

American Theme Parks

American Theme Parks follows regional park news and publishes source summaries, explainers and occasional editorials.

New attractions, seasonal events, admission changes and park operations at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Kings Dominion, Carowinds and Dollywood, with related coverage across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast.

NEWS / ATTRACTIONS

Return to Corkscrew Hill is planned for 2027

An announced return at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, with sourced plans and the visitor details still to come.

[Read the brief](#)

NEWS / PASSES

One 2027 Gold Pass, two regional parks

A Kings Dominion and Carowinds comparison of first-use rules, parking and meal-plan limits, including how early meal use affects the allowance.

[Read the comparison](#)

NEWS / SEASONAL EVENTS

The 2026 regional fall calendar

Four parks' dates and admission distinctions, with updates on BGW's chaperone policy and Dollywood's separately ticketed Boo Bash.

[Read the calendar](#)

OPINION / ADMISSION

Which scares are included?

An ATP editorial arguing for clearer Halloween ticket descriptions, with the underlying admission terms linked.

[Read the editorial](#)

RESEARCH / POSTED WAITS

Does staying later cut the wait?

A five-ride Magic Kingdom study with frozen source files, an interactive chart and a dated review of source identities and data limits.

[Explore the study](#)

We link to original reporting and identify operator announcements as such. Opinion is labeled. Hosted admission and other material benefits are disclosed in the relevant coverage; parks may supply factual corrections, while editorial conclusions remain ours. We do not agree to mandatory positive coverage.

This is an early publication portfolio. Verified audience figures and a monitored editorial contact will be added when available.

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