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Fabulously Fantastic Fourth of July Family Festivity

Find your way to Canobie Lake Park for this Fourth of July and you and your family will have a day filled with fun, fun, fun! Can't make it the weekend of the Fourth? Take a visit any day between now and Labor Day for what will be another entertaining and enjoyable summer season.

One of New England's oldest and renowned amusement parks, Canobie Lake Park is located just north of the Massachusetts border off of exit two on Route 93 in Salem, New Hampshire. Offering up affordable, day into evening entertainment for the entire family, it's the perfect location to enjoy the Fourth of July festivities.

From the moment you drive into the ample sized lot of free parking, the sounds of the park, the fun to be had and memories to be made are within ear shot. Notice the Cannonball roller coaster ride as it zooms past the side of the parking area while riders of this fierce coaster scream with delight. This old-fashioned, wooden coaster roars up to speeds of 35 miles per hour, so sit down tight and hold on for a thrill ride. The park offers another roller coaster on its grounds and it's known as The Corkscrew. This short, yet exhilarating, ride packs a loop-to-loop double twist providing an upside down rush! The Wipeout, a waterless ride that simulates riding the "wild waves of Waikiki", makes its debut this season, so look out for it in your travels while touring the park. No amusement park would be complete without the faithful Carousel and Sky Wheel rides. Adults and children enjoy the 85 foot high view overlooking the entire park and lake on the classic Ferris wheel and can walk right across the way to the carefree carousel featuring carnival music, colorfully painted horses and bench seats.

Canobie Lake Park offers its guests many ways to keep cool on the hot days of summer through its water ride attractions. The park covers all levels of refreshing yourself from staying completely dry and simply enjoying the scenic view of water with a boat ride around Canobie Lake on the new Blue Heron ship to a tempting two levels of cooling off (wet and wetter) on The Timber Splash Watercoaster. Guests of the watercoaster choose from two downhill flume trails and both are guaranteed to relieve you from the heat.

If you're looking for a bigger splash, a ride on The Boston Tea Party is an absolute must! This water ride is one large boat that seats up to 20 people. It click, click, clicks up a 50 foot hill and swerves around before gliding back down into a large pool of water where getting soaked is the outcome. Even guests of the park, not seated on the ride, can take advantage of cooling off by standing in a designated area where the wall of water washes over them. New this season is Castaway Island, a water play area that features water cannons, slides and other ways of satisfying your need for summer heat relief, so pack the swimsuits and towels. And, remember, you can always cool off at your leisure, enjoying the sun with a dip in the swimming pool.

Have you got a few little ones that have not quite reached the height requirement for some of the adult rides? Canobie Lake Park has answered that by providing children with their own Kiddie Park which features over 14 rides. Youngsters enjoy boat rides, mini-scooters, a carousel and more all devoted to them and their safety.

When you need to sit down and rest between rides, check out the special shows featured daily for added entertainment. This season, Bozo the Clown is back for his 11th year providing family friendly fun packed with games and prizes for children in The Bozo Show as well as the opportunity to meet Bozo! Elvis has been spotted at the Park in "The King Lives" ®™ show. Playing in July and August, this musical treat features the "Best Elvis Impersonator" as quoted by [USA Today](#) (February 18, 2005). If the sounds of hip-hop is more your style, check out Britney's Dance Club show. New this season, this upbeat rhythm and dance show will get you moving and grooving. The popular Mad Science "Marvels of Motion" educational show intrigues its audience as well by explaining interactively the fundamentals of science.

After working up an appetite, satisfy your taste buds with the many dining choices at your fingertips. Canobie Lake Park offers its guests everything from pretzels, cotton candy and ice cream to sit down meals and good old fashioned hamburger and hotdog barbecue fare.

End your night off right with the amazing lights and sounds of a fireworks display that dazzles and delights. On July 3rd and 4th, the fireworks show starts at 10:00 p.m. and Canobie Lake Park continues its fireworks display through out the season on Saturday evenings at 9:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Canobie Lake Park is a great, fun way to spend a day and evening and is well worth the price of admission. For more information regarding hours of operation, directions, show times, rides, specials and more, visit the park online at www.canobie.com. Have fun, enjoy and a happy and safe Fourth of July to your family from all of us at The Homesteader!

Photos Courtesy of Canobie Lake Park



The fast and furious Corkscrew Rollercoaster



Enjoy the new Wipeout Water Park