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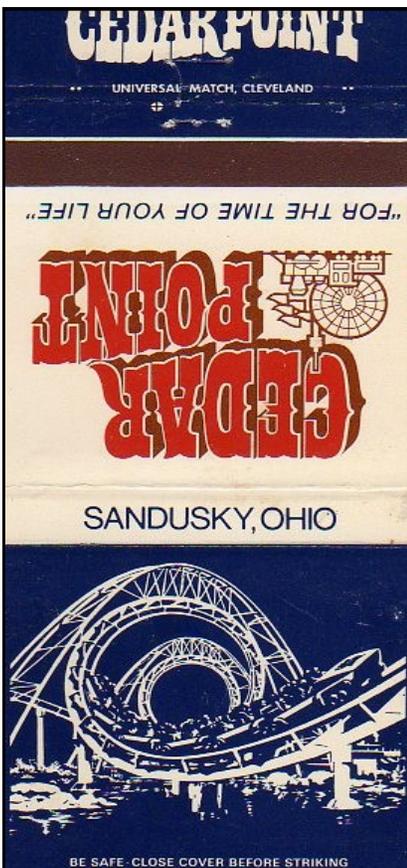


Sandusky's Cedar Point

Cedar Point is a 364-acre amusement park located on a Lake Erie peninsula in Sandusky, Ohio. Opened in 1870, it is the second-oldest operating amusement park in the United States behind Lake Compounce. It is the flagship park of Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, who owns and operates the park. Known as "America's Roller Coast", Cedar Point features a world-record 72 rides, including 16 roller coasters making it the park tied with Canada's Wonderland for the second-most roller coasters in the world. Its newest roller coaster, GateKeeper, opened in May 2013.

Cedar Point's normal operating season runs from mid-May until Labor Day, when the park is open daily. The park is then open only on weekends until the end of October for HalloWeekends, a Halloween event. Other attractions near the park include a one mile-long white-sand beach, an outdoor water park called Soak City, an indoor water park called Castaway Bay, an area known as Challenge Park, two marinas, and several nearby resorts.

The park has reached several milestones. It is the only amusement park in the world with four roller coasters taller than 200 feet – Magnum XL-200, Millennium Force, Wicked Twister, and Top Thrill Dragster – and is the only park with roller coasters in all four height classifications. Cedar Point has also received the Golden Ticket Award for "Best Amusement Park in the World" from *Amusement Today* for the past 15 years. As of 2012, the park is the most visited seasonal amusement park in the United States with an estimated 3.22 million visitors in 2012. The park also has several buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Cedar Point owns and operates six resorts located either on park grounds or less than a mile away. Most of the resorts are within walking distance of the Cedar Point Beach. All facilities are non-smoking, and all Cedar Point Resort guests can enter the park one hour before it opens to the general public. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedar_Point]

