

Worlds of Fun Tour of the Park 2017 Edition

**Scandinavia Africa Europa Americana Planet
Snoopy The Orient**

Please be aware that this page is currently under construction and each ride and attraction will be expanded in the future to include its own separate page with additional photos and details.

Scandinavia

Since the entrance to the park is causing a significant change to the layout and attractions to Scandinavia please be aware this entry will not be entirely accurate until the park opens in spring 2017

Scandinavia Main Gate 2017-current



In 2017 the entire Scandinavian gate was rebuilt and redesigned, complete with the iconic Worlds of Fun hot air balloon, and Guest Relations that may be entered by guests from both inside and outside the park. The new gate replaces the original Scandinavian gate built in 1973 and expanded in 1974 to serve as the park's secondary or back gate. With the removal of the main Americana gate in 1999, the Scandinavian gate began serving as the main gate.

Grand Pavilion 2017-current



Located directly off to the left following the main entrance, the Grand Pavilion added in 2017 serves as the park's largest picnic and group catering facility. Visible from the walkway from the back parking lots the Grand Pavilion is bright and open featuring several large picnic pavilions for catering events as well as its own catering kitchen. It replaces the park's group catering facilities added in the 1980's, Tivoli Terrace Central and West. Fascinating enough, and surprisingly so, the land the Grand Pavilion sits on previously served as the park's dump.

Worlds of Fun Rentals 2017-current



Located directly to the right as guests enter the park, rentals offers wheelchairs, scooters, strollers and lockers rentals. Rentals are available on a first come first serve basis.

Photo Memories 2017-current



Purchase your photo memory of your day at Worlds of Fun here! Photo Memories also offers a small selection of souvenirs as well.

Grand Carrousel 2011-current



Built in 1926 by M.C. Illions of Coney Island, NY (though the sign in front of the Attraction states 1918), it was built originally for the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial. Each of the 64 jumping horses was hand carved and in true Coney Island flamboyant style, and contains actual 24-carat gold flakes in the gold

paint that adorns the horses manes and tails. After 1926, the carousel was moved to Birmingham, Alabama for a short period. In 1937, it was permanently moved to Geauga Lake in Ohio, where it operated for the next eighty years, until the park closed for good in 2007. Geauga Lake had been bought by Cedar Fair a few years prior, the company that has also owned and operated Worlds of Fun since 1995. At the time of Geauga Lake's closing, Cedar Fair opted to have the carousel put in storage while its future was considered. In 2010, it was announced the carousel had been handed off to Carousel Works in Ohio to be refurbished, and then installed at Worlds of Fun for spring 2011. As an interesting side note- when the carousel operated at Geauga Lake, it featured a rather unusual rocking mechanism on each horse, giving this classic carousel an even more unique twist. The rocking mechanism was removed, due to liability and safety issues, when the carousel was installed at Worlds of Fun. Guests less than 46" tall must be accompanied by an adult.

Festhaus 2011- Current

The Festhaus Picnic Pavilion was originally added in 1985, replacing the Schussboomer roller coaster. The original blue and white tent also incorporated the original wooden trellis from Schussboomer's queue house as its entrance. For 2011, the tent was removed and the Grand Carrousel placed in its original location. The Festhaus was rebuilt as a permanent wooden structure adjacent to the Grand Carrousel.

Nordic Nook 2006-current



Next to The Grand Carrousel is this small snack stand, which features turkey legs, brats, corn on the cob, and sodas.

Pizzo Pizza mid-1980's-current



Pizzo Pizza is a small counter service restaurant located just across from Nordic Nook. Pizzo Pizza offers individual slices of pizza or full 16" size pizzas.

Fjord Fjarlane 1982 (moved/renamed 1991)-current



Fjord Fjarlane is a small blue circular ride located just adjacent to Baltic Bazaar. Riders board one of 14 cars that spin around a central hub and are slightly raised in the air on each rotation. Often thought to be manufactured by Huss Rides of Germany (model name: Swing Around), Fjord Fjarlane is actually an off-brand that is incredibly similar to the Huss version. Fjord Fjarlane started its life at Worlds of Fun in 1982 when it was added as part of the new River City section in Americana known then as the River City Rampage. With the addition of Beat Street in 1991, River City Rampage was moved to Scandinavia and renamed Fjord Fjarlane. Guests less than 48" tall must be accompanied by an adult to ride.

Plaza Gifts 1973 (renamed/repurposed 2012)-current



A souvenir and gift shop located near the Scandinavia park gate, Plaza Gifts features t-shirts, stuffed animals, retro merchandise, candy, and more. Plaza Gifts is an original structure to the park, but only recently, in 2012, did it become a retail location. Prior to 2012 it was an arcade, and opened in 1973 as the Arctic Arcade- its name was changed to Scandi Skees in the mid-1980's.

Chickie & Pete's 1973 (renamed 2014)-current



One of three indoor counter service restaurants in the park, Chickie and Pete's offers a scenic overlook of Viking Voyagers final drop, and offers chicken fingers, crab fries, and other typical bar and grill-type food. Like Plaza Gifts, Chickie & Pete's is an original structure to the park opening as Smorborg Cafeteria. In the mid-1980's, Smorborg transitioned to a full-service restaurant known as Inn of the Four Winds. With Cedar Fair's purchase of the park in 1995, Inn the Four Winds lost its Scandinavian

theme and became All Stars Grill. Finally, in 2014 it became Chickie & Pete's.

Norma's Funnel Cakes 2017-current



Located right next to Chickie & Pete's, Norma's offers that favorite of amusement park treat, the Funnel Cake available with a variety of toppings available. Interesting enough, The original Norma's, added to Baltic Bazaar in 1977, was named after Norma Hunt, the wife of the late Lamar Hunt.

Viking Voyager 1973-current



A classic family flume ride, Voyager has been thrilling riders since opening day on May 26, 1973. Riders board a Viking flume boat and take on the high seas, all ending with an over 40-foot slash down drop. Voyager was manufactured by Arrow Development of Mountainview, California. During the time period Voyager was built Arrow, flumes were incredibly popular installations and it's hard to think of a single park that opened in the 1970's that did not have an Arrow flume. In the four decades that have passed, many Arrow flumes have been removed to make way for larger, more thrilling coasters, and the classic Arrow flume becomes more rare with each passing season. Today, like in the 1970's, the Arrow flume still provides a fun, family friendly, slightly thrilling ride making it a perfect fit for a family theme park. Thankfully, the park has begun to appreciate its importance as a signature classic ride and Voyager has received several major updates over the past few years including a complete update to its control system in 2016. (Prior to 2016 it was still operating on its control system from 1973). Guests must be 36" or taller to ride Voyager and those under 46" must be accompanied by an adult.

The Lift 1973 (renamed 2009)-current



Located just across from Voyager is The Lift, a gift shop specializing in young adult-specific merchandise such as Fox Racing, Under Armour, and Roxy. The Lift is an original structure to the park, and has always been a retail location. Prior to being called The Lift, it was known as Norseman's Niceties, offering standard park souvenirs. The name and shop was renovated in 2009.

Steadman Plaza 1985 (removed 1999-2000)-current



Located just outside of The Lift is Steadman Plaza, a small concrete ring, with a plaque dedicated to one of the park's founders and visionaries, Jack Steadman. The plaque to Jack Steadman was at one time surrounded by a ring of handprints in concrete. However, when the memorial was removed in 1999 from the park, the handprints were removed. The plaque was re-added in the same location in 2000.

Tivoli Music Hall 1973-current



Tivoli Music Hall is currently used only in the spring and fall, and otherwise sits empty during the summer months. During the spring it is home to the park's annual Choir & Band Festivals (dating back to 1974). During the fall, it is typically home to a Haunt theater show; in the last three years, that has meant Ed Alonzo's Fun House/Magic Show. Prior to 2011, Tivoli was home to a summer musical revue show, which changed theme and productions almost every year. A complete listing of Tivoli Shows

through the years will be coming soon.

Coca-Cola Freestyle 1980's-current



A small stand located adjacent to the entrance of Viking Voyager, guests can refill their souvenir drink bottles here, or purchase a soda. Interesting side note: this stand was originally built in the 80's to sell Encyclopedia Britannica.

Finnish Fling 1973-current



This small footprint of a ride is another Worlds of Fun original, in that it opened with the park on May 26, 1973. It's a very simple ride in principle. Riders board and are instructed to stand along the inside of the ride's interior drum. When the drum begins to spin, it increases to a maximum speed of 33 RPM, and at this point the floor drops out, leaving riders stuck to the wall by centrifugal force. Finnish Fling was manufactured by Chance Rides, and is classified as a Rotor; at the time of its production, Rotor rides were located in almost every park in the country- they were incredibly popular. To our knowledge, there are less than a half a dozen Rotors left operating in the United States, with Fling being the only operating Rotor in the Cedar Fair chain of parks, making Finnish Fling an incredibly rare ride. Riders less than 46" tall must be accompanied by an adult.

Scandi Scrambler 1973 (moved/renamed 2014)-current



Located right next to Fling is another original ride, the Scandi (or Scandia) Scrambler. Scramblers, unlike Rotors, were and still are incredibly popular, and are found in almost every amusement park and traveling carnival. Scrambler is a circular ride that moves in an egg beater-like fashion. Its popularity stems from the fact that it's a little thrilling, but also fun, making it enjoyable by almost everyone. Scandi Scrambler, like all Scrambler rides, was manufactured by ELI Bridge Corporation of Jacksonville, Illinois, the same company that built the Skyliner Ferris Wheel. Also, of interest, though Scrambler is currently in its original location, that was not the case for many years. From 2007 until 2014, Scrambler was relocated to Americana, in Camp Snoopy, while its original location in Scandinavia was home to the Octopus. With the removal of Octopus in 2014, Scrambler was returned to its original site, was given a massive renovation complete with colorful light package, and renamed Scandi Scrambler.

Riders must be at least 36" tall to ride, those less than 48" must be accompanied by an adult.

Sea Dragon 1994-current



Located right across the midway from Scrambler is Sea Dragon, a traditional swinging ship ride, appropriately Viking-themed. Added in 1994, it was one of the last attractions added to the park by Hunt Midwest, who sold the park in mid-1995. Sea Dragon was added to replace the Victrix, a full scale, 4-masted schooner ship that had been removed in 1993 due to deterioration. Guests less than 48" must be accompanied by an adult.

Chicken Shack 1973 (renamed 2013)-current



Next to Sea Dragon is this outdoor counter service restaurant. Very rarely open, when it is, Chicken

Shack serves chicken fingers, wraps, and fries. Chicken Shack is an original food service location to the park but prior to the late 90's was named Nordic Nook. In the late 90's, it along with many other attractions, fell victim to name generalization and became known as Chicken Patio. In 2005 it was renamed to Sunset Strips, in 2009 it was renamed again to Tyke Town Cafe, in 2012 to Oslo's (the only rename to be appropriately themed), and in 2013 to Chicken Shack.

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