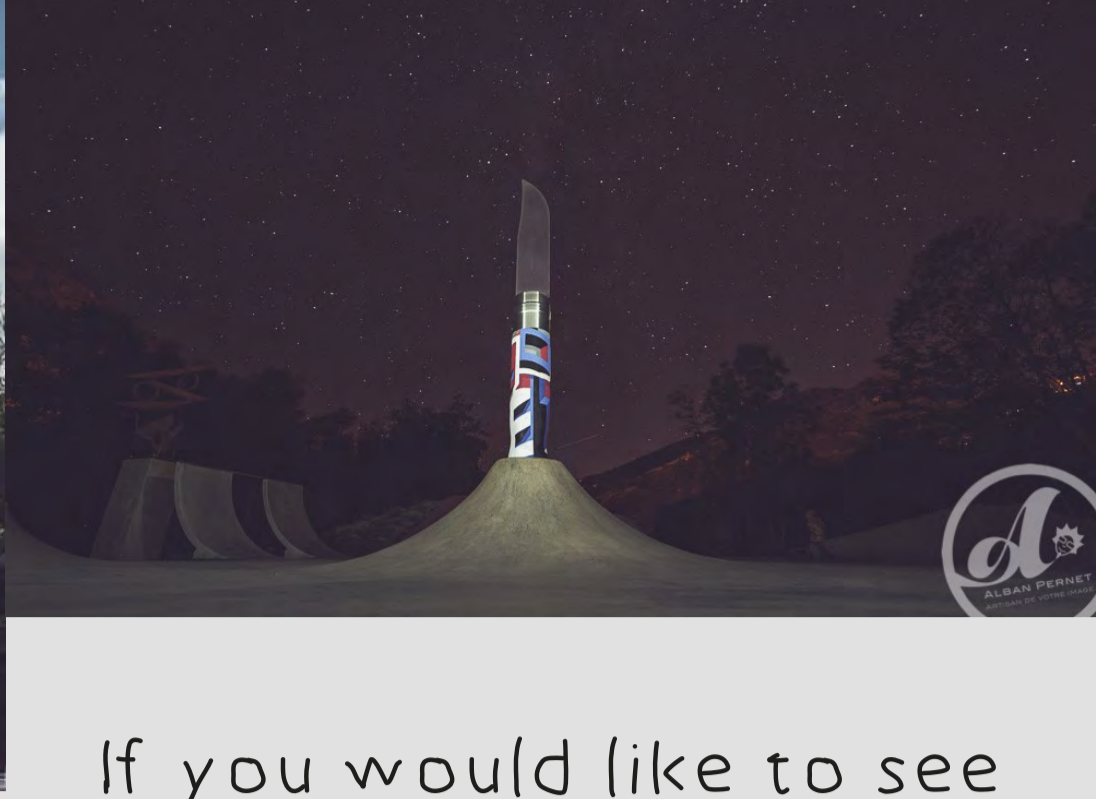


## A DIY skatepark

This skatepark is a one of a kind: by its size, its construction method, and its artistic dimension!

The DIY – do it yourself – construction started in 2017 at the initiative of passionate, local skaters and the association *Skate and Create*.

The city of Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne as well as many local businesses and volunteers have participated in the building process, each contributing to the site in his/her own way.



If you would like to see the famous Opinel jump, scan the QR-code on the panel!

## The Volcano-Opinel

The Opinel sculpture emphasizes the skatepark's local dimension. Opinel decided to finance this skate obstacle (called a volcano) in 2018.

It is however not an exact replica of an Opinel knife, but rather an artistic interpretation that is almost 6 meters high.

The base and the handle (made in concrete) have been created by the company Martoia, whereas the blade and the ferrule (in steel) have been produced by the firm Mille.

It is the stone mason Fabrice Dompnier who gave the handle its authentic, ergonomic Opinel aspect. However, in order to not weaken it, the slot has not been reproduced.

In the spring of 2018, the Opinel museum asked the artist Chufy to colour the concrete handle, drawing inspiration from street art, an artistic movement historically linked with the skate culture.

The decoration of the handle will often be renewed in order create an original artistic site for the artists inspired by the skating universe.

## The creation of the Volcano-Opinel, step by step

1: Placing the handle.



2: Pouring the cement

3: Placing the ferrule and the blade



4: Shaping for the handle by Fabrice Dompnier

5: The artist Chufy colors the handle



### Dimensions and weight

#### Handle

Diameter: 50cm  
Height: 3m  
Weight: app. 1.5t

#### Blade

Weight: 480kg  
Height: 2.2m

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