**Disneyland Park**, originally **Disneyland**, is the first of two [theme parks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theme_park) built at the [Disneyland Resort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disneyland_Resort) in [Anaheim, California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anaheim,_California), opened on July 17, 1955. It is the only theme park designed and built under the direct supervision of [Walt Disney](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt_Disney). It was originally the only attraction on the property; its official name was changed to Disneyland Park to distinguish it from the expanding complex in the 1990s.

Walt Disney came up with the concept of Disneyland after visiting various amusement parks with his daughters in the 1930s and 1940s. He initially envisioned building a tourist attraction adjacent to his [studios](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt_Disney_Studios_(Burbank)) in [Burbank](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burbank,_California) to entertain fans who wished to visit; however, he soon realized that the proposed site was too small. After hiring a consultant to help him determine an appropriate site for his project, Disney bought a 160-acre (65 ha) site near Anaheim in 1953. Construction began in 1954 and the park was unveiled during a special televised press event on the [ABC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Broadcasting_Company) Television Network on July 17, 1955.

Since its opening, Disneyland has undergone a number of expansions and major renovations, including the addition of [New Orleans Square](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Orleans_Square) in 1966, [Bear Country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Critter_Country) (now Critter Country) in 1972, [Mickey's Toontown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mickey%27s_Toontown) in 1993, and the forthcoming [*Star Wars*: Galaxy's Edge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Wars:_Galaxy%27s_Edge)in 2019.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disneyland#cite_note-Savvas-2) Opened in 2001, [Disney California Adventure Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disney_California_Adventure) was built on the site of Disneyland's original parking lot.

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| **Location** | [Disneyland Resort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disneyland_Resort), 1313 Disneyland Dr, [Anaheim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anaheim,_California), California, United States |
| [**Coordinates**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographical_coordinates) | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[33.81°N 117.92°W](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Disneyland&params=33.81_N_117.92_W_type:landmark_region:US-CA_dim:1700_source:googlemapssatellite)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[33.81°N 117.92°W](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Disneyland&params=33.81_N_117.92_W_type:landmark_region:US-CA_dim:1700_source:googlemapssatellite) |
| **Theme** | [Fairy tales](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy_tale) and Disney characters |
| **Owner** | [The Walt Disney Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Walt_Disney_Company) |
| **Operated by** | [Walt Disney Parks, Experiences and Consumer Products](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt_Disney_Parks,_Experiences_and_Consumer_Products) |
| **Opened** | July 17, 1955; 62 years ago[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disneyland#cite_note-1) |
| **Previous names** | Disneyland |
| **Operating season** | Year-round |
| **Website** | [Official website](https://disneyland.disney.go.com/destinations/disneyland/) |