

= Cedar Point =

Cedar Point is a 365 @-@ acre (148 ha) amusement park located on a Lake Erie peninsula in Sandusky , Ohio . Opened in 1870 , it is the second @-@ oldest operating amusement park in the United States behind Lake Compounce . Cedar Point is owned and operated by Cedar Fair and is considered the flagship of the amusement park chain . Known as " America 's Roller Coast " , the park features a world @-@ record 71 rides , including 17 roller coasters which are second @-@ most in the world behind Six Flags Magic Mountain . Its newest roller coaster , Valravn , opened in May 2016 .

Cedar Point 's normal operating season runs from early May until Labor Day in September . The park then reopens only on weekends until the end of October or early November for a Halloween @-@ themed event known as HalloWeekends . Other attractions near the park include a one @-@ mile @-@ long (1 @.@ 6 km) white @-@ sand beach , an outdoor water park called Soak City , an indoor water park called Castaway Bay , an area known as Challenge Park , two marinas , and several nearby resorts .

The park has reached several milestones . It is the only amusement park in the world with five roller coasters taller than 200 feet (61 m) ? Magnum XL @-@ 200 , Millennium Force , Wicked Twister , Top Thrill Dragster , and Valravn ? and is the only park with roller coasters in all four height classifications . Cedar Point also received the Golden Ticket Award for " Best Amusement Park in the World " from Amusement Today for 16 consecutive years from 1997 @-@ 2013 . As of 2015 , the park is the most visited seasonal amusement park in the United States with an estimated 3 @.@ 51 million visitors in 2015 . The park also has several buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places .

= = History = =

In the mid @-@ 19th century , the south shore region of Lake Erie was a popular vacation destination for the emerging middle class in the United States . The lake islands , such as Kelleys Island and South Bass Island , were gaining a reputation for their freshwater bathing resorts . The Cedar Point peninsula , named for its abundance of cedar trees , was originally known for its fishing . Local fishermen leased land and built living quarters there . Sandusky , which featured an important shipping harbor and two railroads , transformed into a major economic center over the next three decades . Railroad and steamship travel supported an emerging tourism industry , and rapid development of the area began .

In the 1860s during the American Civil War , housing for a battery of four field artillery pieces was constructed at the tip of the peninsula . It was used to defend a prison for Confederate soldiers on nearby Johnson 's Island . Louis Zistel , a German immigrant , built two boats to transport the prisoners . In 1870 , he began to ferry locals to the Cedar Point peninsula , which was regaining popularity as a summer picnic destination . Zistel opened a bathhouse on the north shore of the peninsula and the same year built a beer garden with a small dance floor . He charged 25 cents per person to ride from Sandusky to Cedar Point on his boat , Young Reindeer . This marked the beginning of Cedar Point as an amusement park .

Benjamin F. Dwelle and Captain William Slackford leased land on the peninsula in 1882 and built eight new bathhouses , a dance hall and wooden walkways on the beach . The steamboats R.B. Hayes and Lutts provided transport to Biemiller 's Cove and Cedar Point Lighthouse . Building on early success , Dwelle and Slackford continued to expand the park each year and added picnic tables , cleared acres of brush , and built a baseball diamond . In 1888 , after Slackford became ill , Dwelle entered a more lucrative partnership with Adam Stoll and Louis Adolph , who owned land at Cedar Point , and investors Charles Baetz and Jacob Kuebeler . The partnership 's first venture was constructing a Grand Pavilion , which opened in 1888 . It was a two @-@ story theater and concert hall with a bowling alley and photographer 's studio . The building was recognized for its unusual architecture , and still stands in the park . The first amusement ride at Cedar Point , a water toboggan ride consisting of a ramp that launched riders into Lake Erie , opened in 1890 . Electricity

was installed at Cedar Point in 1891 . The first roller coaster , Switchback Railway , opened the following year . It stood 25 feet (7 @. @ 6 m) high and had a top speed of 10 miles per hour (16 km / h) . The Switchback Railway was designed as two identical tracks side @-@ by @-@ side ? one for the ride down and the other for the train to be hauled back to the top by the ride attendant .

= = = Boeckling era = = =

Representatives of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad purchased the peninsula for US \$ 256 @, @ 000 (equivalent to about \$ 7 @, @ 281 @, @ 700 in 2015) in 1897 , and formed the Cedar Point Pleasure Resort Company . The company appointed George A. Boeckling , a businessman from Indiana , as the park 's new manager . Under his tenure , the peninsula was transformed from a picnic ground into a nationally recognized amusement park and resort destination .

The second roller coaster at Cedar Point , the Figure @-@ Eight Roller Toboggan , debuted in 1902 . It was moved several years later and renamed The Racer . A pony track was built near the beach the same year . Mosquitos were becoming a problem , so in 1904 , the park hired the Detroit Dredging Company to drain swampy areas on the peninsula . Detroit Dredging connected a series of lagoons to form a water passageway that quickly became one of the park 's signature attractions . Aside from sightseeing passenger boats , the passageway was used to transport coal to power plants near the center of the peninsula . The historic Hotel Breakers opened in 1905 as one of the largest hotels in the Midwest ; it had 600 guest rooms and a cafe that could seat 400 guests . A new area of the park called " Amusement Circle " was designed in 1906 to link the pier to the beach . It was located southeast of the Coliseum , a large arena built the same year that featured a grand ballroom and other attractions .

In 1908 , the Dip the Dips Scenic Railway roller coaster opened but was soon overshadowed in 1912 by the larger Leap the Dips ride . In 1917 , Dip the Dips was razed and replaced by the Leap Frog Scenic Railway . With three roller coasters and a growing variety of other rides , Cedar Point was beginning to grow as an amusement park , though that was not Boeckling 's priority . He marketed the peninsula primarily as a bathing resort complete with shows , exhibits , motion pictures , and other forms of entertainment , but did not emphasize the park 's rides .

Many more hotels and restaurants were constructed in the remaining years of Boeckling 's tenure , including Hotel Cedars , White House Hotel , Crystal Rock Castle , and Crystal Gardens Ballroom . The Cyclone , a rickety and rough coaster , was built in 1926 . Cedar Point continued to update its ride attractions , replacing the Racer , the Circle Swing , and many other rides to make way for a Shoot @-@ the @-@ Chutes water ride , a Tilt @-@ A @-@ Whirl , and fun houses such as Noah 's Ark and Bluebeard 's Palace . Boeckling 's health began to deteriorate in the late 1920s . In 1931 , Boeckling became confined to a wheelchair , but he continued to oversee park operations , and was pushed around Cedar Point by an employee or relative . His condition worsened , however , and he eventually had to remain indoors . Boeckling died on July 24 , 1931 from Uremia . His portrait in the lobby of Breakers Hotel was draped in black . Flags in the resort and on the G.A. Boeckling steamboat were lowered to half mast .

= = = After Boeckling @-@ George A Roose Era = = =

Edward Smith took over Cedar Point 's management after the death of Boeckling . Little expansion happened through the 1930s ; one of the few rides built in that period was the Tumble Bug . The decaying Leap the Dips coaster was demolished in the mid @-@ 1930s . In the late 1930s , the resort was on the brink of being sold to the state of Ohio for \$ 3 @, @ 000 @, @ 000 . After the 1938 season , the directors had the second floor of the Coliseum modernized in the art deco style with a new stage . In the middle , the giant dance floor remained . Some of the top bands of the time played in the ballroom . As a result , it kept Cedar Point operating through the rest of the Depression . Momma Berardi 's Home Made French Fries came to Cedar Point , Momma Berardi 's family played an important role in the food industry at Cedar Point . Momma Berardi 's fries were sold there from 1942 until 1978 , winning four Reader 's Choice Awards .

By the end of World War II , Cedar Point was in need of financial help . The wood of the Cyclone roller coaster was rotting , the boardwalk was cracked in many places , and the fishing dock was in need of repair . In 1946 , Cedar Point 's oldest still @-@ existing ride , the Midway Carousel , was installed . By 1951 , the Cyclone coaster was razed because of its poor condition , leaving the resort without a roller coaster . While the Cyclone was departing , the Laff @-@ in @-@ the @-@ Dark , Rocket Ships , and Loop @-@ A @-@ Plane were newly installed . Cedar Point Causeway was built in 1957 , and is still in use . The president of Cedar Point , Bernie Zeiher , was replaced by George Roose around 1958 , and Emile Legros was elected chairman that same year .

In the 1950s , the Pagoda Gift Shop was a post @-@ office and the Crystal Rock Castle was turned into a maintenance shop in the late @-@ 1950s . In 1959 , the hotels were repainted , new admission gates were installed , and over \$ 1 @,@ 200 @,@ 000 was spent to refresh Cedar Point . The park 's first roller coaster since the Cyclone , the Wild Mouse , was built . The resort also got a new kind of ride , a monorail that was the most popular ride in 1959 . Breakers Hotel was restored , and the neglected cottages were demolished . The Coliseum and Grand Pavilion were both painted and remodeled . The Crystal Rock Castle Maintenance Shop , bathhouses , and the old powerhouse were demolished , and a new \$ 50 @,@ 000 bathhouse , boiler house , and maintenance shop were built in their place .

In the 1960s , the idea of " pay one price " season passes became common . On March 28 , 1960 , Cedar Point announced plans to transform the park into a " Disneyland " amusement center . Those plans fell through , however . Cedar Point & Lake Erie Railroad opened in 1963 , transporting passengers from the middle of the park to the back . In 1964 , Cedar Point built its oldest surviving roller coaster , the Blue Streak . It was named after the local high school 's sports teams , the Sandusky Blue Streaks . Jungle Larry 's Safari Island was a well @-@ known attraction that operated from 1965 until 1994 despite the death of Jungle Larry in 1984 . The Cedar Creek Mine Ride opened in 1969 ; it is currently the second oldest roller coaster at Cedar Point .

In 1970 , the Centennial Theatre , named in honor of Cedar Point 's 100th anniversary , was built . 1972 brought Giant Wheel and the now @-@ defunct Jumbo Jet coaster which was noted for being the fastest around . In 1975 , Robert L. Munger Jr. took over as president of Cedar Point after Roose retired . The record @-@ breaking Corkscrew roller coaster was built in 1976 ; it was the first roller coaster to span a midway and have three inversions . Gemini opened in 1978 and was advertised as the tallest , fastest and steepest roller coaster in the world . A kiddie coaster , named Jr . Gemini (now known as Wilderness Run) , opened the following year across from the original version . White Water Landing opened in 1982 , replacing the original Shoot the Rapids log flume . In 1983 , Demon Drop was built at the front of the park . Avalanche Run opened in 1985 close to the beach , and would later be re @-@ themed as Disaster Transport . That same year , the San Francisco Earthquake Ride was transformed into the Berenstain Bear Country .

= = = Dick Kinzel era = = =

In 1986 , Robert L. Munger Jr , the President and CEO of Cedar Fair , stepped down due to health issues , and was replaced by Richard " Dick " Kinzel . Thunder Canyon , a river rafting ride manufactured by Intamin , also opened in 1986 . In 1987 , Iron Dragon , a suspended roller coaster , debuted on the Million Dollar Midway near the Cedar Point & Lake Erie Railroad station . In 1988 , Soak City , Cedar Point 's outdoor water park , was constructed near Hotel Breakers . It features speed slides , more than 10 body and tube slides , a family raft ride , a water playhouse and two lazy rivers .

Several new rides and roller coasters opened at Cedar Point since 1989 have been record @-@ breakers . Magnum XL @-@ 200 debuted in 1989 , breaking the world height and speed records . It was the first roller coaster to exceed a height of 200 feet (61 m) and speeds over 70 miles per hour (110 km / h) and was the first hypercoaster in the world . For the 1990 season , Avalanche Run was transformed into Disaster Transport , the ride was fully enclosed and special effects were added . In recent years the special effects and theming were removed , leaving the ride almost completely dark . Mean Streak opened in 1991 as the northernmost attraction in the park . It broke records for

the fastest and tallest wooden roller coaster in the world , reaching speeds of 65 miles per hour (105 km / h) and a height of 161 feet (49 m) . Challenge Park was built between Hotel Breakers and Soak City in 1992 . Challenge Park includes a Ripcord , Skyscraper , and two eighteen @-@ hole mini @-@ golf courses .

Snake River Falls was constructed in 1993 because of the popularity of Soak City . The 82 @-@ foot (25 m) -tall structure sends riders plunging down at 40 miles per hour (64 km / h) . At the bottom of the hill , the ride ends with a splash landing in which the boat creates a large wave , splashing spectators on an overlooking bridge . When it opened , it was the tallest and fastest water ride in the world . In 1994 , Cedar Point installed Raptor . The Mill Race log flume was removed from the park , and the circular Calypso was relocated to make room for Raptor , the first inverted roller coaster to feature a Cobra Roll . In December 1994 , the park held Christmas in the Park for the first and last time . The Midway Carousel was open , and a horse @-@ drawn carriage gave behind @-@ the @-@ scenes tours of the park , and the midway held many Christmas festivals , including a Christmas tree . In 1996 , Cedar Point opened Mantis , then the tallest , steepest , and fastest stand @-@ up roller coaster in the world . The original name for Mantis was " Banshee " , but many people thought it was offensive and the name was changed . In 1997 , the park added HalloWeekends , a Halloween event with haunted houses and mazes during the Halloween season . Camp Snoopy debuted in 1999 ; it features eight Snoopy @-@ themed attractions , with the exception of a Tilt @-@ a @-@ Whirl . The area also features a junior roller coaster built by Vekoma , Woodstock Express .

Cedar Point built the first giga coaster , Millennium Force , in 2000 . When it debuted , it was the tallest and fastest complete circuit coaster in the world , reaching speeds of 93 miles per hour (150 km / h) and heights of 310 ft (94 m) . In 2002 , Wicked Twister opened as the first second @-@ generation Intamin inverted impulse roller coaster . Today , Wicked Twister is the tallest (215 ft) and fastest 72 miles per hour (116 km / h) inverted impulse roller coaster in the world . Top Thrill Dragster debuted as the first strata coaster in 2003 and was the tallest , 420 ft (130 m) , and fastest , 120 miles per hour (190 km / h) , roller coaster in the world . It is currently second @-@ tallest in the world. maXair debuted in 2005 as only the second HUSS Giant Frisbee ride in the United States . Dan Keller also retired as Vice President and general manager . He was replaced by John Hildebrandt , who was the VP and GM of Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom since May 2004 . In 2006 , Skyhawk was built next to Snake River Falls , it is currently the tallest Screamin ' Swing in the world . In the 2007 season , Cedar Point built Maverick , which features a 100 @-@ foot (30 m) drop at a 95 @-@ degree angle and includes an LSM launch in the middle of the ride reaching speeds of 70 miles per hour (110 km / h) . In 2008 , Cedar Point introduced Planet Snoopy , a kids ' area constructed on the site of Peanuts Playground ; it consists of family and children 's rides relocated from Cedar Point 's sister park Geauga Lake after it closed . The area also consists of a " Kids Only " restaurant called Joe Cool Cafe , which has a small menu for adults . Starlight Experience , a night @-@ time LED light extravaganza with floats themed to the four seasons , debuted in 2009 . This \$ 1 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 attraction takes place on the Frontier Trail nightly beginning at twilight . In order to prepare for Starlight Experience , the Frontier Trail closes for approximately 30 minutes before the event . In 2010 , Cedar Point added a new flume ride on the park 's Frontier Trail named Shoot the Rapids , which includes two drops and a three @-@ minute journey through a rustic western environment . The ride was later removed in 2015 due to a history of low ridership and mechanical issues . WindSeeker , a 301 @-@ foot (92 m) tall tower that spins riders along the shoreline of Lake Erie , was introduced in 2011 . WindSeeker did not open on time due to construction delays and opened to the public on June 14 , 2011 .

= = = Matt Ouimet era = = =

On June 20 , 2011 , Cedar Fair announced that Dick Kinzel would retire on January 3 , 2012 , and Matt Ouimet would become the CEO of the company . Ouimet was employed by The Walt Disney Company for 17 years , served as president of Disney Cruise Line and the Disneyland Resort .

In 2012 , Cedar Point added Dinosaurs Alive ! , a walk @-@ through exhibit featuring approximately

50 life @-@ size animatronic dinosaurs . It is located on Adventure Island and replaced the Paddlewheel Excursions boat cruise ride . A six @-@ lane mat racer slide complex called Dragster H2O was added to Soak City . The slides around Dragster H2O were repainted and the Speed Slides were dismantled to make room for Dragster H2O . Cedar Point also introduced Fast Lane , their version of a fast @-@ pass system , and a new nighttime show , Luminosity ? Ignite the Night ! . Cedar Point also removed WildCat for the 2012 season to make room for Luminosity . This was the first time since 1978 that a roller coaster was removed from Cedar Point .

On July 13 , 2012 , Cedar Point announced the removal of Disaster Transport and Space Spiral . Exactly a month later , Cedar Point announced GateKeeper , the longest wing coaster in the world , which opened on May 11 , 2013 . Along with GateKeeper , a new main entrance plaza was constructed , replacing the entrance that was built in the 1960s . It features two 100 @-@ foot (30 m) -tall support columns that the trains go through . Cedar Point is investing \$ 60 million in its hotel resorts over three years , starting in the 2013 ? 2014 offseason . At the end of the 2013 season , John Hildebrandt retired as the park 's general manager and was replaced by Jason McClure , the former VP and GM of Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom .

In 2014 , Cedar Point added two new family attractions called Pipe Scream and Lake Erie Eagles and also added a thrill ride , SlingShot . Many improvements were also made to Camp Snoopy and the Gemini Midway , including relocating and retheming a few rides . In 2015 , the stand @-@ up coaster , Mantis was repainted green and orange and received new trains to become Rougarou , a floorless coaster . Also in 2015 , Hotel Breakers received a 25 million dollar renovation . A dive coaster Valravn debuted in 2016 as the tallest , fastest , and longest dive coaster in the world . It stands 223 feet tall and travels at speeds of up to 73 miles per hour replacing the 40 year @-@ old Good Time Theater and relocating Calypso to the beach area near Wicked Twister and was renamed Tiki Twirl . Valravn also replaced the Turnpike Cars , an Antique Car ride . Raptor and Top Thrill Dragster received a fresh coat of paint that same year .

= = = Attraction timeline = = =

= = = = Before 1960 = = = =

1870 : Cedar Point opens
1892 : Switchback Railway opens
1899 : Bay Shore Hotel opens
1902 : Figure @-@ Eight Roller Toboggan opens
1905 : Hotel Breakers opens
1907 : Switchback Railway closes
1908 : Dip the Dips Scenic Railway opens
1910 : Racer opens
1912 : Leap the Dips opens
1917 : Dip the Dips Scenic Railway closes
1918 : High Frolics opens
1925 : Noah 's Ark opens
1928 : Racer closes
1929 : Cyclone opens
1934 : Tumble Bug opens
1935 : Leap the Dips closes
1940 : High Frolics closes
1946 : Midway Carrousel opens
1951 : Cyclone closes
1952 : Super Coaster opens
1955 : Fascination opens
1957 : The Cedar Point Causeway opens

1958 : Cadillac Cars open

1959 : Monorail , Turnpike Cars , and Wild Mouse opens ; Noah 's Ark closes ; Construction is completed on the Cedar Point Marina

== == 1960 to 1979 == ==

1960 : Scrambler opens

1961 : Sky wheel , Rotor , and Star Voyager (formerly called Super Jets) open

1962 : Sky Ride and Scamper opens

1963 : Cedar Point & Lake Erie Railroad and Mill Race open ; Wild Mouse closes

1964 : Blue Streak , and Paddlewheel Excursions (formerly called Western Cruise) open

1965 : Space Spiral , Earthquake , and Jungle Larry 's African Safari open

1966 : Pirate Ride , Trabant , and Upside Down Funhouse opens

1967 : Cedar Downs Racing Derby , Second Rotor , Sealand Marine exhibit , Shoot @-@ the @-@ Rapids , and Frontiertown open ; Super Coaster closes

1968 : Frontier Lift , Kiddieland Carousel and Sky Slide open

1969 : Cedar Creek Mine Ride , Antique Cars , and the Town Hall Museum open ; Scamper closes

1970 : WildCat , Bayern Kurve , Dodgem No. 2 , Monster , Schwabinchen , Calypso , Super Himalaya , Centennial Theatre , Kiddy Kingdom , and Tiki Twirl open

1971 : Frontier Trail and Camper Village RV Campground open ; Zugspitze closes

1972 : Frontiertown Carousel , Jumbo Jet , Giant Wheel and Matterhorn open

1975 : The Cedar Point Cinema opens

1976 : Corkscrew and Troika open

1977 : Witches ' Wheel opens

1978 : Gemini opens ; Jumbo Jet was closed down

1979 : Jr . Gemini and Wave Swinger open

== == 1980 to 1999 == ==

1980 : Oceana Dolphin stadium opens ; Sky Wheel closes ;

1981 : Ocean Motion opens ; Sky Wheel , Funhouse and Shoot @-@ the @-@ Rapids close

1982 : White Water Landing and Kid Arthur 's Court open

1983 : Demon Drop opens

1984 : Tiki Twirl , Rotor , Bayern Curve and Earthquake close

1985 : Avalanche Run and Berenstain Bear Country indoor complex opens , Frontier Lift closes ; WildCat , Matterhorn and Super Himalaya moved to make room for Avalanche Run ; Schwabinchen relocated near Ocean Motion

1986 : Thunder Canyon opens ; Sir Rub @-@ A @-@ Dub 's Tubs added to Kiddy Kingdom

1987 : Iron Dragon opens ; Monster is relocated to make room for Iron Dragon ; Western Cruise station is moved and renamed Paddlewheel Excursions to make room for Iron Dragon

1988 : Soak City waterpark opens

1989 : Magnum XL @-@ 200 opens

1990 : Sandcastle Suites ; Main Stream and Tadpole Town added to Soak City ; Trabant closes ; Avalanche Run is transformed into Disaster Transport

1991 : Mean Streak opens ; Sky Slide closes

1992 : Challenge Park opens ; Outdoor complex added to Berenstain Bear Country

1993 : Snake River Falls opens ; Mill Race closes

1994 : Raptor opens ; Jungle Larry 's African Safari closes ; Calypso and Midway Carousel relocated to make room for Raptor ; Turnpike Cars reduced to make room for Raptor ; Christmas in the Park is held for the first and last time

1995 : Zoom Flume , Renegade River and Choo @-@ Choo Lagoon added to Soak City ; Breakers East is added to Hotel Breakers ; Laser Light Show

1996 : Mantis and Ripcord open ; Pirate Ride closes

1997 : Chaos opens ; Soak city expansion ; HalloWeekends introduced for the first time
1998 : Power Tower opens ; Bumper Boats relocated from Kiddy Kingdom to Gemini Midway
1999 : Camp Snoopy opens ; Breakers Tower is added to Hotel Breakers ; Super Himalaya is relocated to make room for Camp Snoopy ; Oceana Dolphin stadium is renamed The Aquatic Stadium with new show , Splash ! ; Kid Arthur 's Court closes

= = = = 2000 to present = = = =

2000 : Millennium Force and Breakers Express open ; Giant Wheel relocated to make room for Millennium Force

2001 : Lighthouse Point opens ; The Aquarium closes ; VertiGo is open 4 months before being demolished , Dodgem No.1 closes

2002 : Wicked Twister opens ; " Snoopy Rocks ! On Ice " ice skating show . The Cedar Point Cinema is converted into the Good Time Theatre ; Schwabinchen closes

2003 : Top Thrill Dragster opens ; Swan Boats close ; Troika and Chaos are relocated to make room for Top Thrill Dragster ; Troika and WildCat repainted

2004 : \$ 10 million in capital improvements with expansions at Lighthouse Point luxury camping complex ; Splash City added to Soak City ; Iron Dragon repainted

2005 : maXair opens ; White Water Landing closes ; Magnum XL @-@ 200 repainted

2006 : Skyhawk opens ; Hot Summer Lights nighttime show

2007 : Maverick opens ; Peanuts Playground closes

2008 : Planet Snoopy and SkyScraper open ; The Aquatic Stadium is renamed Extreme Sports Stadium with new show , All Wheels Extreme

2009 : Starlight Experience opens ; Demon Drop closes

2010 : Shoot the Rapids opens ; Chaos closes

2011 : WindSeeker opens ; Ocean Motion relocated to the former Demon Drop site to make room for WindSeeker ; Paddlewheel Excursions and WildCat close , Speed Slides in Soak City close ; Millennium Force repainted

2012 : Dinosaurs Alive ! opens ; Dragster H2O added to Soak City ; Fast Lane ; Iron Dragon midway renamed Celebration Plaza with new show , Luminosity ? Ignite the Night ! ; Disaster Transport and Space Spiral close

2013 : GateKeeper opens ; New entrance plaza ; Bumper Boats close

2014 : Pipe Scream , Lake Erie Eagles , and SlingShot open ; Frog Hopper renamed Woodstock 's Airmail and relocated to Camp Snoopy ; Jr . Gemini entrance moved to Camp Snoopy and renamed Wilderness Run ; Mantis , Turnpike Cars , Sir Rub @-@ a @-@ Dubs Tubs and Good Time Theatre close

2015 : Rougarou opens ; Hotel Breakers renovation completed ; Calypso renamed Tiki Twirl and relocated ; Dodgem relocated ; Good Time Theater removed for Valravn in 2016 ; Maverick gets new restraints

2016 : Valravn opens ; Raptor & Top Thrill Dragster re @-@ painted ; Challenge Racing , Skyscraper , and Shoot the Rapids removed

Sources :

= = Present attractions = =

= = = Roller coasters = = =

Cedar Point contains 17 roller coasters , second @-@ most in the world behind Six Flags Magic Mountain which has 19 .

= = = Thrill rides = = =

Cedar Point has 17 thrill rides . The newest is SlingShot , introduced in 2014 .

== Family rides ==

Cedar Point has 9 family rides .

== Water rides ==

Cedar Point has two water rides , excluding the rides in Soak City .

== Kids ' rides ==

Kiddy Kingdom opened in 1970 as Kiddieland but was renamed in 1993 . It is located near the first aid station and maXair . It contains 10 rides .

Opened in 2008 , Planet Snoopy is Cedar Point 's newest children 's area. replacing Peanuts playground . All of its rides come from the defunct Geauga Lake park . It is located near WindSeeker and contains eight rides .

Camp Snoopy opened in 1999 and is located near the entrance to Dinosaurs Alive ! . It contains six rides and two kiddie coasters .

== Challenge Park ==

Challenge Park , located between Cedar Point and Soak City , was opened in 1992 . Its attractions require extra payment over the Cedar Point admission charge . Guests must get their hand stamped to re @-@ enter Cedar Point .

On January 14 , 2002 , one of the three towers of the VertiGo ride in Challenge Park , which had been opened four months before , collapsed . No one was in the park and only minimal damage was reported . The ride was demolished later that year . Cedar point removed skyscraper and the go karts due to low ridership and popularity .

== Attractions ==

All rides and attractions require an extra fee .

== Soak City ==

Opened in 1988 , Soak City is Cedar Point 's water park . It is adjacent to Cedar Point and requires separate admission . Guests must get their hands stamped to re @-@ enter Cedar Point .

== Live entertainment ==

== Venues ==

The Extreme Sports Stadium is a stunt stadium situated between WindSeeker and Wicked Twister . It was known as the Oceana Stadium from 1980 ? 1998 and The Aquatic Stadium from 1999 ? 2007 .

The Celebration Plaza Stage is in Celebration Plaza in front of the Iron Dragon . It was built for the 2012 season as part of Luminosity ? Ignite the Night ! and replaced a giant screen used for Hot Summer Lights .

The Red Garter Saloon is a stage located on the Frontier Trail .

The Palace Theater is next to the Last Chance Saloon in Frontiertown .

The Camp Snoopy Theatre is a small stage in Camp Snoopy .

The Jack Aldrich Theatre formerly called the Centennial Theatre is a stage located between Midway Carousel and the Skyride .

= = = Shows = = =

All shows are about 25 minutes .

Rockin ? Country is a country music and dancing show begun in 2014 in the Red Garter Saloon .

All Wheels Extreme is a stunt show in the Extreme Sports Stadium . It features bikers and gymnasts who flip , dive and perform stunts . It was introduced in 2008 .

Bandstand USA is a musical medley of tributes featuring a handful of Motown classics . NEW for 2015 !

Beach Band is brass and percussion band that travels around the park playing pop , rock and other genres .

Charlie Brown 's Funtime Frolics takes place in the Camp Snoopy Theatre .

Snoopy Unleashed is an ice @-@ skating show begun in 2014 in the Good Time Theatre .

Jamming DJ 's are DJ 's who take requests from people waiting in line for the Millennium Force daily and for the Raptor on weekends during the summer .

Luminosity ? Ignite the Night ! is a dance , fireworks , and pyrotechnics show performed nightly that began in 2012 on the Celebration Plaza stage .

On Broadway , Showstoppers from the New York Stage a show based on Broadway and takes place in the Jack Aldrich Theatre .

Peanuts ' Celebration at the Point ' is a Peanuts show performed at 5 pm daily on the Celebration Plaza stage .

Snoopy 's Sing @-@ A @-@ Long is a singing and dancing show in the Camp Snoopy Theatre .

Toes in the Sand Band is a band that plays outside of the Hotel Breakers on the beach . NEW for 2015 !

Lusty Lil ? s Revue is a show in the Palace Theater that debuted in 2014 .

= = Fast Lane = =

Fast Lane , introduced at Cedar Point in 2012 , is a secondary queue system that offers shorter wait times on the park 's most popular rides . In addition to the standard admission charge , visitors can bypass the standard wait line by purchasing a wrist band that grants access to the Fast Lane queue . A limited number of wrist bands are sold each day . The two options available for purchase are " Fast Lane " and " Fast Lane Plus " . The standard Fast Lane offers access to 24 attractions , while Fast Lane Plus covers the same rides and adds Top Thrill Dragster , GateKeeper , Maverick , and Valravn .

Beginning in the 2014 season , Cedar Point offers a Halloween @-@ themed version of Fast Lane called Fright Lane with Skeleton Key , available during HalloWeekends . In addition to Fast Lane access , this version provides priority access to haunted attractions within the park . It also includes a key that provides access to a secret room in each haunted attraction .

= = Awards / rankings = =

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Cedar Point won the Golden Ticket Award from Amusement Today for " Best Amusement Park in the World " for 16 consecutive years from 1997 @-@ 2013 . The park has also placed in categories for " Friendliest Park Staff " (2002 , 2004 - 2006) , " Cleanest Park " (2004 , 2005) , " Best Capacity " (1998 - 2002) , " Best Kid 's Area " (2004 , 2013) , " Best Outdoor Night Production " (2004 - 2007) , " Best Shows " (2004 , 2005) , " Best Games Area " (2002) , " Best Souvenirs " (2002) , and " Best Halloween Event " (2005 - 2008 , 2013 , 2014) . The park also won the Golden

Ticket Award for " Best New Ride of 2007 " with the roller coaster Maverick . Cedar Point has also won several IAAPA awards , including the Applause Award in 1996 .

= = = Rankings = = =

Cedar Point 's roller coasters are commonly ranked high in the Golden Ticket Awards . In the 2013 rankings , GateKeeper debuted at 28th , making it the first time ever that the park had six steel roller coasters in the top 50 . The following steel and wooden coasters were ranked by Amusement Today in 2015 :

= = = Steel = = =

Millennium Force : 1st
Top Thrill Dragster : 13th
Magnum XL @-@ 200 : 15th (tie)
Maverick : 22nd (tie)

= = = Wood = = =

Blue Streak : 35th (tie)

= = = Attendance = = =

The park was the 15th most visited amusement park in North America in 2015 . It was also the most visited seasonal amusement park in the United States with an estimated 3 @.@ 51 million visitors .

In 1960 , the park 's attendance reached 1 million for the first time . Just five years later , the attendance reached 2 million . In 1975 , attendance reached 3 million for the first time . Cedar Point 's attendance peaked in 1994 , with 3 @.@ 6 million visitors .

= = Resorts = =

Cedar Point owns and operates six resorts located either on park grounds or less than a mile away . Most of the resorts are within walking distance of the Cedar Point Beach . All facilities are non @-@ smoking , and all Cedar Point Resort guests can enter the park one hour before it opens to the general public . Rides that operate during this early @-@ entry session are : Valravn , Millennium Force , Maverick , GateKeeper , Tiki Twirl , Cadillac Cars , Dodgem , Cedar Downs , Midway Carousel , and Kiddie Kingdom .

On December 2 , 2012 , Cedar Point announced that it would invest \$ 60 million in its hotel resorts over three years , starting in the 2013 ? 2014 offseason . No additional rooms were added to any of the hotels .

= = = On @-@ site resorts , marina , and campgrounds = = =

Hotel Breakers , the oldest resort at Cedar Point , was built in 1905 . The hotel has 650 rooms and suites and is the closest resort to Cedar Point and Soak City . In 1997 , Hotel Breakers was renovated and expanded , doubling its size . Hotel Breakers has standard hotel rooms , suites with views of Lake Erie , Snoopy @-@ themed rooms and Wi @-@ Fi in the lobby , rotunda and conference center . It has two pools , beach access , a conference center , and five restaurants including T.G.I. Friday 's and Perkins Restaurant and Bakery .

Sandcastle Suites is a hotel at the northernmost part of the peninsula that contains 187 suites . It has Wi @-@ Fi in the lobby and guest suites , an outdoor heated pool and whirlpool , beach access , tennis courts , a shuttle to both Cedar Point and Soak City , and two restaurants ? the Breakwater Cafe and the Sand Bar .

Lighthouse Point contains 64 cottages and 40 cabins and is located along the west bank of the peninsula . The centerpiece of Lighthouse Point is the Cedar Point Lighthouse , which was built in 1862 and is the oldest existing structure on the peninsula . It has an outdoor pool and outdoor whirlpool spa , a shuffleboard court , a game room , and shuttle service .

Camper Village is the only place at Cedar Point where it is possible to hook up an RV to water and electricity . Camper Village sites range from deluxe sites with electricity , water , sewer and cable to 112 electric @-@ only sites . The Camper Village has the Camper Village Store , an outdoor pool , a shuffleboard court , a game room , a shuttle service on Cedar Point Peninsula , a dump station and laundry facilities .

The Cedar Point Marina is located on the Sandusky Bay side of the peninsula , directly adjacent to the Amusement Park . The marina is one of 2 operated by Cedar Point . It is also one of the largest on Lake Erie with docks , able to accommodate vessels up to 100 ft , for both seasonal and transient boaters . The Marina has fuel docks with holding tank pumpout , a small marina store , dedicated restroom and shower facilities , laundry facilities , and a marina only pool . There are 2 restaurants located at the marina , Famous Daves Bar @-@ B @-@ Que , and Bay Harbor Inn (an upscale seafood restaurant) . Seasonal dockers receive various perks with their docks including 2 Platinum Season Passes , a visitors parking pass , and various extra discounts . Seasonal and transient boaters can access the park through the Marina Gate and also receive the same perks as at the other resorts including early entry and discount tickets . The marina is the base for the ILYA affiliated Point Yacht Club , and home port for most of the members . The marina season roughly parallels the parks operating season and is open from early May through late October / Early November .

= = = Off @-@ site Cedar Point @-@ owned resorts = = =

Castaway Bay is an indoor waterpark resort opened by Cedar Fair in November 2004 . It has over 38 @,@ 000 feet (12 @,@ 000 m) of water slides , shops , and a wave pool . There are 237 guest rooms and luxury suites . Castaway Bay has five restaurants , including a Quaker Steak and Lube . Castaway Bay is also the location of Castaway Bay Marina the second marina owned by Cedar Point . It is smaller than the Cedar point Marina and located on Pipe Creek a tributary of the Sandusky Bay . The marina mainly hosts seasonal dockers but can also accommodate transient boaters . Boaters at Castaway Bay Marina receive the same benefits as those at the Cedar Point Marina .

Breakers Express , a sister resort to the Hotel Breakers , is located one mile (1 @.@ 6 km) from Cedar Point and is the closest hotel to the peninsula . It opened in 2000 and includes 350 guest rooms . Breakers Express has an outdoor heated pool , outdoor whirlpool spa , game room , and Wi @-@ Fi in guest rooms .

= = National Register of Historic Places = =

Cedar Point features several historic buildings on the peninsula . Many of the buildings and structures on the peninsula are from the late 1800s or early 1900s . The oldest structure on the peninsula is the Cedar Point Light . It is a restored lighthouse that was built in 1862 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 19 , 1984 . Located along the main midway is the Coliseum . The Coliseum was built in 1906 with the newly expanded Midway . It has a ballroom known for holding several dances that helped Cedar Point out of The Depression . It was added to the NRHP on October 2 , 1982 . Another building that is listed on the NRHP is the U.S. Coast Guard Building located along Perimeter Road that stretches around the peninsula .

All three of Cedar Point 's carousels are listed on the National Register of Historic Places . The Midway Carousel , otherwise known as the Daniel C. Muller Carousel , is located at the front of the park . It opened in 1912 and was brought to Cedar Point in 1946 . A Sandusky family purchased the ride and operated it at the park . It became property of Cedar Point in 1963 . It is Cedar Point 's oldest operating ride and was added to the NRHP on October 20 , 1982 . The second carousel at

the park is the Cedar Downs Racing Derby , also known as the Great American Racing Derby . It originally opened at Euclid Beach Park in 1921 and was transported to Cedar Point for the 1967 season . It is only one of two racing carousels still operating in the United States , and was added to the NRHP on November 8 , 1990 . The third carousel is the Kiddy Kingdom Carousel , located in Kiddy Kingdom . It is also known as William H. Dentzel 1924 Carousel and opened at Cedar Point in 1968 . It was added to the NRHP on November 8 , 1990 .

Cedar Point used to have a fourth carousel located in Frontiertown , next to the Wave Swinger . It was known as the Frontier Carousel or William H. Dentzel 1921 Carousel . It opened at Cedar Point in 1972 when it was bought from a family in Lansing , Michigan . It was listed on the NRHP on November 8 , 1990 . After the 1994 season , the carousel closed and was moved to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom , where it operates under the name Antique Carousel . Its building is currently used for the HalloWeekends attraction , Eternity Infirmary .

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Cedar Point 's oldest hotel is the Hotel Breakers . It opened in 1905 during the " golden age " of resort hotels . It was added to the NRHP on March 9 , 1987 . After several major alterations , most notably the Breakers Tower in 1998 , the National Park Service removed the Hotel Breakers from the NRHP on August 7 , 2001 .

= = In popular culture = =

Cedar Point has had a cultural influence on American society as evidenced in many forms of media such as books , television , and film . In the 1940 biographical film Knute Rockne , All American documenting the life of famous Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne , Cedar Point is featured at a pivotal point in the story . In 1913 , Knute works as a lifeguard on a beach at Cedar Point , where he and his college roommate Gus Dorais worked on the forward pass . The concept , which was first used in a scrimmage game at Cedar Point , would revolutionize the sport and the film would later be preserved in the Library of Congress National Film Registry . In 2004 , an independently @-@ produced film , Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind : Infestation From Mars , was shot at several historic locations around Sandusky including Cedar Point . Dick Kinzel , CEO of Cedar Point at the time , had a brief speaking role in the film .

In the 2006 book " The Warrior Heir " by Cinda Williams Chima , the main characters take a field trip to Cedar Point with their high school class . In a 2010 episode of Bert the Conqueror on the Travel Channel , Bert takes the " Foursome Fearsome " roller @-@ coaster challenge in which he rides the four fastest and tallest coasters in the park in under an hour . A 2012 episode of Travel Channel 's Off Limits takes a look at off @-@ season maintenance at the park and features the host , Don Wildman , working with the maintenance crew on Mean Streak and Millennium Force . In 2012 , the " Extreme Heights " and " Speed Demons " episodes of Insane Coaster Wars on the Travel Channel feature Cedar Point coasters Millennium Force and Top Thrill Dragster , respectively . Commentary for the series was primarily filmed at Cedar Point .