

Guests Ride the Rails of the Disneyland Railroad to Relive Beloved Memories and Behold New Breathtaking Sights

The Disneyland Railroad

As guests hop aboard the Disneyland Railroad, they embark on a scenic tour of Disneyland park and all its magic. The Disneyland Railroad is an authentic steam-powered train, one of the few still operating anywhere. Passengers can enjoy a preview of Disneyland Park riding all the way around, or hop off at one of the four convenient stops: Main Street, U.S.A., New Orleans Square, Mickey's Toontown and Tomorrowland. This classic Disney attraction has been a favorite among guests since the park opened on July 17, 1955. Beginning in the summer of 2017, the adventure added new magic as the trains began to travel across the rocks on a trestle that extends out into the Rivers of America. Along the tour, guests enjoy picturesque scenery and breathtaking views, and it's the ideal place to admire the landscapes inspired by four of America's majestic rivers—the Mississippi, the Columbia, the Missouri and the Rio Grande. Or guests can travel back in time through Walt Disney's legendary Dioramas of the Grand Canyon and Primeval World, which were carefully restored to their original splendor in 2017, with some new magic added to both.

Fun Facts

- A noted train enthusiast, Walt Disney built his first railroad in his backyard. Called The Carolwood Pacific Railroad, this 1/8-scale train debuted in 1950 and featured a custom-built, steam-powered locomotive that encircled his property.
- The engine that ran along Walt Disney's private track was named the Lilly Belle, for his wife Lillian Disney. A model of the Lilly Belle engine is on display at Main Street Station.
- The Disneyland Railroad includes five meticulously restored, working narrow-gauge trains and four sets of passenger cars.
- Each engine has been thoughtfully named after a selection of locomotive legends. The lone exception is the Ward Kimball, named after the Disney Animator who fostered Walt Disney's passion for the railway.
- The oldest locomotive is the Fred Gurley, which was built in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1894 and owned by the Godchaux Sugar Company in Reserve, Louisiana.
- In July 2017, for the first time, the Disneyland Railroad began making a left hand turn on its tour of the park. Previously, the route was circular.
- The Primeval World and Grand Canyon dioramas both were featured in the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair.
- Many families challenge each other with the diorama scenes, vying to see who can find the most animals along the rim of the Grand Canyon. Those on the lookout may spy a mountain lion, porcupines, skunks, a golden eagle, rattlesnakes, rabbits, deer, crows, wild turkeys, sheep and a hard-to-spot armadillo.

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