

## #58. URBAN PARKS: URBAN BEACHES

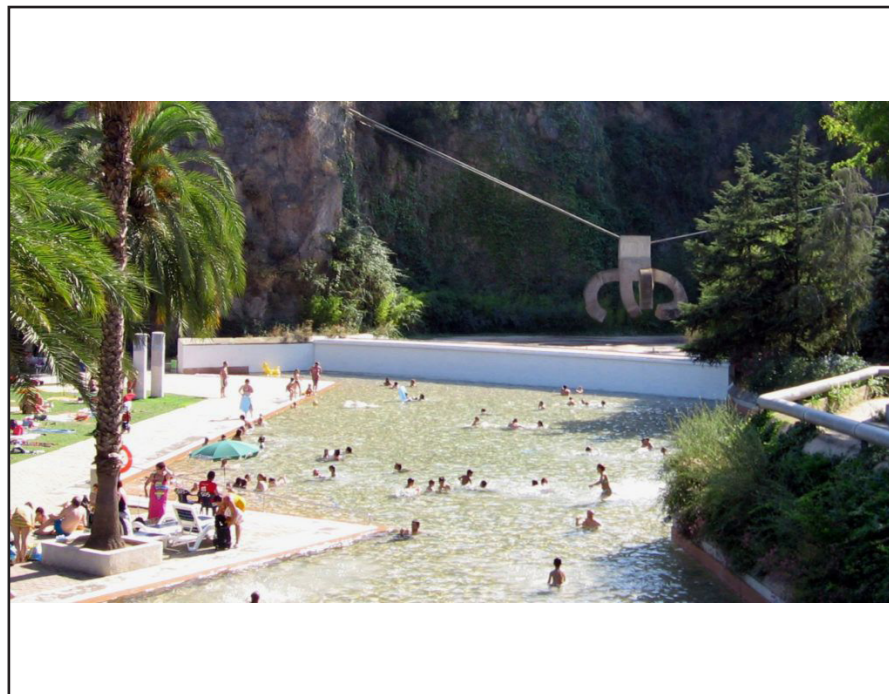


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Theme(s): Partnership

Type of initiative:  
Active Parks, Open Water facilities

Year: 1987-1992

Location:  
Barcelona  
Spain

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### DESCRIPTION

The main goal is to provide an alternative use of open spaces, especially during the summer. At the same time initiative comes from the need to redevelop different spaces within the city that were abandoned for a long time. The recuperation of these areas were extremely positively accepted by the neighborhood and became an attraction for the rest of the city, including tourists. Both pools are normally available from the end of June until the beginning of September. Fees are approved by the Municipality, and are affordable for all types of people. At the same time, groups of children are normally the main users of the pool as a part of their summer activities, generally led by other entities. The use of the pool includes changing rooms and the permanent assistance of lifeguards.

### SUCSESSES

The number of users increase year upon year, and the service is positively viewed by users. The idea to include water facilities in urban parks is a nice alternative during the warm summers in the city. The quality of both the water and the facilities is guaranteed by the public health agency of the city. The areas are designed for children, so the areas are a great option for family leisure time. The cost of the service provision is not that high, so does not negatively impact on the city budget.

### CHALLENGES

As a public area and urban park, the spaces need some maintenance care throughout the year. As a seasonal activity, no any activities are provided in the water outside of the summer season.