



## A Trip to the County Fair

Since Aug. 31 the Los Angeles County fair has been open and will remain open until Sept. 23. This year's theme, Route 66, pays tribute to a part of American History.

All of the festivities can be found at the Fairplex at 1101 W. McKinley Ave. in Pomona. Admission on weekends ranges from \$12 for children ages six to 12, \$20 for teens and adults and \$15 for seniors. Concerts, games and food cater to all ages and showcase the diversity of the city can all in one place. Electronic sports for avid gamers and candy for young children are guaranteed to keep the whole family busy. With over one million visitors last year, everyone is welcome to join the community at the iconic Los Angeles County Fair.

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### History of the L.A. County Fair

The Los Angeles County Fair is an annual festival that first took place on Oct. 17, 1922 with C.B. Afflerbaugh being its first manager. It was founded to present the pride and festivities of the citizens in L.A. The fair has existed for nearly 96 years of history, even closing for a period of time due to the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Around 1925, the fair received more than 100,000 visitors. Soon after, the date of the fair was settled on the month of September. Unfortunately, the Great Depression in 1931 started to affect visitation. Luckily, the 1940s swept in and allowed the LA County Fair to regroup during the Second World War.

The LA County Fair regained popularity during 1948. Attendance grew until it was a little over one million and their mascot, Thumper the fun loving pig, was introduced and is still around today. The following year, they also added 72 acres more of property. The fair's growth continued as they added more and more attractions throughout the 1950s, such as the NHRA racetrack and the Flower and Garden Pavilion.

In 2000, President George W. Bush cut the ribbon for the new entrance of the LA County Fair. The year after, the festival closed for the first time since World War Two due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. In the years following, they continued to expand, add more attractions and remodel.

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### Along for the Rides

One of the main attractions in the L.A. County Fair is the rides that range from extravagant and wild to calm and enjoyable.

Some of the popular rides include Cyclone, Disk'O, Mega Drop and Insanity. Cyclone is a ride that requires one to be at least 48 inches to ride alone. The riders stand in the disk shape and hold on to the handle bars while the ride spins at high speed.

Disk'O is described as a high speed-spinning ride with front to rear and side to side forces. This ride can sometimes be too intense for inexperienced riders.

The Mega Drop is exactly what it sounds like. Riders strap into their seats while as they prepare to be accelerated 120 feet into the air. Then they free fall back to the platform.

Lastly, Insanity. This ride may sound intense, but it only goes 80 feet into the air. It is described as a claw like structure that swings back and forth, giving the riders a sense of flight while bringing joyful laughs and screams of enjoyment.

These rides can sound horrific to people who are easily afraid or nauseated. However, they can still experience the joy of the of L.A. County fair with games.

Overall, rides at the L.A. County Fair are what attract people into enduring long lines and hot weather in order to enjoy the excitement with their families and friends.

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### Fair Game for Foods

Los Angeles County is home to creative and diverse chefs that are capable of constructing the craziest concoctions. These foods are sold out to the public annually because of their delectable appeal—despite their artery clogging characteristics. Every year, vendors at the L.A. County Fair work hard to impress visitors' tastebuds with their newest creations. Guests are blown away whenever they visit the fair for their iconic foods.

One of the must-try foods the fair offers is Midway Gourmet's Caramel Crack Fries. This mouth-watering stand sells savory french fries drizzled with a combination of cinnamon sugar and golden caramel sauce. It is then topped off with a squirt of whipped cream and Fruity Pebbles for a sweet crunch.

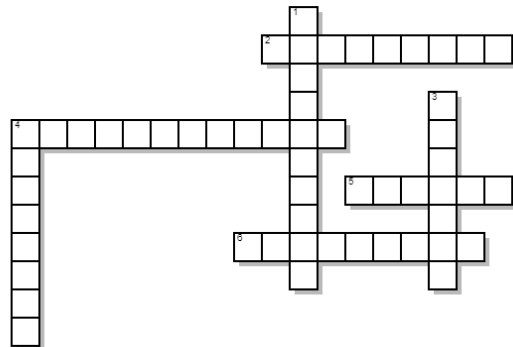
For spicy food fanatics, Biggy's has created the PB&J Sriracha funnel cake which is a whimsical combination of nutty, sweet and spicy flavors. They also sell Cholula turkey legs which is a turkey leg marinated in Cholula Hot Sauce mixed with the turkey's smoky taste.

Make sure to take a trip to the dentist after the fair because the fair also features Ten Pound Buns which serves giant bread loaves coated in various cavity-inducing toppings such as M&Ms, honey drizzle, chocolate chips, marshmallows, peanut butter and butter.

For years, L.A. County Fair has developed the culture of mind-boggling foods that never cease to amaze annual visitors. Because of their iconic foods, the fair has brought joy and excitement to people visiting from all parts of Southern California.

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