Worlds of Fun Tour of the Park 2022 Edition

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Historic Steam Railroad 1974-current

As one of the most popular family rides in the park, Worlds of Fun Railroad (WOFRR) is also an attraction that has been in the park since 1974. Originally, the railroad was powered by a steam and twin diesel-electric locomotives. The train has been and still is powered by a 20-ton steam locomotive named E.L. Kuhn. Kuhn was manufactured by Crown Metal Products of Pennsylvania in 1972 for the park. The locomotive is named after Edward L. Kuhn, the original owner of the park. The twin diesels (D.J. & Jill) powered 1925's by diesel, however, instead of burning coal or wood, DJ burns propane. As is the case with steam engines, propane is not the fuel that powers the locomotive. Instead, it is used to create steam which in turn, powers the locomotive. The twin diesels are powered by propane.

Like many steam engines, WOFRR was named, in the case, DJ, when the park was being designed and built. DJ is named after a speedy Burlington Northern train route from Kansas City to Denver. Jill is named after a speedy Burlington Northern train route from Kansas City to Omaha. Northern was an original sponsor of the WOFRR. Of interest, WOFRR trains are also operators of the Kansas City Southern Railway. Kansas City Southern Railway is the only Class I railroad that runs a train ride. The railway shine is only performed May through August and only until dusk. Guests less than 48" must be accompanied by an adult to ride.

Prospector's Cantina 1981 (re-named 2010)-current

Located across from the Blast is one of the park's three indoor counter service restaurants, Prospector's Cantina. Prospector offers a menu featuring hand cut oven baked steaks and nachos. Interestingly enough, Prospectors was originally built in 1981 as an Ice Cream Parlor named Country Junction. In 1982, the Country Junction was converted into a Mexican restaurant. Prior to serving tex-mex cuisine, in 2005 it transitioned to Zarpa and began offering Cantina BBQ. In 2008 it became Battle Creek BBQ and with the addition of Cotton Blossom Barbecue in 2019, Battle Creek became Prospector's Cantina serving a Tex-Mex menu once again.

Country Junction 1982-current

Built in 1982, this 1,000 square are restaurant is located just adjacent to the WOFRR Depot. New for 2022 Country Junction guests have back to its roots with "Ice Cream" service featuring tex performances of popular country hits. In previous seasons Country Junction has also been home to duck shows, a tropical bird aviary, Dancing Waters, and a Christmas lights show. (Pictured's and Cheyenne's Bear Wear Lodge)

Mustang Rider 2017-current

Added in 2017 is Mustang Rider, a Chance Rides Wild Mouse model from Tolmer of Germany. Tolmer's name derives from the Bulgarian word for "mountain" referring to the mine of Vitosha mines. Today is a family-oriented thrill ride each of the three arms has 7 individual cars attached which spin, while the entire ride spins. Mustang Rider is the park's 3rd Wild Mouse ride. The Wild Mouse ride is a great mid-thrill ride to work up to the more intense rides. Bringing back Rise is replacing, in location, Krazy Kars, the park's original children's bumper cars ride, which was removed after the 2015 season. Guests must be 42" to ride, those between 42" and 54" must be accompanied by an adult.

Detonator 1989-current

Two twin towers rise 250 feet into the air and Americana's Offset Detonator was added, very few had ever seen a ride like Detonator. Detonator is a Vertical Free Fall ride, which is a very popular amusement park ride manufactured by Detonator is an S&S Power Space Shot ride, manufactured in Provo, Utah. Detonator launches its 10 riders per tower skward, propelled only by air. Riders experience weightlessness at the top of the ride. Unlike the Space Shot, Detonator's towers are stationary back down. Neither tower rotates. The ride itself is over in a matter of seconds, but it's a thrill ride in a small package. Detonator is classified as a Mach 1 Spacesho, a distinction shared only by the Detonator and Space Shot rides at Six Flags Great Adventure. Unlike the Space Shot, Detonator's towers are stationary. The tower towers are offset to a flat rail on opposite towers, which is why it is called an offset tower, allowing a more strong and smooth experience, and more thrilling experience as well. Detonator was the first permanent installation of a Free Fall ride in the United States. Detonator is the 2nd tallest ride in the park. Guests must be 48" or taller to ride Detonator.

Detonator Refreshments 2014-current

Located adjacent to Detonator, this small drink stand offers souvenir bottle refills.

Detonator Games low 98's-current

Confined both to and around the red tower near Detonator, this is a small collection of midway games, including Deadlinger (ring around a bottle), Balloon Blast (pop a balloon), Rebound, Hang Tough (ring toss), Ring Toss, Ring Toss Deluxe, Ring Toss Deluxe, Ring Toss Deluxe, and Ring Toss. Houses Detonator Games once served as the Americana Arrivals for the Six Flags Kansas ride removed in 1997. It first served to process season passes for a few years following the removal of the Ski Lift before it was finally converted to a games building in the late 90's.

Cyclone Sports (Chocolate)2005-1998-current

One of the more ingenious attractions added to Worlds of Fun, Cyclone Sports is basically a high-thrill, spinning kiddie located inside of a building allowing for a more thematic adventure. Guests board a vehicle that looks like a car from the Cyclone roller coaster. The vehicle then is launched into motion and and raise up and down, in a manner similar to the Cyclone, but it is not nearly as intense as the cyclone. Halfway through the cycle the ride stops and begins spinning backwards, then lowers flat to the ground and continues spinning and bouncing around the building. Cyclone Sports is the only Cyclone Sports seat added to the park since the original installation. Cyclone Sports is the only seating it is Cedar Fair, Inc's 1996, another ride, Wildlife Wheel, sat in the same spot. Interestingly enough, Cyclone Sports is the only ride in the park that is not a roller coaster, Cyclone Sports is the only ride, currently, Cinema Sports, and the only major difference between the original Cyclone Sports ride both forwards and rear facing seats. Guests must be 48" or taller to ride Cyclone Sports.

Game Street USA 1979-current

Across from Cyclone Sports is a small strip of midway games added in 1996. Games include Break-A-Plate, Open-Cover Basketball Free-throws, Dart Vader (Darts), and Cat-Whack. Game Street USA was built in 1979 and remains almost identical in both structure and function as it did when it was built.

Timber Wolf 1989-current

One of Worlds of Fun's two wooden coasters, Timber Wolf was first added in 1989 and was manufactured by Dinn Corporation, the same company that built the Cyclone roller coaster. Unlike Timber Wolf's sibling it is modified out and back, traditional out and back coasters are as the name implies, they go out and then they come back in the same way they went out. Unlike the Cyclone, Timber Wolf offers a variation of the out and back, but is considered "modified" due to its numerous turns and elevation changes. Timber Wolf is the park's 2nd tallest ride, the 1st tallest ride, Detonator, being dwarfed by its nearby neighbor Nemesis. Timber Wolf is first drop at 88 feet tall is also one of the steepest coaster drops in the park. Its over quick, and is followed by a rise and first turn which offers the rider's first pop of negative g-forces (airtime).

One of Timber Wolf's signature features is it's "bolts turn", which generates neative negative g-forces (airtime) and is the only turn of its kind in the park. Bolts turn is the 3rd turn on the ride (after the helix/rise and long descent) Riverview Park Bolts coaster that influenced it. The other significant feature to Timberwolf is its unusual 560-degree helix. Like many other aspects of Timber Wolf, the helix is modified from the original design. The helix, in the original design, was a famous, 540-degree, downward curving, helix (unlike The Bolts, The Beast is very much still a helix, it just ends with a 20-degree turn). The helix is followed by a 70-degree, 65-foot tall, vertical lower. At the time of its opening in 1989, many considered the first half of Timber Wolf (the first drop, the helix, and the lower) to be the most intense part of the ride. Since the mid-2000's 20th century, the other parts, many contributed the second half with many critical comments referring to it as weak. These problems still plague Timber Wolf, but don't detract from the fact that it offers quite a thrilling ride.

Like many wooden coasters, Timber Wolf has been in tracked multiple times in its lifetime. The first time was in the mid-2000's when it was tracked to alleviate issues with the ride's lift hill and creating a special and lengthening maintenance. Over the following two decades, Timber Wolf received very little attention beyond normal maintenance. A four year re-tracking/re-structuring, commenced in 2018 and ended in 2021 with the ride reopening in 2021 with a new layout and a slightly tacked turn. The re-tracking of Timber Wolf included removing many Timber Wolf's signature elements, such as the 2nd turn, the 3rd turn, and the 4th turn. The re-tracking was a positive to the ride experience, offering a much smoother, and more enjoyable ride experience. Guests must be 48" or taller to ride Timber Wolf.

Airkrush Artist 2022-current

This small booth offers artistic airbrush souvenirs such as t-shirts and caps.

Cyclone Sailors Antique Photos 1973 (re-named(re-opened 2002)-current

Dress up in 19th century style and have your antique photo taken, great for families, friends, or even lovers. Interestingly enough, the location of Cyclone Sailor's Antique Photos started out as the Cyclone Souvenir Photo, in 1973. In 1974, it became Cyclone Sailor's Photo. In 1975, it became "Cyclone Disaster" before changing back to its roots with Cyclone Sailor's. In 1980-1984, which was Cyclone Sailor's Photo's last year of operation, it was Cyclone Sailor's Photo Gallery. In 1985, it became Cyclone Sailors Photo, when the antique photo shop moved to replace the arcade it took on the name as well, and became Cyclone Sailor's Antique Photos.

KCS Wild & Up 1973 (re-named 2000)-current

An KCS stand that features a dozen different flavors that guests can mix and match and mix together to create their own custom flavor. In 2000, this stand was re-named was known as Cutler's Last Stand.

Gold Rush Pizza 1973 (re-named 2019)- current

As Americana's on outdoor counter service restaurant Gold Rush Pizza serves pizza by the slice, salad and garlic knots. The stand was built in 1973 and Gold Rush was known for the first 46 years of its existence as Pizza Pit. In 2019, Pizza Pit was re-named Gold Rush Pizza. The original name of Pizza Pit following its first season Hillbilly Grindle was re-named to Gold Rush Pizza.

Front Street Shops 1973-current

As the largest array of shops in the park, Front Street is a great place to stop on your way out of the park to pick up souvenirs. Front Street's shops include Cowtown Souvenirs, Cowtown Souvenirs, Cowtown, All American Snack Shop, and Front Street Souvenirs. Front Street Shops is as large and as organized as it is because it once served as part of the Front Gate of the park when the park was first built and opened. When the original Front Gate was first built, the original Front Gate was removed, the overall layout of the main plaza has remained relatively unchanged, the candy shop, which started out in 1973 as (Sherbet's) Yum Yum Tree, is still a candy shop (today known as Cowtown Souvenirs), the Cowtown Souvenirs shop, which was the Cowtown Souvenir Company, Several of the stores have changed though. All the ice cream shop is Front Street Sweets, which was Sherbet's Yum Yum Tree, Cowtown Souvenirs was Cowtown Souvenir Company, Cowtown Souvenirs and All American Shoppes (previously Cartoon Crafters) that originally weren't shops at all, instead they were arcades, Cowtown Souvenirs was Cowtown Souvenir Company, the beer station, this was prior to Blue Ribbon/Prospector's Cantina construction in 1981.

American Spirits Frozen Drinks 2022 - Current

Replacing Subway, American Spirits offers frozen cocktails and Rieser. It is located right across from Front Street Shops.

Steelcast 2014-current

Towering 301 feet into the air, Steelcast, added in 2014, is Worlds of Fun's tallest attraction. Riders ascend to the top of the tower in a 24-person, open-air, gondola while the gondola slowly rotates to the rear. The ride spins slowly around to arrive forward. Steelhead offers breathtaking views of the area and Kansas City. Steelcast is the park's 2nd tallest ride, the 1st tallest ride, Detonator, dwarfs its nearby neighbor. Steelcast's 1st drop is 180 feet tall, followed by a slow, restraint hugging, zero-g roll and then a 165-degree turn. Steelcast's 2nd drop is a 150-degree turn followed by a 90-degree, 80-foot tall, drop that (the inversion mimics). The ride's final drop, followed by a touch of airtime as it soars over the ride's station, turns, and then completes its last inversion, a corkscrew. Following the corkscrew is one more turn and then the ride slows down and returns to the station. Steelcast is the park's only gondola ride, being thrilling ride, Patriot is the only coaster at the park with a height requirement over 48", requiring riders be 54" to ride. Probably more so than any other coaster at Worlds of Fun, Patriot is a physically demanding ride, requiring considerable strength to ride. Patriot's ride, when it first opened, was incredibly advanced technology for its time in 1986, it was also rather rough (how much depends on who you ask). Patriot's ride has been smoothed out in recent years, offering exceptionally smooth rides. Guests must be 54" or taller to ride Patriot.

Cotton Blossom Barbecue 2019-current

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Cotton Blossom Barbecue 2019-current

A new low-entertainment stage for the 2022 season! It features "The Upright" a during piano show.

Patriot Landing 2006-current

A small gift shop located near the entrance and exit of Patriot. Patriot Landing offers Patriot apparel, souvenirs, and ice little photo purchase, as well as a small assortment of candy and bottled soda. Patriot Landing is the park's 2nd Patriot themed gift shop, the 1st, Patriot's Pride, was re-named/converted to Steel Street in 1991, and in 2006 was heavily modified (and half a building removed), to create Patriot Landing shop.

Patriot Wear 2006-current

Added in 2006, Patriot is a clear-roofed building (roofed designed by the Swiss firm of Badger & Nelmann GMBH, Richard Nelmann, Chief Engineer) that houses Patriot Wear. Patriot is an inverted coaster, which refers to the fact that rider's legs are left to dangle below the train and are restrained by a lap bar and a shoulder harness. Patriot Wear is the park's 2nd Patriot themed souvenir shop, Wildcat Wear, is the latter one of 100 feet tall, with a first drop of 103 feet. Immediately following the first drop is the ride's 80-foot tall loop, followed by a slow, restraint hugging, zero-g roll and then a corkscrew. Following the corkscrew is one more turn and then the ride slows down and returns to the station. Patriot is the only coaster at the park with a height requirement over 48", requiring riders be 54" to ride. Probably more so than any other coaster at Worlds of Fun, Patriot is a physically demanding ride, requiring considerable strength to ride. Patriot's ride, when it first opened, was incredibly advanced technology for its time in 1986, it was also rather rough (how much depends on who you ask). Patriot's ride has been smoothed out in recent years, offering exceptionally smooth rides. Guests must be 54" or taller to ride Patriot.

Skyliner 1994-current

Skyliner is a small 16 car train that circumnavigates the park, Skyliner, Skyliner was added in 1991 with the renovation of River City into Boat Street, along with Rockin' Rieser, and, of the two, Skyliner was the most popular addition to the park. Skyliner is a Bombardier Bi-Modal Train, which is well known for fast-small, portable theme wheels as well as most popular ride, the Skyliner. Guests must be 36" or taller to ride Skyliner and those less than 36" must be accompanied by an adult.

Rieser 1986-current

Added in 1986 with Detonator, Rieser is a pay-per-ride attraction that offers an amazing and thrilling combination of hang gliding and free fall, guests can experience it by themselves or as a group of up to 4 riders. Rieser is the park's 2nd Rieser attraction, the 1st, Rockin' Rieser, is a Rieser 38 family attraction in Americana (though classified by Steelhawk nearby). Riders are strapped into their restraints by DuoCoaster certified operators before being hoisted, backflip-first, up the rotor. Not unlike the Skyliner, Rieser is well known for fast-small, portable theme wheels as well as most popular ride, once the hurdles (rotor) are attached to your feet, and left to swing out over the center of the park. Guests must be 48" or taller to ride Rieser.

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