

DESERT EMPIRE FAIR

2025 RIDE LIST

CENTURY WHEEL

The Century Wheel offers an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. Standing at nearly 70 feet tall, this iconic ride provides a sweeping panoramic view of the carnival, making it the perfect way to take in the sights and sounds of the fair from high above! As you step into your own private gondola, the gentle ascent begins, smoothly lifting you toward the sky. Feel the breeze as you glide effortlessly to the top, taking in the breathtaking views from above.

ZIPPER

The Zipper is a Midway legend, a ride that has thrilled generations with its wild, unpredictable motion and high-intensity excitement! One of the most iconic and recognizable carnival attractions! From the moment riders' step into their two-person metal cages, the anticipation begins to build. As the ride starts, the giant, rotating tower boom lifts and begins its powerful, continuous circular motion. But that's just the beginning—each individual cage is free to spin independently, sending riders into an uncontrollable, head-over-heels tumble with every turn.

SOUND WAVE

On the Sound Wave, riders are seated in stadium-style rows while the entire ride platform is lifted up and around on a single axis- all while riders remain upright. The Sound Wave will have you screaming for more as you leave your stomach behind while soaring and plummeting on this wild ride!

MARDI GRAS FUN-HOUSE

Experience the vibrant spirit of Mardi Gras without leaving the midway! This self-contained celebration captures the color, music, and excitement of the iconic New Orleans holiday. With two stories of thrilling mirror mazes, moving escalators, and a stunning blend of music and lights, the Mardi Gras ride offers an immersive experience that's full of surprises, day or night! Get ready for a dazzling ride that brings the party to you!

ALIEN INVASION

Step inside the Alien Invasion, a high-speed, gravity-defying thrill ride that will transport you to another dimension! Once aboard this enclosed alien spaceship, passengers are in for an out-of-this-world experience. As the ride spins at an exhilarating 24 RPM, powerful centrifugal force presses you against the walls, lifting your feet off the ground and creating a mind-blowing sensation of weightlessness.

CYCLONE

This thrilling, high-energy ride is perfect for kids, teens, and families, offering an unforgettable adventure for all ages. The Cyclone promises a spin-tacular journey that you won't soon forget! The ride features 8 uniquely designed spherical passenger vessels, each holding up to 4 passengers. Inside each vibrant orb, you'll find a centrally located steering wheel, giving you control over the spin! That's right, you get to decide how fast you spin, making each ride a unique experience.

KITE FLYER

A unique ride where passengers lie horizontally within colorful gliders, experiencing horizontal, vertical, and rotational movement. Riders are lifted high above the ground and can see for miles, creating a thrilling, soaring sensation.

HAWAIIAN EXPRESS

The Hawaiian Express is a ride reminiscent of riding through the waves of Hawaii, at an even faster pace with more excitement and music! The ride puts passengers in a sleigh like carriage, secured by a lap bar. The ride moves forward on a fast, undulating trip- faster and faster, then backward too. Like a wild surf session through the waves of Maui, accelerated!

VERTIGO

Prepare for an exhilarating, sky-high adventure on Vertigo, a towering 100-foot-tall thrill ride that will leave you breathless! This high-flying attraction seats 24 daring riders, with each pair secured snugly by a lap restraint in open-air swing-style seats. But don't let the safety harness fool you—this ride is all about freedom, flight, and adrenaline! As the ride begins, the entire structure slowly rotates, sending riders into a mesmerizing whirlwind of motion. The gentle spin quickly transforms into a soaring ascent as the massive center column lifts higher and higher, pulling riders toward the sky. With feet dangling and the wind rushing past, the swings begin to tilt outward, creating an electrifying floating sensation as you spin at exhilarating speeds.

QUASAR

Strap in for a high-speed spin on the Quasar! This thrill ride—engineered by ARM—seats two passengers per car and secures you with a sturdy lap bar. As the entire ride spins, the central arm lifts and lowers the wheel, sending each car into a smooth yet unpredictable wave-like motion. It's a one-of-a-kind experience that blends spinning action with floating sensations!

TILT A WHIRL

Buckle up for a spinning, swirling adventure on the Tilt-A-Whirl! A favorite for thrill seekers, this wild ride features 7 tubs—each seating up to 3 people—that twist and turn on its axis while the entire ride glides over undulating hills. It's a whirlwind of fun that keeps you guessing with every spin!

ROCK N'TUG

Ahoy, adventurers! It's time to shake things up on the high seas with the Rock N' Tug, a thrilling ride that brings all the excitement of an ocean voyage—without ever leaving the Fairgrounds! Perfect for families, this vibrant tugboat-themed attraction takes you on a wild journey of spins, dips, and waves as it sways and rocks with the rhythm of the ocean. The Rock N' Tug seats up to 20 passengers, making it the ideal ride for families, friends, and little sailors alike

CROWN MERRY GO ROUND

For generations, the carousel has been a symbol of timeless charm and wonder, captivating audiences with its elegance, nostalgia, and magic. At the heart of the midway stands the Crown Merry-Go-Round. As the orchestral calliope music begins to play, guests step onto a platform adorned with ornate details, vintage-inspired artistry, and twinkling lights that transport them to a bygone era of carnival splendor.

SUPER SLIDE

No festival is complete without the exhilarating excitement of the Super Slide! Get ready for a fast-paced, heart-pounding descent down one of the largest, most thrilling slides on the Midway! This iconic ride is perfect for kids and adults alike, offering a fun-filled rush for everyone in the family. The adventure begins as riders climb the tall stairway, with each step bringing them higher and higher, building the anticipation. From the top, the view is spectacular, but the real excitement begins when it's time to let go and race down the winding, undulating track! As you zoom down, the gentle curves and dips create a feeling of weightlessness, while the wind rushes by, making you feel like you're flying. Laughter and squeals of joy fill the air, adding to the excitement as riders soar to the bottom, ready to go again and again!

ELLA'S BOATS

Ahoy, young sailors! Set sail on a delightful adventure aboard Ella's Boats, the perfect first-time carnival ride for little captains and first mates! These charming, pint-sized boats gently float along a circular waterway, creating a smooth and soothing ride that's just right for younger adventurers.

JAKES PIRATE JET

Set sail on Jake's Pirate Jet and join Jake, the friendly swashbuckler, on an adventure in the sky! This fleet of six pirate ships rises and falls gently, rotating from a central tower for a smooth, swaying experience. It's a perfect ride for little adventurers who want to soar with the wind, all while enjoying the whimsical charm of pirate life!

JUMBO DUMBOS

Hop aboard one of eight charming, plump elephants for a delightful aerial adventure! This interactive ride lets passengers control their experience by adjusting the vertical motion of their elephant car with easy-to-use control bars. As the ride spins in a circular motion, children (or an adult with a child) can lift or lower their elephant, creating a personalized thrill. Each car comfortably holds up to three children or one adult and one child, making this ride a perfect family experience!