

Conneaut Lake Park

Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania



Built: 1903
Construction: Victorian, Spanish Mission
Floors: 4
Guest Rooms: 150

Hotel CONNEAUT AT CONNEAUT LAKE PARK

Milestones:

- 1893 - Exposition Hotel opens
- 1895 - Park Convention Hall is moved from other side of Park and attached to Exposition Hotel.
- 1903 - Exposition Hotel is rebuilt into Hotel Conneaut, utilizing sections of old Exposition Hotel.
- 1925 - Hotel Conneaut receives two additions – (1) a north wing including the main dining room and more guest rooms, and (2) a south wing including the Crystal Ballroom, more guest rooms, and apartments
- 1943 - Hotel Conneaut suffers fire that destroys the main dining room, main lobby, and approximately 150 guest rooms. Due to war effort, the damaged part of the hotel was demolished and not rebuilt.
- 1945 - Hotel Conneaut reopens in its current configuration after extensive renovations
- 1982 - Renovation program is launched to remodel 20 rooms a year.
- 2003 - Conneaut Lake Area Historical Society sponsors Hotel Conneaut's Centennial Celebration
- First Annual Holiday in the Park is held as part of Hotel Conneaut's Centennial Celebration

Fun Facts:

- It is the last surviving of approximately a dozen similar hotels that once stood inside Conneaut Lake Park and around Conneaut Lake
- Is a wooden hotel, unlike modern hotels of steel and concrete construction
- Each wing of the hotel once had a red-roofed cupola on top. Today one cupola survives.
- Once boasted amenities such as a bakery, children's nursery, billiard room, 1000 person capacity dining room, gift shop, barber shop, tap room, radio room, Crystal Ballroom
- Perry Como used to cut hair in the hotel barber shop.
- Many famous personalities have stayed at Hotel Conneaut, including Sharon Stone, Perry Como, Doris Day, the Beach Boys, Max Schmeling,
- Hotel Conneaut was once dubbed "The Crown Jewel of Conneaut Lake"
- Today, the hotel is still seasonal and only operates during the summer months.
- Conneaut Lake Park received a Preservation Award from BFE
- Is the last hotel that is located the gates of an amusement park.
- For many years, the undertaker's convention was held at Hotel Conneaut.
- After 1925, Hotel Conneaut was considered the largest resort hotel in Pennsylvania