

Disneyland: The Beginning



Walt Disney's lifelong love of amusement rides started the day his ma brought home a road kill deer. After she and pa attached it to the family swing set, young Walt played on it seemingly from dawn to dusk. When the carcass began to putrefy, Walt discovered that he had a knack for cartooning, so he left the deer to the neighborhood maggots. But he never forgot it. Years later, when he was designing Disneyland, he included deer carcasses in several rides, including Alice in Wonderland (behind and to the left of the March Hare), the Mark Twain Riverboat (lashed to one of Davy Crockett's Explorer Canoes), and the Disneyland Railroad (Primeval World Diorama next to the tracks, presumably a casualty of a previous locomotive).