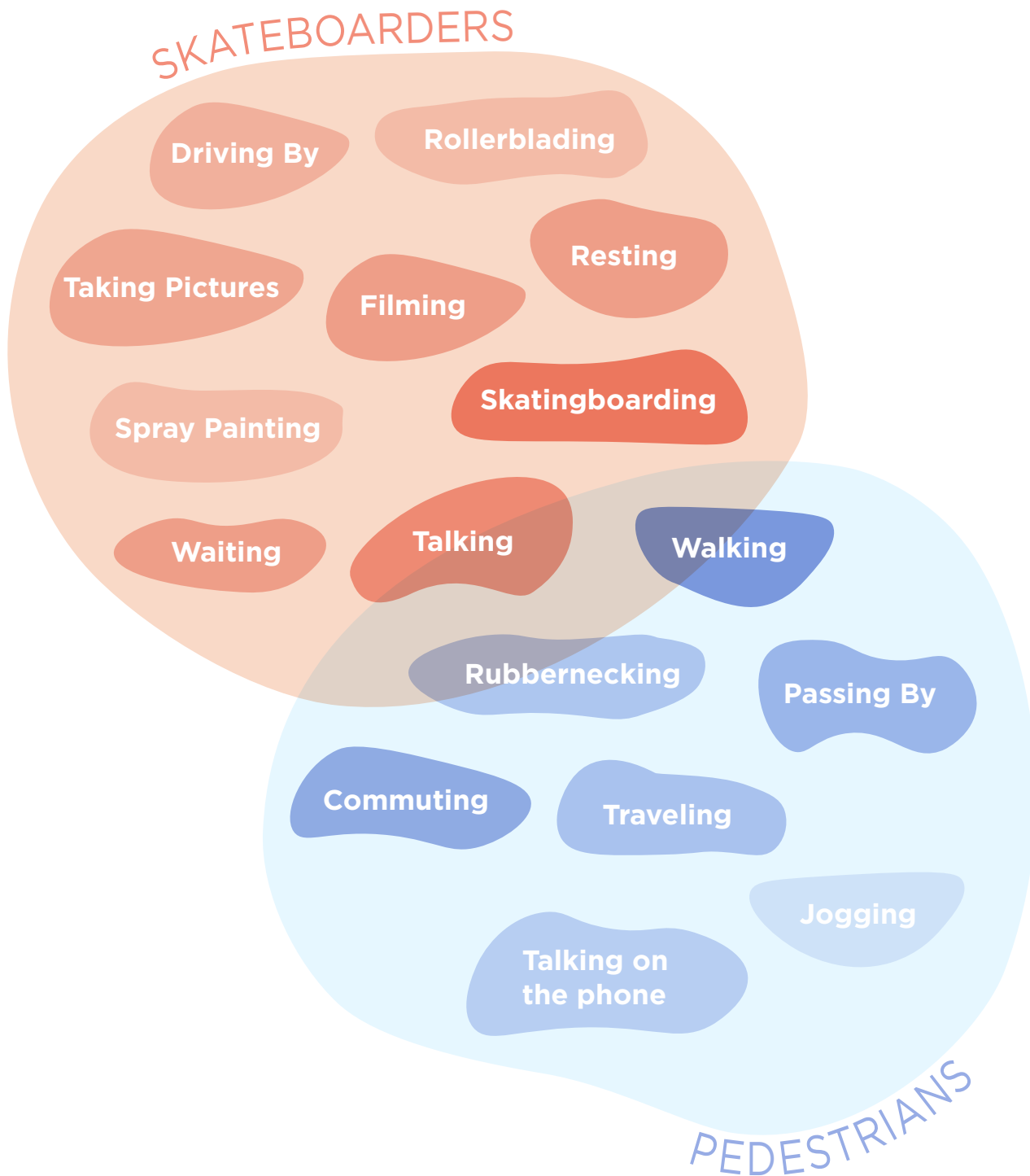
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This diagram takes the different activities performed by the visitors and categorizes them according to Jan Gehl's three types of outdoor activities: optional, necessary, and social activities. Note the amount of social activities done by skateboarders, as well as their optionality, compared to the necessary commuting by pedestrians

Key

Visitors:

- Skateboarders
- Pedestrians



Activities

Reggie Wong Memorial Park
135 Kneeland Street

The diagram breaks down the different activities performed by the visitors. The two colors are attributed to the two main observed groups which were the skaters (within the park) and the pedestrians (passing by the park), and compares their different activities and their frequency.

Key

