

COULD IT BE? MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF WATERPARK FUN IN WISCONSIN DELLS?

Ask any teenager what Wisconsin Dells is famous for and they'll tell you it's the waterparks. Every year there's a new ride, slide, wave pool or man-made river introduced here, making the waterpark craze seem like a turn-of-the-21st-century phenomenon.

Truth be told, the Dells began dipping its big toe in the water, so to speak, when it opened its first waterpark back in 1978. Which is where this timeline begins.

1978
FAMILY LAND, NOW MT. OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARKS, OPENS

1980
THE FIRST WATERSLIDE ATTRACTION IS ADDED AT NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK – IT'S THE THREE-SLIDE "JUNGLE RAPIDS" RIDE

1985
THE AREA'S FIRST LAZY RIVER IS COMPLETED AT NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK



1993
CHULA VISTA RESORT OPENS ITS OUTDOOR WATERPARK

1997
GREAT WOLF LODGE WATERPARK RESORT OPENS

1978

1989

2000

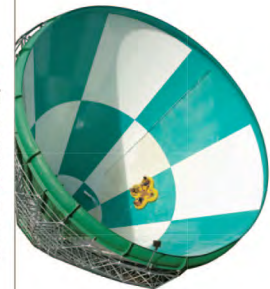
1979
NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK OPENS WITH BUMPER BOATS AND A GO-KART TRACK



1982
THE DELLS' FIRST WAVE POOL IS BUILT AT FAMILY LAND

1989
THE POLYNESIAN RESORT HOTEL & SUITES OPENS THE COUNTRY'S FIRST INDOOR WATERPARK

1995
TREASURE ISLAND, NOW PART OF MT. OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARKS, OPENS ITS INDOOR WAVE POOL; AND THE WILDERNESS HOTEL & GOLF RESORT OPENS WITH BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR WATERPARKS



2000
KALAHARI WATERPARK RESORT CONVENTION CENTER OPENS

2001
NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK'S THRILLING PLUNGE SLIDE "POINT OF NO RETURN" OPENS



2005
AMERICA'S LONGEST WATER ROLLER COASTER, "BLACK ANACONDA," OPENS AT NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK

2007
MT. OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARKS DEBUTS ITS MASSIVE OUTDOOR SURF POOL, "POSEIDON'S RAGE"



2011
CHULA VISTA RESORT ADDS A SAND BEACH TO ITS OUTDOOR WATERPARK

2001

2007

2013

2004
THE FIRST-EVER INDOOR SURFING RIDE, THE "FLOWRIDER" OPENS AT THE KALAHARI WATERPARK RESORT CONVENTION CENTER



2006
THE NATION'S LARGEST INDOOR WAVE POOL IS BUILT UNDER A HIGH-TECH DOME AT THE WILDERNESS HOTEL & GOLF RESORT AND CHULA VISTA RESORT OPENS ITS INDOOR WATERPARK

2010
"SCORPION'S TAIL," AMERICA'S FIRST AND THE WORLD'S TALLEST LOOPING WATERSLIDE, OPENS AT NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK, AND MT. OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARKS ADDS A SAND BEACH

2012
NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK ADDS A \$1 MILLION WATERSLIDE CALLED "QUADZILLA," KALAHARI WATERPARK RESORT CONVENTION CENTER ADDS LOOPING WATER TUBE SLIDES TO ITS INDOOR WATERPARK, WILDERNESS HOTEL & GOLF RESORT ADDS TUBE SLIDES OUTDOORS AND MT. OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARKS UNVEILS OUTDOOR WATER PLAY STRUCTURE, THE "LOST CITY OF ATLANTIS"

2013
NOAH'S ARK WATERPARK ADDS SURF MACHINE "SURFING SAFARI" AND KALAHARI WATERPARK RESORT CONVENTION CENTER DEBUTS 1,000 SQ. FT. "MUD HUT" INDOOR/OUTDOOR HOT TUB AND SWIM-UP BAR.