

A HERALD TRAVEL FEATURE

Canada's Wonderland

By LINDA RHEAUME
From the summit of Wonderland's man-made mountain you can see all the way to the CN Tower in downtown Toronto, 32 km (20 miles) away.

Immediately beneath is \$115 million worth of fantasy in a 144 ha (360 acre) amusement "theme" park. It's the hottest Ontario tourism attraction since the tower went up.

Canada's Wonderland, a Disneyland of the North, is a self-contained world of the imagination. As well as elaborate rides, games and live shows, there will be restaurants serving everything from brontosaurus burgers to tempura; air-conditioned kennels for pets, who are not allowed in the park; and even a branch of the Toronto Dominion bank.

Half an hour's drive northwest of Toronto, near Maple, Ontario, Wonderland will come to life in the spring of 1981 when it will open to an anticipated two to three million visitors in its first season, from May to September.

It was a windy day in late October when I put on a hard hat and toured Wonderland for a preview of its near-finished state. As we climbed the 45 m (150 foot) mountain and walked the streets paved with red and white bricks (no hot sticky asphalt here), we had to imagine the hordes of children who are expected to pour in next summer. More than fourteen million people live within 322 km (200 miles) of the site.

When the doors swing open next May 23, here's what's in store.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE

In the shadow of the mountain, a jester juggles in the courtyard of Medieval Faire. From the face of the mountain, an Acapulco-style high diver leaps 18 m (60 feet) into the reflecting pool of the Royal Fountain. Over at the Victorian Bandstand, a gang of musical Pearly Kings play jazz.

Kids hang tight as a replica ship, the Viking's Rage, swings high in the sky. Fred Flinstone and Yogi Berra climb off the TV screen and walk around, hugging visitors and posing for pictures. As our tour guide pointed this scene, amid the jackhammers and wheelbarrows, I looked up to see a roller coaster waving a Canadian flag at us.

Four of Wonderland's five theme areas will be complete in May: International Street, Medieval Faire, Grand World Exposition of 1890 and the Happyland of Hanna-Barbera, a playland for younger children named after the creators of Fred, Yogi, Barney Rubble and Scooby Doo. Frontier Canada will be ready for the 1982 season.

You'll be able to buy souvenirs, Spanish dolls and hand-blown glass on International Street in the Alpine, Scandinavian, Latin and Mediterranean buildings. In a 3,500-seat open-air Greek amphitheatre, a 30-minute revue of pop and country music called Singing

to the World will alternate with Rock Around the Clock, a 1950s musical about high school heartache. Canterbury Theatre in Medieval Faire (a castle on the outside, a modern 1,100-seat

theatre inside) will be home to a 40-minute musical, Those Magnificent Movies, presented by 20 singers and dancers in over 200 costumes. That works out to a different costume every four

minutes. At a privateer's ship moored on the water at Arthur's Bay, you'll see fireworks and acrobatic stunts, and have a chance to participate in the show.

At the Grande World Exposition, children can play video games and pinball in the Crystal Arcade, while their parents take a nostalgic ride on a refurbished carousel, circa 1928.

Past the rainbow entrance to the Happyland of Hanna-Barbera, acrobatic sea-lions, dolphins, cockatoos and macaws will entertain. This is where you'll find Scooby's Ghoster Coaster (you'll have to brave your way through a haunted house to get on), Flinstone mobiles that drive the children to Barney's Burgers, and Boulder Bumpers (bumper cars only for people under a certain height).

Wonderland staff predict you will need eight hours to see everything. An average family of four is expected to spend about \$80, but if you bring a lunch and forgo souvenirs, you can do it for about \$46.

If you're driving to Canada's Wonderland, don't worry about missing the turnoff. You can see the mountain and the roller coasters waving Canadian flags from the highway.

WHAT IT COSTS
Official prices have been set. A variety of passes, including a two-day passport of \$23.50 per person will be available. Most visitors will probably opt for a book of 12 coupons (\$11.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children 3 to 8). This will cover admission (quoted at \$9.95 alone for adults) and rides and attractions.

Wonderland's opening weekend is May 23. Thereafter it will be open daily May 30 - Sept. 7; weekends only Sept. 12-27. Hours: May through August, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; after Sept. 7, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

For general information on Canada as a travel destination contact the Canadian Government Office of Tourism, Ottawa, Canada, KIA 0H6.



Professor Plum Pudding entertains in the courtyard of Medieval Faire at Canada's Wonderland, a \$115 million amusement "theme" park 32 km (20 miles) northwest of Toronto, Ontario.

(Canadian Government Office of Tourism Photo)

Police hold 'Star's Nite'

The Halton Policemen's Association is holding a "Stars Nite", an uptempo version of the policemen's ball, April 4 at the Galaxy Club in Oakville. At \$30 per couple (proceeds going to the Crippled Children's Fund), all members of the public are welcome and, along with dinner and dancing, there will be door prizes. For ticket information, call Marilyn Taylor at 878-5511, extension 254.

Viva Vegas!

Vegas! The name conjures up images of triple cherries, blackjack, roulette and dice boards. Halton Hills residents will be able to sample some of the glitter and fritter away from loose change May 23 when the Georgetown Rotary Club holds a Las Vegas night at Memorial Arena. Aimed at couples, the evening will feature dancing, entertainment and an auction and, with betting limits set at a buck per play, people should have lots of fun without being reduced to bankruptcy. Games will be professionally operated and the event will run from 8 at night to one the following morning. Tickets are \$15 per couple, \$10 per person. For further information call 877-2286.

Parents Anonymous

Parents Anonymous of Hamilton-Wentworth and Burlington has announced their expansion of services into Oakville. Due to the transition, the group is in urgent need of phone volunteers in the area. If you wish to speak with a volunteer, call 527-5717 and 632-2976 in the Hamilton-Burlington area, and 844-7234 in Oakville. If you want to become a volunteer, please call today. A training and orientation program will be provided.

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NORTHWOOD PARK
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COUNTRY HOME ON 1 PLUS ACRE
Custom built brick and aluminum sidesplit 10 minutes to town. Extra large kitchen with lots of cupboards and dishwasher. Family room with fireplace. Quality broadloom throughout. Many more extras, call Lorraine Riley now.

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This well maintained home has one of the best potentials in town! Private entrances make this building attractive to the landlord. Great income! Call Hank Rensink.

ATTENTION ALL BUILDERS...
3 bedroom aluminum home on lovely treed lot. There are two extra building lots that make up the package price of only \$89,900. Call Jim Akers.

QUALITY QUALITY QUALITY!
Spacious, tastefully decorated maintenance-free home on beautiful lot. Boasts family room with brick fireplace, walkout to deck & patio from bright, cheery kitchen, 3 baths, formal dining room, upgraded broadloom throughout, plus much more. All this and more for \$79,900. Call John Clark.

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