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Trivia About Kings Island

- Susan Perkins, “Miss America of 1978,” worked as a live shows performer at Kings Island.
- When the park’s famous replica Eiffel Tower was originally painted, in 1972, it took 1,000 gallons of paint.
- The park’s famous carousel was originally at Old Coney Island. The carousel was manufactured by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company, Philadelphia, in 1926. During the 1937 flood, when it was in operation at Coney Island, some of the horses were swept down the river. A reward was offered for them, or pieces of them, and parts were returned from as far away as Memphis, TN. In 1968, the carousel was completely restored and it took one man, Bill Tull, seven months to hand paint the horses.
- What was the last year the Ski Ride was in operation? 1977
- What was the original name of the Fairly Odd Coaster? Scooby Doo
- Kings Island uses more than 2,000,000 gallons of water per day. BoomerangBay Waterpark Resort uses 800,000 gallons; The Wild Thornberry’s River Adventure uses 400,000 gallons; the White Water Canyon, 1,000,000 gallons. All of the water on these rides is re-circulated and filtered each day. The Royal Fountain holds 600,000 gallons of water, which is also re-circulated. There are 208 lights at the bottom of the fountains, and these are multi-colored, for use at night.
- Susan Kay Johnson, “Miss Ohio of 1987,” worked as a live shows performer at Kings Island.
- Every year a total of 5,000 gallons of paint are used to refurbish the park.

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- In 2007, Kings Island visitors brought big appetites with them to the park. They consumed:
 - More than 600,000 gallons of soft drinks, or enough to fill the International Street Royal Fountain.
 - Talk about salad – they ate 33 tons of lettuce and 51 tons of tomatoes.
 - One potato, two potato ... visitors ate 201 tons of French fries.

- The most unusual events at the park since it opened:
 - 1974 – at grand opening ceremonies the park’s third year featured a record-breaking high wire walk by 69 year-old Karl Wallenda. He set a new world’s record by walking 1,700 feet in the air on a wire stretched between two cranes on International Street. He took 1,149 steps in 29 minutes to achieve the dangerous feat.
 - 1975 – Daredevil Evel Knievel successfully jumped over 14 Greyhound buses on a motorcycle, in the Kings Island parking lot. The event was televised by ABC-TV’s “Wide World of Sports” and received the highest rating in the show’s history.
 - 1976 – One of America’s most unusual Bicentennial Celebrations that year took place at Kings Island when band leader, Paul Revere, was married on July 4 in front of the park’s American Heritage Music Hall (now named Kings Island Theater). All members of his Raiders band were dressed in authentic American Revolutionary uniforms.
 - 1977 – A fun-filled promotion at the end of the season was called The Peanut Olympics. President Jimmy Carter’s brother, Billy, was captain of one team, and Yogi Bear, captain of the other. It was a two-day event, involving such creative events as a peanut butter sandwich-building contest. Billy’s team of radio disc jockeys came in first.

- Since Kings Island opened in 1972, more than 1 billion riders have enjoyed Kings Island’s diverse rides.

- How long is the Royal Fountain? 320 feet long

- How many gallons of water does the Royal Fountain propel into the air per minute? 10,000 gallons of water into the air per minute

- What movie was filmed at Kings Island? Wild Horses

- On a typical summer day the park will sell 44,500 Cokes, 15,000 orders of fries, 58,000 slices of pepperoni pizza and 46,000 slices of cheese pizza.

- It takes over 4,000 gallons of stain to repaint The Beast roller coaster.

- A total of 4 million, 750 tons of steel was used to construct the Vortex in 1987.

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