

SantaSkate

Mass-Participation Street Skating

On Saturday 13th December the biggest costumed street skate of the year takes place.

First run in December 2004, the **SantaSkate** snowballed from a handful of skaters to over four hundred at last year's event and this year promises to be even bigger!

In aid of London's free skating events and all things festive the **SantaSkate** is brought to you by **LondonSkate** and its friends from the **London Friday Night Skate (LFNS)** and the **Sunday Stroll**. This year it will aim to attract between 400 and 500 roller skating Santa's from as far away as Germany, France and even Lapland!

The fun begins with the distribution of Santa Suits at the Victoria Public House on Strathearn Place, London, W2 2NH from 2-4pm. The skating Santa's will then assemble by the Wellington Arch, Hyde Park Corner ready to depart at 5pm on a two hour street skate around the roads of central London covering a distance of 9-10 miles.

Christmas cheer and tunes will be spread by the musical sleigh sound systems; the **LondonSkate BassFreight** and **ASBOXes**, **Thumpers I and II** and the **LFNS BRYANbox** who will once again be led by the trusty skating reindeers to keep the party vibe going! As always the skating Santas will be by looked after by Santa's very experienced little helpers, the Marshals.

We will take a friendly and leisurely pace around some of London's top tourist stops before half time mince pies at around 6pm in Trafalgar Square. After a short break the skating Santas will return to the streets for another hour before heading back to the Victoria Pub for the Serpentine Road Crew Christmas Party.

All we ask of you is a donation of £10 and every single penny you give goes back into running free roller skating events next year for all of you. For this donation you get to be a part of the biggest **SantaSkate** there is, followed by a Christmas Party with our very own sound crew DJs and a Santa Suit to skate in and keep.

Please order as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Skaters in own costumes are kindly asked to support the skate and obtain a voucher. All money raised will be used to support London's free skating events in 2009.

So.....be a skating Santa and help make the **2008 SantaSkate** even better!

'The thing about street skating, in fact skating in general is that it is real people doing a real thing.'

<http://www.londonskate.com/>

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Road skating is the sport of skating (inline skating or roller skating) on roads, much like road cycling.

Roadskaters often skate in tight packs, drafting each other and sharing the lead, which allows a pack to travel faster than an individual skater. The individual members of a pack use comparatively less energy than the lone skater traveling at the same speed. Even the lead skater in the pack enjoys an advantage from the drafting skaters behind.

While gliding downhill, an inline skater in a tucked position can achieve speeds that exceed the speed of a tucked cyclist. This is due to lower wind resistance. The rolling resistance is similar for a cyclist and a skater -- it is only when actively skating (i.e., in the skating stroke) that the skater incurs greater resistance. Skating is roughly 50% slower than cycling on flat ground. Skaters routinely achieve downhill speeds of 60 km/h, similar to cyclists. Compared to cyclists, though, skaters particularly suffer on uphills, when the drafting advantage disappears.

Drafting

Road skating in a pack has some common rules that most skaters follow. Such rules include skating in single file except when passing or moving into the back of the pack, rotational "*pulling*" in the front of the pack to shield the rest of the pack from the wind, and signaling about road conditions, hazards and alike to skaters in the back of the pack. Single-file skating in a pack is mostly dictated by the need to minimize the impact of air resistance on the pack, thus shielding from the wind behind the back of the first person who is "*pulling*" the pack. "*Pulling*" is associated with up to 30% higher energy exertion; thus, it is generally accepted that skaters rotate through "*pulls*," allowing for equal energy exertion through the pack. A skater who has finished "*pulling*" steps out of the pack and slowly moves into the back of the pack. The skater in front of the pack has a better view of the road ahead and points and calls out road hazards (*holes, cracks, water puddles, cars, etc.*).

source : http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Street_skating

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Antrim Urban Sports Association

<http://www.acusa.co.uk/>

Belfast Urban Sports

<http://www.ourbus.org/>

Buenos Aires Street Skate

<http://www.patinenlinea.net/>

Friday Night Skate Copenhagen

<http://www.fns-cph.dk/>

GoreySkateClub

<http://www.goreyskateclub.com/index.html>

Irish Rolling

<http://www.irishrolling.co.uk/>

Irish Skateboarding

<http://www.irishskateboarding.net/>

K.U.M.Army Galway

<http://kumarmy.blogspot.com/>

London Friday Night Skate

<http://www.lfns.co.uk/>

London Skaters

<http://www.londonskaters.com/>

Monday Night Skate Switzerland

<http://www.mondaynightskate.ch/en/main/switzerland/switzerland.html>

Pari Roller

<http://www.pari-roller.com/>

Roadskater.net

<http://roadskater.net/>

Roll South

<http://rollsouth.blogspot.com/>

Skate Calendar - by *research scientist* **Daniel Reeves**

<http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/dreeves/whiteboard/skatecal/>

SkateDublin

<http://skatedublin.com/news/>

Skatelog.com

<http://www.askaboutsating.com/forum/>

Street Skates - The **Open Guide** to **London**

http://london.openguides.org/wiki/?Street_Skates

Serpentine Road - The **Skating Forum**

<http://www.serpentineroad.com/>

Urban Skaters

<http://urbanskaters.com/>

Wednesday Night Skate New York City

<http://weskateny.org/>