



Top 10 Amusement Parks

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It's summertime! That means that parents have extra time to spend with their children and what better way to engage in classic fun with [family](#) and friends than to visit an amusement park. We asked Travel Channel fans to tell us their favorite water, amusement and theme park picks. Take a look at your these fun picks -- perfect summer trip ideas to fit every budget.



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Cedar Point

Sandusky, Ohio

Touting itself as the roller coaster capital of the world, Cedar Point's 17 coasters will ensure you're riding all day. Enthusiastic reader Alicia Goettemoeller describes the park as an "adrenaline junkie's paradise," while reader Nick Schuyler says it is "built for grown-up kids."



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Knoebels

Elysburg, Pennsylvania

This old-fashioned amusement park is a must for nostalgic types as well as the budget conscious -- admittance and parking are free of charge. Reader Tracy Ginsburg Maier says "a family of 4 can eat, swim and ride all day for \$100" at Knoebels.



Disney

Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom

Lake Buena Vista, Florida

No list of amusement parks would be complete without the happiest place on earth, Disney's Magic Kingdom. Transport yourself back to your childhood with a trip to Space Mountain, or say hello to one of your favorite Disney characters.



Schlitterbahn

Schlitterbahn Water Park

New Braunfels, Texas

Spread across 65 acres, Schlitterbahn has held the *Amusement Today* title for best water park for the past 13 years. It features an uphill water coaster ride, beaches, surfing, and more.



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Universal's Islands of Adventure

Orlando, Florida

Although most people associate Universal's Islands of Adventure with the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, the park also has a number of roller coasters, 3-D rides and nearby restaurants and nightlife. Don't forget to try the wizarding non-alcoholic beverage, butterbeer!



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Six Flags Magic Mountain

Valencia, California

This park kicked Cedar Point out of its top spot ranking as the amusement park with the most roller coasters. Six Flags Magic Mountain has 18 coasters, including the Green Lantern. Located near Los Angeles, the park also has plenty of Hollywood flair for those who prefer to stay on the ground.



King's Island

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Mason, Ohio

King's Island is one of the most visited theme parks in the US, with more than 3 million visitors per year. The park is especially known for its family-friendly attractions, such as Snoopy Island. Tickets to the main park also include admission to the nearby water park, Boomerang Bay.



Noah's Ark Waterpark

Dells Water Parks

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Dells is a water park aficionado's dream, with dozens of indoor and outdoor water parks to splash around in. One of them, Noah's Ark, is the largest outdoor water park in the US. Many are open year-round.



Hersheypark

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Hershey, Pennsylvania

Originally created as a recreation area for employees of the Hershey Chocolate factory, today Hershey Park boasts plenty of chocolate paraphernalia, as well as roller coasters and a water park. Tickets include admission to the nearby ZOOAMERICA.



Knott's Berry Farm

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Buena Park, California

Originally owned by the Knott's jam producers, Knott's Berry Farm amusement park is one of the older parks in the US. Knott's Berry Farm is a classic for those looking for thrill rides, water rides and family fun.