

WHAT  
HAPPENED

City Park's  
amusement  
park opened  
in 1928.

## New Orleans "flying horses," created the heart of the city's longest standing amusement park: **Hines Carousel Gardens in City Park.**



Three of the  
53 'flying horses' at  
Carousel Gardens

The old wooden carousel dates to 1906, though some of the animals, carved and painted by Charles Looff and Charles Carmel, date to 1885. The 53 flying horses have real horse hair tails and are repainted by hand every two years.

The original wooden carousel, one of just 100 left in the United States, and the only in the Louisiana, was originally on a tract of land along City Park Avenue. The carousel was moved to its current location in 1928, creating the center of an amusement park that would eventually encompass a miniature train, which started operating in 1898, the Ladybug roller coaster and a Ferris wheel. The carousel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989.

The amusement park has outlasted Pontchartrain and Lincoln beaches and Six Flags/Jazzland, though it did suffer a setback following Hurricane Katrina when the park flooded.

Another popular New Orleans' attraction, Storyland, was opened up next to the carousel in 1956 by Harry Batt Sr. Storyland features more than 20 nursery rhyme scenes including Snow White and Captain Hook's pirate ship that children can climb in, over and under.



Jonah and the Whale at Storyland, is one of more than 20 stories depicted by statues in the garden.



Storyland in 1958. The park was a hit in New Orleans when it opened in 1956.



The forerunner of today's park train started operating in 1898.