

JAZZLAND THEME PARK SET TO OPEN

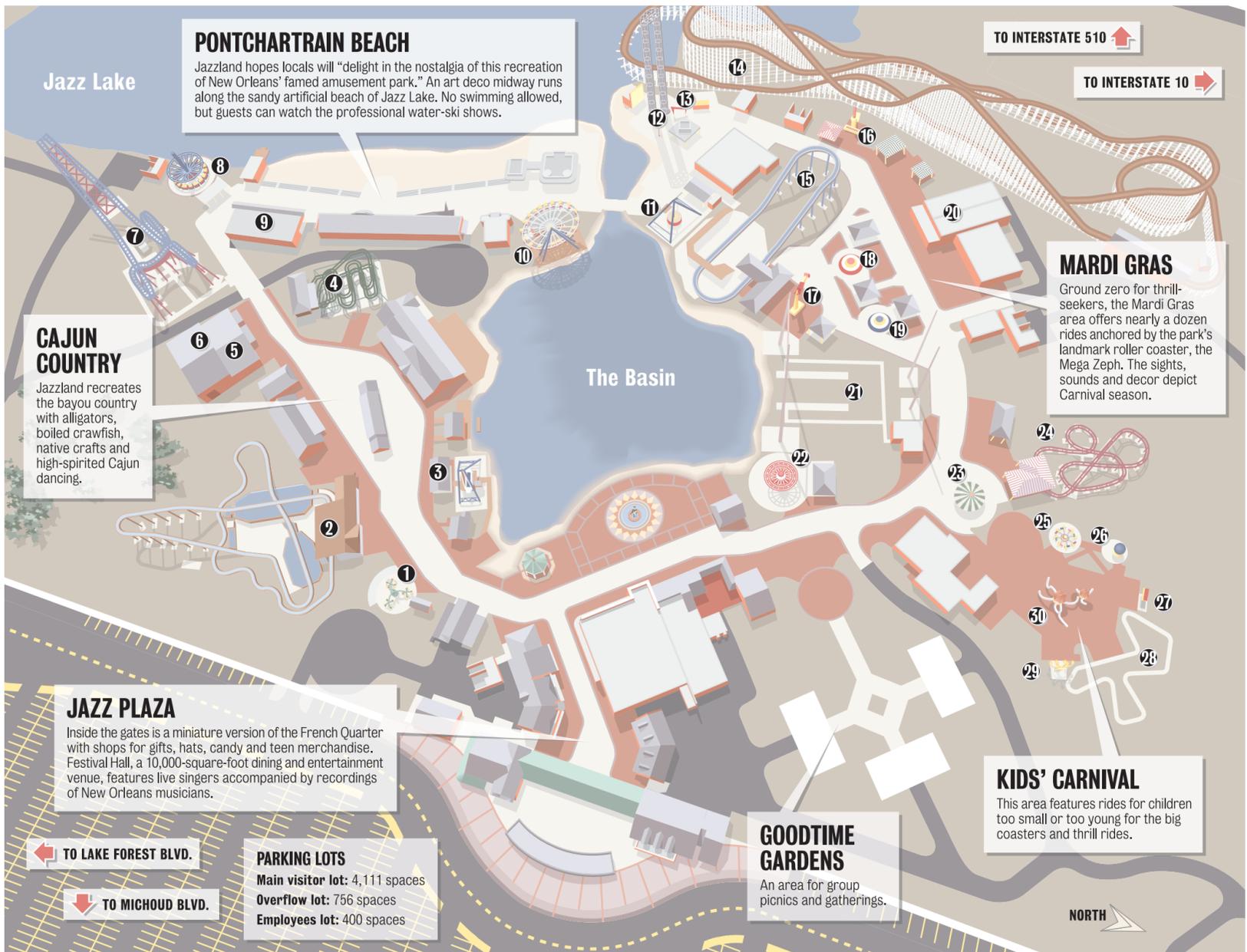
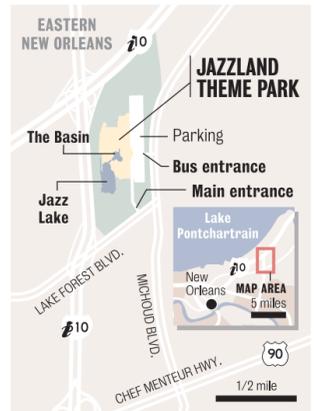
Jazzland Theme Park will be divided into five themed areas, each with several rides or other attractions: shops, restaurants, dance halls and even a man-made beach. Beginning at the park's entrance, the areas are laid out clockwise around a water basin in the middle of the park in the following order:

PARK FACTS

PARK SIZE: 50 acres plus parking
COST: \$110 million
EMPLOYEES: 75 full-time, 1,000 seasonal, not including retail and food service
PAYROLL, RELATED EXPENSES: \$11.6 million
RIDES: 30
BUILDINGS: 79
MUSIC HALLS: 2
ON DECK: Unlike any other theme park in the United States, Jazzland is built on a 4-foot high raised platform which is concealed by landscaping. The deck was needed because the land the park sits on is below sea level.
CONCRETE POURED: 24,000 cubic yards
PILINGS DRIVEN: 18,000
OWNER: Alfa Alfa Holdings of Athens, Greece
OPERATOR: Ogden Parks Management Inc.

IF YOU GO

GATES OPEN: 10 a.m., May 20
ADMISSION: \$31 adults, \$26 children under 48", \$15.50 seniors
RIDES: Included in admission cost, except the Skycoaster.
HOURS:
May 20 to May 31
Weekdays: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Weekends: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
June 1-Aug. 20
Daily: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Aug. 21 - Oct. 29 (weekends only)
Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sundays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



THE SCREAM MACHINES

CAJUN COUNTRY



1 GATOR BAIT: Twelve open gondola swamp boats give patrons the sensation of riding through a swamp.
Minimum height requirement: 48"
2 CYPRESS PLUNGE: Classic log ride features two plunges, one 48 feet, the other 30 feet.
Minimum height requirement: 42"



3 LAFITTE'S PIRATE SHIP: Passengers swing in a container shaped like a pirate ship. Jazzland says riders feel an "out-of-their-seat" experience at the apex of each swing.
Minimum height requirement: 52"
4 MUSKRAT SCRAMBLER: Similar to the Wild Maus ride at the former Pontchartrain Beach, the Scrambler is a small, zippy coaster.
Minimum height requirement: 48"
5 CAJUN PIRATES: Representing two rides, this attraction lets 80 people sit in air-conditioned comfort on two motion-based platforms, which move in sync with a film, such as a boat chase.
Minimum height requirement: 48"

KIDS' CARNIVAL

All kids' rides have a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 54" height requirements.

25 BEADSVILLE AIRPORT: A miniature plane ride lets kids fly through the park, controlling the plane's up and down movement. "Just like the real thing," Jazzland says, "only much smaller!"
26 ZINGER SWINGER: A kiddie version of the Wave Swinger.
27 JOLLY JITNEY: A "Crazy Bus" that turns like a Ferris wheel.
28 KAJUN KRAWLER: Children can drive trucks and cars on a winding track.
29 LITTLE EASY: A miniature version of the big Ferris wheel.

PONTCHARTRAIN BEACH



7 ZYDECO SCREAM: "One of the most popular coasters in the amusement market," this ride blasts guests through inversions and loops, then back through the tracks again in reverse. Jazzland says the ride is "sure to leave many disoriented!"
Minimum height requirement: 52"



9 BEACH BANG UP: Classic bumper cars.
Minimum height requirement: 48"



8 PONTCHARTRAIN FLYER: An updated version of the old "Flying Dutchman," the ride ascends a telescoping pole more than 100 feet while allowing patrons to independently steer the float of their individual, double-winged car. Jazzland says patrons can make their crafts stall and dive in-flight at an altitude of 10 stories.
Minimum height requirement: 42" with persons 42"-47" tall accompanied by someone 48" or taller



30 LAFUN: Similar to the playgrounds at fast-food restaurants, only better, the Lafun play structure features net crawls, tube slides and sand traps.

MARDI GRAS



14 MEGA ZEPH: The park's signature ride, which recalls memories of the Zephyr roller coaster at the former Pontchartrain Beach, is a 4,000-foot custom-designed, wood-and-steel coaster that sends riders down a 110-foot hill leading to a 65 mph turnaround near the lake's edge. The park hopes the Mega Zeph will be one of the nation's premier wooden coasters.
Minimum height requirement: 48"



15 SPILLWAY SPLASH-OUT: Patrons ride up in 20-passenger boats that splash down for a wet experience.
Minimum height requirement: 42"

16 VODOO VOLCANO: Lifts riders 50 feet in the air, then repeatedly flips 360 degrees, in a "very disorienting action."
Minimum height requirement: 48"
17 KRAZY KREWE: Aims to "make riders feel as if they are in a mixer." People dangle their feet from suspended seats. A center column rotates, while boom arms spin patrons 360 degrees.
Minimum height requirement: 52"
18 KING CHAOS: Riders board a spinning platform, which tilts and rolls as it spins.
Minimum height requirement: 48"
19 MAD REX: Patrons sit face-to-face while spinning and tilting.
Minimum height requirement: 42"
20 JOCCO'S MARDI GRAS ADVENTURE: Takes park-goers inside an air-conditioned funhouse. Passengers will shoot at targets with laser guns as they veer through day-glo swamp scenes.
Minimum height requirement: 48"
21 SKYCOASTER: A mammoth, hair-raising version of the old swimming-hole rope swing, the ride hoists patrons 170 feet, at which point the riders pull a ripcord and launch into a free-fall swing. This ride will cost \$25 for one person, \$35 for two and \$45 for three.
Minimum height requirement: 42"
22 ZYDECO ZINGER: Swings people over Jazzland's artificial lake as its multicolored lights reflect off the water.
Minimum height requirement: 48"
23 MARDI GRAS MENAGERIE: Classic carousel with 30 jumping horses, three abreast. The ride features hand-crafted horses on the outside row.
Minimum height requirement: Anyone under 42" tall must be accompanied by someone 54" or taller

24 REX'S RAIL RUNNER: A family attraction roller coaster for all ages. Jazzland considers it a sort of starter coaster, to introduce people to "the thrill of roller coaster riding."
Minimum height requirement: 36" with persons 36"-42" tall accompanied by someone 54" or taller