

WHERE TO GO/WHAT TO DO

Carowinds: Good Clean Fun



Plunge down a water trough and a cool splash landing makes the Powder Keg roller coaster at Carowinds one of the most popular rides in the 77-acre theme park.

David Meier

Since its opening on March 1st 1973, Carowinds theme park has attracted a total of 10,761,000 people. Carowinds is located on I-77, 10 miles south of Charlotte and 12 miles north of Rock Hill, S.C. The park is divided into eight different theme areas, depicting aspects of American, Italian, Mexican and German culture. Inside the theme areas are different rides ranging from roller coasters to whitewater river rafting. Carowinds also has a theatre that seats 999,

and an outdoor amphitheatre that has featured big name entertainment performers such as Chicago, Jimmy Buffet, America, and Dolly Parton.

In addition to the entertainment and rides, food from a variety of cultures can be found in the park. American, Italian, Mexican and German restaurants are available as well as snack bars, sandwich shops, drink stands, and ice cream parlors.

Carowinds employs more than 2,000



The giant twin-racing Thunder Road roller coaster at Carowinds challenges thrill seekers to ride over one and one-fourth miles of wooden track at speeds up to 60 miles per hour after a sheer 49° drop from a 91-ft. incline.

high school and college students on a seasonal basis, and has 103 permanent employees. During the fall, the park will be open the first two weekends in October and then beginning November 25 and running through December 31, the park will be open every day celebrating Winterfest.

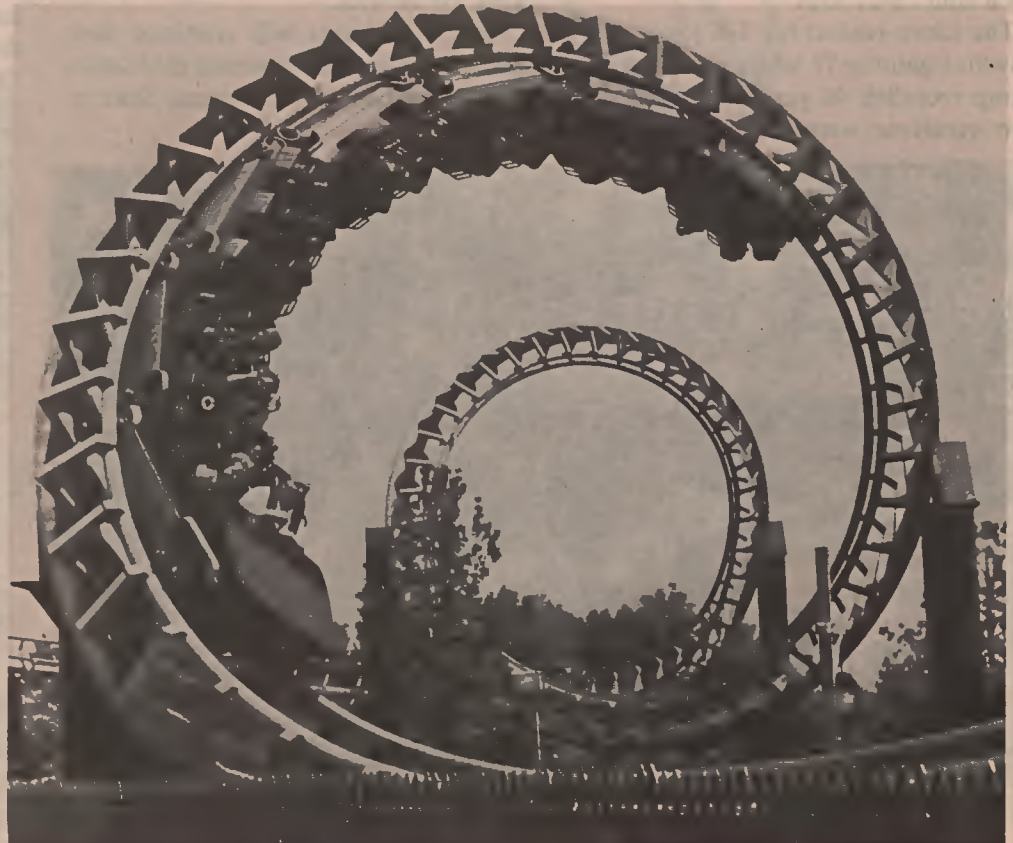
According to Wilson Flohr, general manager of the park, \$150,000 will be spent on lights and decorations to transform the park into a winter wonderland.

In addition, there will be carolers, street musicians, and artists who will be located in the park.

Admission to the park is \$11.95 for everyone over four years of age except senior citizens who are admitted for \$9.95. Those under three are admitted free and for groups of 25 or more, special rates are available. Call 704/588-2600 for additional information.



The Goldrusher on the left is a roller coaster with trains dipping and twisting over a 2,400-ft. of curved steel track. The Carolina sternwheeler takes guests for a leisurely cruise along a lagoon in the center of the park.



The \$2.1 million Carolina Cyclone is one of the five roller coasters featured at Carowinds theme park and one of the few roller coasters in the country that turn riders upside down four times.

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