



# Conneaut Lake Park

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### **CONNEAUT LAKE PARK'S 2006 SEASON AT A GLANCE**

CONNEAUT LAKE, Pennsylvania, April 15, 2006 - Historic Conneaut Lake Park has announced the return of two classic rides and the introduction of a new paddlewheel cruise boat, enhanced skill games, a new menu at the Hotel Conneaut Dining Room, and many new and exciting events.

One returning ride will be the Bessemer Railway System, a miniature train ride that has been inoperable for the last two seasons due to maintenance costs. A 'Buy a Brick' campaign was launched this season to fund the maintenance costs associated with opening the ride this year. Those that purchase bricks can have anyone's name engraved on them. To date, over \$23,000 have been raised through donations and brick sales. Bricks may still be purchased by logging onto the Park's website at [conneautlakepark.com](http://conneautlakepark.com).

Another classic ride, the Tumble Bug, will make a return this season as well. Thousands of Tumble Bug rides once existed at many amusement parks that are long closed or parks that have been modernized. Conneaut Lake Park fans will be excited to see the return of this classic, which is one of two surviving in the world.

Another famous Conneaut Lake attraction that will return this season are scenic lake cruises. The new Kaylee Belle, a sternwheeler paddleboat, will fill the void left by its predecessor, the Barbara J. which was discontinued in 2002. The new boat will offer narrated lake cruises, private parties, and even weddings – all rekindling an old time Conneaut Lake Park tradition.

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Elizabeth's Dining Room, named after Hotel Conneaut's most famous resident ghost, now offers a new and expanded menu, prepared by Ben Chwalek, the new chef. Located in Hotel Conneaut, on the Conneaut Lake Park grounds, Elizabeth's Dining Room offers lakefront dining, in a Victorian atmosphere. In addition to a new menu, Elizabeth's will now offer entertainment.

Entertainment will also take place in Conneaut Lake Park's historic Dreamland Ballroom which will host bands like Johnny Angel and the Halos, Church Street Blues, Pure Gold, and Jimmy Dorsey, to name a few. Many events will be held in conjunction with special event weekends such as the annual Rib Cook Off, the Back in time Festival, Big Band Weekend, Art on the Boardwalk, and an Antique Boat Show. Friday evening Antique Car Cruises will take place on the Festival Lawn within the park grounds, offering a glimpse into a time when automobiles once drove the Park's streets and midways.

What will not change this season is Conneaut Lake Park's traditional feel and appeal to families with younger children. The Park's Kiddieland, equipped with classic, miniature amusement rides, will still offer live Pony Rides – an attraction that most amusement parks do not have anymore. Other favorites like the Park's tree-lined midways, the classic Blue Streak roller coaster, and the traditional free admission policy will remain unchanged. Guests can also choose to pay for rides as they go or purchase the Ride-A-Rama pass that covers the water slides and amusement rides, all at a modest price. Finally, one of the greatest features about Conneaut Lake Park that will remain unchanged for over a century is the fact that guests may stay overnight at either the Hotel Conneaut (a grand old, lakefront, Victorian hotel on the park grounds) or Camperland, and call it a vacation.

Pleasure-seekers are reminded to take advantage of a great tradition in a quaint and affordable family amusement resort. Visit [conneautlakepark.com](http://conneautlakepark.com) for pricing, operating hours, menus, reservations, picnic information, and a listing of events.

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