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KINGS ISLAND'S COASTERSTOCK: THE MUST DO EVENT OF THE SPRING

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Chances are you cannot wait to ride [Kings Island's new Mystic Timbers](#) roller coaster, love a signature blue ice cream cone, and would jump at the chance of going behind the scenes back into the woods to see The Beast up close. For those that have a passion for roller coasters and rides, have you considered joining a coaster club? Once a year, Kings Island invites various clubs out to the park for an exclusive two day event that is the must do event of the spring, [Coasterstock!](#)



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This year's Coasterstock event takes place May 19-20, starting out on Friday morning with exclusive ride time (ERT) on Banshee and The Bat, followed by more ERT on Adventure Express, Delirium, Drop Tower and Invertigo.

After lunch, which is included in the event, guests will do a lights on tour of select Haunt mazes and a behind-the-scenes photo opportunity of the park's tallest and fastest roller coaster, Diamondback, and the Train, which will also be an opportunity to get some great photos of Mystic Timbers. Guest will then end Friday night with ERT on Mystic Timbers, The Beast, Diamondback and Flying Ace Aerial Chase.

Want more? That is the best part about Coasterstock, because it starts all over again Saturday morning with ERT on the Racer, Flight of Fear, Vortex, Dodgem and Zephyr, with ERT on Mystic Timbers, The Beast, Diamondback and Backlot Stunt Coaster wrapping up the event at night. Plus enjoy dinner, a behind-the-scenes Beast tour, and all kinds of additional FUN.

Coasterstock is designed to give you hours upon hours of exclusive access to all your favorite rides and attractions. So let's take a look into the top 8 reasons Coasterstock at Kings Island is the must attend event of the spring

1) Family Friendly Event

Our family of five spends a good portion of the year traveling around to the various [Cedar Fair amusement parks](#) across North America to write about the food on the [CP Food Blog](#). Every year our family looks back upon all the events we attended, and Coasterstock continually ranks as one of the best! In addition to all the other highlights outlined in this article, the [Golden Ticket award-winning Planet Snoopy](#) kids' area provides hours of entertainment for those with families. Then consider taking the kids through Dinosaurs Alive! to experience beautiful wooded terrain with moving, life-sized dinosaurs, and you soon forget you are standing in the shadows of roller coasting beasts. Is that the yell of a rider or dinner?

2) Beat the Foot Traffic

As soon as Memorial Day weekend starts, the crowds really start to ramp up at Kings Island. Since Coasterstock is scheduled just prior to the extended weekend, that means expected lower crowds than peak summer weekends, which translates to less waiting around to get on your favorite attractions. In addition, there is going to be a lot of buzz around Kings Island's latest addition, Mystic Timbers. Did you notice Coasterstock provides two nights of unlimited ERT without the public? That means you are your closest friends can get private ride time and find out #WhatsintheShed?

3) Exclusive Tours

Have you ever wanted to look into the underbelly of the Beast and see how Diamondback rolls through the terrain? Coasterstock provides a great opportunity to get exclusive access to the behind-the-scenes workings of Kings Island.



4) Exclusive Ride Time

The reason everyone LOVES Coasterstock is undoubtedly because the monster list of ERT scattered across the two day weekend. Adventure Express, Backlot Stunt Coaster, Banshee, Bat, Beast (x2), Delirium, Diamondback (x2), Dodgem, Drop Tower, Flight of Fear, Flying Ace Aerial Chase, Invertigo, Mystic Timbers (x2), Racer, Vortex, and Zephyr. If you are keeping up with the math, that is 19 unique opportunities where only participants of Coasterstock can ride the attractions. So get back in line as fast as you can, as your train is waiting on another departure.

5) Friendships New and Old

No doubt one of the best benefits we have taken away from Coasterstock is the friendships of fellow enthusiasts. It does not matter your age, profession, or background. At Coasterstock, everyone is there for one thing, to have FUN, and that creates a unique bond with other guests there to do the same thing. We cannot emphasize enough the number of amazing people we have met that had a huge impact on our family. Going to Coasterstock annually has sort of become like a large extended family reunion, where the main goal is to have FUN.

6) Coasterstock Souvenirs

Like any coaster club special event, parks like to go above and beyond to show their support, and Kings Island is no different. Just for registering for the event, you get a free t-shirt promoting the event. Plus, we bet there could be more perks, but you will only find out by attending the event.

7) Meals

Your ticket includes not one, but two meals throughout the event. Gather with all the friends you made during ERT, and chat about your favorite Kings Island snacks, best ride, and favorite secret spot. Consider the meals a must do pit stop for the hours of ERT coming your way. You are going to need the stamina to keep up. Let's go!



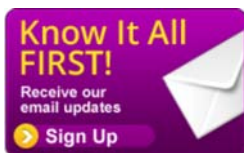
8) Affordability

Coasterstock provides an incredible value to the guest. Assuming you already have your season pass and coaster club membership purchased, where else can you get 2 days of scheduled activities, two meals, tours, friendships, and souvenirs all for less than the price of a tank of gas? Use all that extra money saved to splurge on that funnel cake sundae you have been craving. You will thank us later!

If you love roller coasters and Kings Island, from our family to yours, Coasterstock is the must attend event of the spring. [Tickets are now available online](#) until midnight on May 7, 2017.

Justin D. Dietz curates food information across the Cedar Fair chain on the [CP Food Blog](#). Justin, his wife and three boys spend the season traveling across the country taking in as many roller coasters, attractions, and live shows as they can, all while "testing" out the blue ice cream, the latest food creations, and finding hidden menu items. His favorite Kings Island attraction is The Beast. Pull up a chair and come join the conversation.

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Kings Island is the largest amusement park and water park in the Midwest. And for good reason. Start with the thrill rides. The 5,282-foot, 80-mph Diamondback roller coaster. The Beast that travels across a 35-acre site at 65 mph. WindSeeker, which takes you 301 feet above the park for an unparalleled swing ride. Then there's the Vortex, where you go through two vertical loops, one corkscrew, one boomerang turn and a 360-degree helix. Those alone are probably enough to make us the largest amusement park in the Midwest. Then there's the kid-centric fun like Planet Snoopy. There's also Dinosaurs Alive!— 60 life-sized dinos spread across seven acres of Jurassic thrills. Then there's what completes our being the largest amusement park and water park in the Midwest— Soak City. Huge slides, wave pools and rushing rivers. It's what makes us the largest amusement park and water park in the Midwest. Kings Island. Thrills Connect.