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Find Sources: Dinosaur Disney's Animal Kingdom News · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR (October 2010) (Learn how and when to remove this message template) DinosaurAttraction marquee at Sasney's Animal KingdomAreaDinoLand USA Coordinates28° 21′ 18.7″ N 81° 35′ 17.96″ W﻿ / ﻿28.3551972°N 81.5883222°W﻿ / 28.3551972; -81.5883222Coordinates: 28° 21′ 18.71″ N 81° 35′ 17.96″ W﻿ / ﻿28.3551972°N 81.5883222°W﻿ / 28.3551972; -81.5883222StatusOperatingOpening dateApril 22, 1998ReplacedCountdown to ExtinctionGeneral statisticsAttraction typeEMV dark rideDesignerWalt Disney ImagineeringThemeDinosaurMusicRichard Bellis^[1]Length1,856 ft (566 m)Speed12 mph (1)Length1,856 ft 9 km/h)Time Rover vehicle (vehicle with increased traffic)Riders on vehicle12Rows3Riders on row4Duration3:05Set 40 in (102 cm)Audio-Animatronics11[a]SponsorMcDonald's (1998-2008)QueueBill host Nye (voice)Before the host showDr. MarshDr. Grant SeekerRide hostDr. Grant Seeker (voice) Fastpass+ available Must move from wheelchair Assistive listening to available Closed Signatures available Dinosaur, formerly known as Countdown to Extinction, is a dark ride attraction EMV at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The ride offers a tumultuous journey through the late Chalk period, featuring prehistoric scenes filled with audio-animatronics of dinosaurs. Originally named Countdown to Extinction when the park opened in 1998. In 2000, the ride was later renamed Dinosaur to promote the Disney animated film of the same name. However, the two dinosaurs most visible in the ride were always Iguanodon and Carnotaurus, which were both featured in the film. Scenes from the film also appear in the pre-show to help guests identify Iguanodon as the film's main character, Aladar. Ride experience queue If the ride is busy, then guests first wind though the outside line before entering the first section of the internal railway. Upon entering the first section, guests will see several small exhibits, including an exhibition of small fossils, modern animals that can be linked to the age of dinosaurs, and evidence of several theories of mass destruction. The second part of the inner railway is an eight-sided hall, where the upper parts of the walls show what the age of dinosaurs and some fossils looked like. The lower parts of the walls are simulations of sedimentary rocks that contain fossils. Some sections of the lower faces have windows that display more fossils. Hanging on the ceiling is a large globe from Pangaea, and a rod connected to the globe with measurements of hundreds of thousands of miles to show how far the theoretical asteroid that has entered Earth to cause mass death Travel. A characteristic feature of the second room is its central element: the fossil of carnotaurus. In the second room, at regular intervals, the lights dim, and the Bill Nye Science Guy shares facts and theories about the age of dinosaurs, using the world, images and fossils to help with his small lectures. After crossing the other room, guests enter one of the two pre-show theaters. Preshow guests enter a small standup theater and a short film is on the projection screen. The first part of the film is a small presentation of the fictional director of the Dino Institute, Dr. Marsh (played by Phylicia Rashad). He argues that the bare-bones approach of displaying prehistory research will soon become extinct. He says the Dino Institute has created a time rover that has the ability to take visitors to the age of dinosaurs. He says the rover is supposed to take guests to a breathtaking world where you'll witness some of the most fantastic creatures ever to walk on earth. Marsh then moves to a live feed control center for a comprehensive safety briefing. You are greeted in the second part of the film by controller Dr. Grant Seeker (played by actor Wallace Langham). Seeker decides to skip most security notes and talk about his intentions. He intends to use the time rover and the guests who were to take the trip to go on a mission to save Iguanodon from extinction and bring it back to the Dino Institute. He says he marked it with a locator during a previous unauthorized field trip. He then says that Iguanodon is at the very end of the Chalk period. However, Dr Marsh comes to the control centre to correct some irregularities. He says that the tours are designed for early Chalk, and that the rovers are stuck on those coordinates. Dr Seeker then continues his security briefing, talking about flash shots and seat belts. Dr. Marsh leaves the room during this small part of the film, and Seeker unlocks the coordinates of the time behind his back. Automatic doors on the opposite side of the theater open to the entrance to the loading zone. Driving experience Guests enter the underground research center, where the rover will pick them up time. When the riders get on, they pull up forward to check their seat belts. They will then go to the test zone, where they are transported to prehistoric times. When they land, guests can sense the jungle and the trees around them when they come across Styracosaurus, Alioramus, Parasaurolophus (identified only as hadrosaurus) and velociraptor. The prospector, their driver, then locks himself on the tracker signal and the ride becomes much bumpy. The scanner built into the rover picks up a large dinosaur, and Seeker thinks it's Iguanodon. He pulls the rover to a full stop, but learns that the dinosaur is a carnotaurus. The rover takes off from carnotaurus, finds another large dinosaur with a scanner. The dinosaur is a saltasaurus (identified only as a sauropod). Sneezes at Time Rover and guests can smell the plants it eats. The rover begins to re-sedue. The clock that counts down to the asteroid that causes the mass extinction claims that the asteroid will hit in 90 seconds and the rover is starting to gain momentum. The scanner finds Coloborhynchus (identified only as pterodaktyl), which flies directly in their direction. The rover goes down a small hill and avoids pterosaur. Now, in almost complete darkness, the rover rushes through the forest and picks up a pack of Compsognathus on a scanner that runs with them through the forest. The rover falls down another small hill and loses its grip. Carnotaurus, which the riders saw in front of them, appears in front of them and walks towards the Time Rover. Seeker turns on the four-wheel drive and successfully moves the rover away just before Carnotaurus receives the rover. Suddenly, a giant meteor begins to hit the ground, and the rover performs evasive maneuvers to avoid meteors in the dark. After successfully dodging meteors, the rover will once again come across Carnotaurus, who is trying to throw himself at them. This is where the ride has a rider photo. The rover again takes off into a small part of the forest, where some trees fall. The scanner finds Iguanodon, but Seeker decides to abort the mission and bring the rover back because the asteroid is about to strike. The tree was supposed to fall on the rover, but Iguanodon catches the tree and the rover progresses. The asteroid hits the ground and creates a flash of light, and Carnotaurus is seen giving the last throw. However, at the last second the rover moves back to the institute and somehow iguanodon came with them. The rover then proceeds to the loading station. Then the players get off and down the stairs lead to the gift shop. As guests depart, they can see Dr. Marsh and Dino Institute staff trying to chase Iguanodon and Dr. Seeker on overhead television monitors. They can also hear radio chatter indicating what's going on. Incidents Main article: Incidents at Walt Disney World April 30, 2005, a 30-year-old man from Mooresville, Indiana, lost consciousness shortly after leaving the ride and died of a heart attack moments later. The investigation showed that the driving was working properly and was not the cause of his death; had an artificial pacemaker. On May 29, 2013, a woman found a loaded gun in a dinosaur ride. The gun was reported to the driving supervisor, who in turn reported the incident to the authorities. The gun owner stated that he was unaware of Disney's gun policy and had a concealed weapons permit. [3] Notes ^ Twelfth animatronic exists in the attraction, additional Carnotaurus, as a substitute in the scene for a photo ride, if the main does not work. See also Indiana Jones Adventure, a similar dark driving attraction jurassic park river adventure references ^ ASCAP Countdown to Extinction ^ The report notes another death after Disney ride. Associated Press. 23 July 2005 Archived from the original on January 21, 2008. Accessed July 26, 2006. † Disney World Patron finds a weapon for a ride. Associated Press. 30 May 2013 Archived from the original on May 30, 2013. Accessed May 30, 2013. 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