



## PLAYLAND'S 'KING OF THE MIDWAY' NAMED ONE OF TOP 15 WOODEN ROLLER COASTERS IN THE WORLD

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – One of world's foremost roller coaster enthusiast websites has ranked Playland's iconic Wooden Coaster as among the Top 15 best wooden roller coasters in the world, according to a new poll released by Ello Coaster.

[The Coaster placed #12](#) for 2018, moving up two spots from the year previous, and was the only Canadian ride in the Top 100.

The Coaster is powered by a 75 hp electric motor which lifts the 16-passenger train up the first hill. Once each train passes over the first hill it is driven through a series of climbs, dips, banks, horseshoe turns and a classic reverse curve only by the law of gravity.

Last year, the Carl Phare and Walker LeRoy-built Wooden Coaster celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and continues to delight Playland guests, as it averages more than half a million riders each year. It is listed as an American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE) – "Coaster Classic".

For more information about Playland, please visit: [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca).

### COASTER FAST FACTS

- The Playland Wooden Coaster was built throughout 1957 and early 1958
- Opened in 1958
- The Coaster was designed by Carl Phare
- Head of construction was Walker LeRoy
- Each train is made up of eight two-person cars (total capacity per train: 16)
- Maximum speed of trains - 45 mph
- Maximum track height - 75 feet at highest point (1st hill)
- Track length is 5/8th of a mile
- Ride time is 90 seconds
- Coaster rides an average of 1/2 million guests annually
- Number of trains – 3

- Original cost of construction: \$200,000
- Built from Douglas fir

**About the PNE:**

Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 15-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of hockey, amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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