

# THEME PARKS

## MAGAZINE

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### **WINNERS OF *THEME PARKS MAGAZINE*'S FOURTH ANNUAL**

#### **"READERS' CHOICE AWARDS" ANNOUNCED**

*Cedar Point voted favorite park for fourth straight year.*

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. -- The results of *Theme Parks Magazine*'s fourth annual Readers' Choice Awards are in and, for the fourth year in a row, readers have selected Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio as "America's Favorite Amusement Park." Rounding out the top three amusement parks in the nation are Kennywood (West Mifflin, Pa.) and the Magic Kingdom at the Walt Disney World Resort (Orlando, Fla.).

Votes were cast by *Theme Parks Magazine* readers from across the globe in categories such as "Favorite Park," "Most Beautiful Park," "Cleanest Park," "Best Park for Families," "Favorite Roller Coaster" and more in what could be called the amusement industry's version of the People's Choice Awards. In addition, readers had the opportunity to vote for their favorite water parks, live entertainment and the best new ride of 2007.

Cedar Point's Millennium Force was chosen as the nation's top steel roller coaster for the fourth year in a row while The Beast at Kings Island holds on to its title as top wooden roller coaster. Other winners in this year's awards include Busch Gardens Europe ("Most Beautiful Park"), Epcot ("Best Food"), Disney's Animal Kingdom ("Best Themed Attraction") and Disney's Typhoon Lagoon ("Favorite Water Park"). For the complete Readers' Choice Awards results visit [www.ThemeParksMagazine.com](http://www.ThemeParksMagazine.com).

*Theme Parks Magazine* made its debut in November 2003 as the only print magazine inviting its readers to "Discover America's Theme Parks." With the average park visitor in mind, each issue of *Theme Parks Magazine* features eye-catching photographs, in-depth park guides, feature stories and attraction profiles from a wide array of amusement destinations. *Theme Parks Magazine* is available annually for \$20 (\$30 for Canadian subscribers).

For additional information about *Theme Parks Magazine*, the Readers' Choice Awards, or to obtain a free copy of the publication, contact an editor at 816-257-1246 or via e-mail to [editor@themeparksmagazine.com](mailto:editor@themeparksmagazine.com).

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# THEME PARKS MAGAZINE'S 2007 READERS' CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

## TOP WOODEN ROLLER COASTERS

RANK	COASTER	PARK	LOCATION	OPENED
1.	The Beast	Kings Island	Kings Mills, Ohio	1979
2.	El Toro	Six Flags Great Adventure	Jackson, N.J.	2006
3.	The Voyage	Holiday World	Santa Claus, Ind.	2006
4.	Lightning Racer	Hersheypark	Hershey, Pa.	2000
5.	Thunderhead	Dollywood	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.	2004
6.	Hades	Mt. Olympus Theme Park	Wisconsin Dells, Wis.	2005
7.	Phoenix	Knoebel's Amusement Resort	Elysburg, Pa.	1985
8.	Boulder Dash	Lake Compounce	Bristol, Conn.	2000
9.	Coney Island Cyclone	Astroland	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1927
10.	Shivering Timbers	Michigan's Adventure	Muskegon, Mich.	1998

## TOP STEEL ROLLER COASTERS

RANK	COASTER	PARK	LOCATION	OPENED
1.	Millennium Force	Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	2000
2.	Superman: Ride of Steel	Six Flags New England	Agawam, Mass.	2000
3.	Apollo's Chariot	Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	1999
4.	Top Thrill Dragster	Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	2003
5.	Maverick	Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	2007
6.	Griffon	Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	2007
7.	Nitro	Six Flags Great Adventure	Jackson, N.J.	2001
8.	Alpengeist	Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	1997
9.	The Incredible Hulk	Islands of Adventure	Orlando, Fla.	1999
10.	Phantom's Revenge	Kennywood	West Mifflin, Pa.	2001

## FAVORITE AMUSEMENT OR THEME PARK

Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	33%
Kennywood	West Mifflin, Pa.	10%
Magic Kingdom	Orlando, Fla.	6%

## FAVORITE WATER PARK

Typhoon Lagoon	Orlando, Fla.	25%
Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort	New Braunfels, Texas	17%
Blizzard Beach	Orlando, Fla.	8%

## FAVORITE PARK FOR THRILLS

Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	66%
Six Flags Great Adventure	Jackson, N.J.	9%
Six Flags Magic Mountain	Valencia, Calif.	5%

## BEST VALUE

Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	24%
Holiday World	Santa Claus, Ind.	(tie) 13%
Knoebel's Amusement Resort	Elysburg, Pa.	(tie) 13%

## FAVORITE PARK FOR FAMILIES

Magic Kingdom	Orlando, Fla.	36%
Hersheypark	Hershey, Pa.	13%
Kennywood	West Mifflin, Pa.	9%

## BEST FOOD

Epcot	Orlando, Fla.	29%
Knoebel's Amusement Resort	Elysburg, Pa.	18%
Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	(tie) 11%
Dollywood	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.	(tie) 11%

## FAVORITE PARK FOR KIDS

Magic Kingdom	Orlando, Fla.	37%
Legoland California	Carlsbad, Calif.	(tie) 14%
Idlewild	Ligonier, Pa.	(tie) 14%

## FRIENDLIEST STAFF

Magic Kingdom	Orlando, Fla.	36%
Holiday World	Santa Claus, Ind.	21%
Dollywood	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.	13%

## MOST BEAUTIFUL PARK

Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	57%
Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	(tie) 6%
Epcot	Orlando, Fla.	(tie) 6%

## BEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Disney's Hollywood Studios	Orlando, Fla.	20%
Dollywood	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.	13%
Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	11%

## CLEANEST PARK

Magic Kingdom	Orlando, Fla.	21%
Holiday World	Santa Claus, Ind.	19%
Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	15%

## BEST SEASONAL EVENT

HalloWeekends (Cedar Point)	Sandusky, Ohio	17%
Howl-O-Scream (Busch Gardens)	Williamsburg, Va.	(tie) 11%
Mickey's Very Merry	Orlando, Fla.	(tie) 11%
Christmas Party (Magic Kingdom)		

## BEST WATER RIDE OR ATTRACTION

Splash Mountain	26%
Magic Kingdom (Orlando, Fla.)	
Dudley Do-Right's Ripsaw Falls	15%
Universal's Islands of Adventure (Orlando, Fla.)	
Escape from Pompeii	8%
Busch Gardens Europe (Williamsburg, Va.)	

## BEST THEMED RIDE OR ATTRACTION

Expedition Everest - Legend of the Forbidden Mountain	30%
Disney's Animal Kingdom (Orlando, Fla.)	
The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror	12%
Disney's Hollywood Studios (Orlando, Fla.)	
Curse of DarKastle	7%
Busch Gardens Europe (Williamsburg, Va.)	

## FAVORITE "NEW FOR 2007" RIDE OR ATTRACTION

RANK	RIDE/ATTRACTION	PARK	LOCATION	%	RIDE TYPE
1.	Maverick	Cedar Point	Sandusky, Ohio	36%	Launched Intamin steel coaster
2.	Griffon	Busch Gardens Europe	Williamsburg, Va.	31%	B&M dive coaster
3.	Mystery Mine	Dollywood	Pigeon Forge, Tenn.	11%	Gerstlauer Euro-Fighter coaster