Worlds of Fun Tour of the Park 2024 Edition

Scandinavia Africa Europa Americana Planet **Snoopy East Asia/The Orient**

IN 2019 Scandinavia was divided up into International Plaza area and Scandinavia proper. In 2023, International Plaza was further re-named to Gateway Gardens. For continuity's sake we are continuing to combine both areas under Scandinavia.

Scandinavia/Gateway Gardens

Historical Tour of the Park Versions



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.



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.



Located directly to the right as guests enter the park, rentals offers wheelchairs, scooters, strollers



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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.



show from 2018-2023. In 2024 it has no full season shows on the schedule at this time.



Fjörd Fjärlane is a small blue circular ride located just to the main gate. 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), Fjörd Fjärlane is actually an off-brand that is incredibly similar to the Huss version. Fjörd Fjärlane 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 Fjörd Fjärlane. Guests less than 46" tall must be accompanied by an adult to ride.





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 1984.

Gateway Pizza 2022 - current



They also offer salads, "monsterella" sticks, and gluten-free pizza. Gateway Pizza replaces Chickie & Pete's (which opened in 1973 as Smorbord) and uses a portion of its original structure.

Norma's Funnel Cakes 2017-current



added to Baltic Bazaar in 1977, was named after Norma Hunt, the wife of the late Lamar Hunt. Viking Voyager 1973-current



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 began 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. **Tivoli Music Hall 1973-current**



also home to a summer musical revue show, which changed theme and productions almost every year. A complete listing of the summer Tivoli Shows is available by clicking on the above link. **Swedish Sipping Chalet 1980's-current**







Located right next to Nordic Chaser is an original ride, the Scandi (or Scandia) Scrambler.

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.

Scrambers are incredibly popular rides and are found in almost every amusement park and traveling carnival. The 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.

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.