

# Summer's last splash

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When Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay close for the season on Saturday, Sept. 26, you'll have to wait nine months to revisit all of the rides, slides and attractions. Don't let the 2015 season be the one that got away. Make your weekend plans now and discover these special features of Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay.

**Feel the rush.** The Cyclos, new in 2015, swings back, forth and upside down. As its willing passenger, you'll go giddily along for the ride.

**View downtown Louisville.** Climb up the tower for Deep Water Dive and soak up the view of the city beyond. Then hold on to your board shorts and plunge 121 feet down.

**Go higher.** For other sky-high views, ride Skycatcher, the Giant Wheel and FearFALL.

**Try the catch of the day.** Wait for the famous 6-foot Big Kahuna wave that rolls through the Big Surf pool.

**Get quenched.** Park staff members want to make sure all guests are thoroughly hydrated. Stop by fountains to fill up your bottles with chilled water, or request free cups of ice water at most food and drink stations.



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**Here to serve.** If you have any issues during your visit to Kentucky Kingdom, the staff members want to know about it. Step up to the guest services desk at the front entrance or see a public safety office with your concerns. These individuals are on hand to make sure you have a good time.

**Rule the kingdom.** At some regional parks, rides for kids seem to be almost an afterthought. But Kentucky Kingdom got its start as a park for little kids – and no one has forgotten that. King Louie's Playland has nearly a dozen fun attractions for young riders, and Hurricane Bay will keep them active and happy until they're begging for a nap.



(Photo: Kentucky Kingdom)

**Slow your pace.** Not everybody who goes to an amusement park wants to race from ride to ride. If this is you, chill right out for the afternoon (or entire day) at Hurricane Bay. Sprawl in one of the plentiful lounge chairs at Big Surf, Splash Zone or the Family Wave Lagoon and watch the world go by. Or go with the flow on the two float-along rivers, Castaway Creek and Adventure River.

**Show up ready.** Kentucky Kingdom has daily performances to entertain you. The stars of the Sea Lion Splash have been rescued and are lovingly cared for. But they're performing in the AQUA Theater only through Aug. 16.

The Wizard of Oz 5-D Experience engages audiences in the classic tale. Watch Dorothy, Toto and your other favorite characters in restored digital 3-D with added special effects.

**Anticipate 2016.** In time for Kentucky Kingdom's 2016 season, a new roller coaster is brewing. Storm Chaser is set to become the park's fifth coaster overall and the second to open in the last two years. The new coaster was designed by Rocky Mountain Construction to run on the signature iBox track, which park officials promise will be "smooth as glass, fast and intense." The track will rest on wooden supports reinforced with a steel structure.

Storm Chaser will be a twistier than a traditional wooden coaster with surprising and thrilling elements. At the highest point, the ride will rise 100 feet, with a daring barrel-roll drop for its 10-story lift hill.



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