

## Hyde Park's Winter Wonderland: Enchanting fairground for the festive season

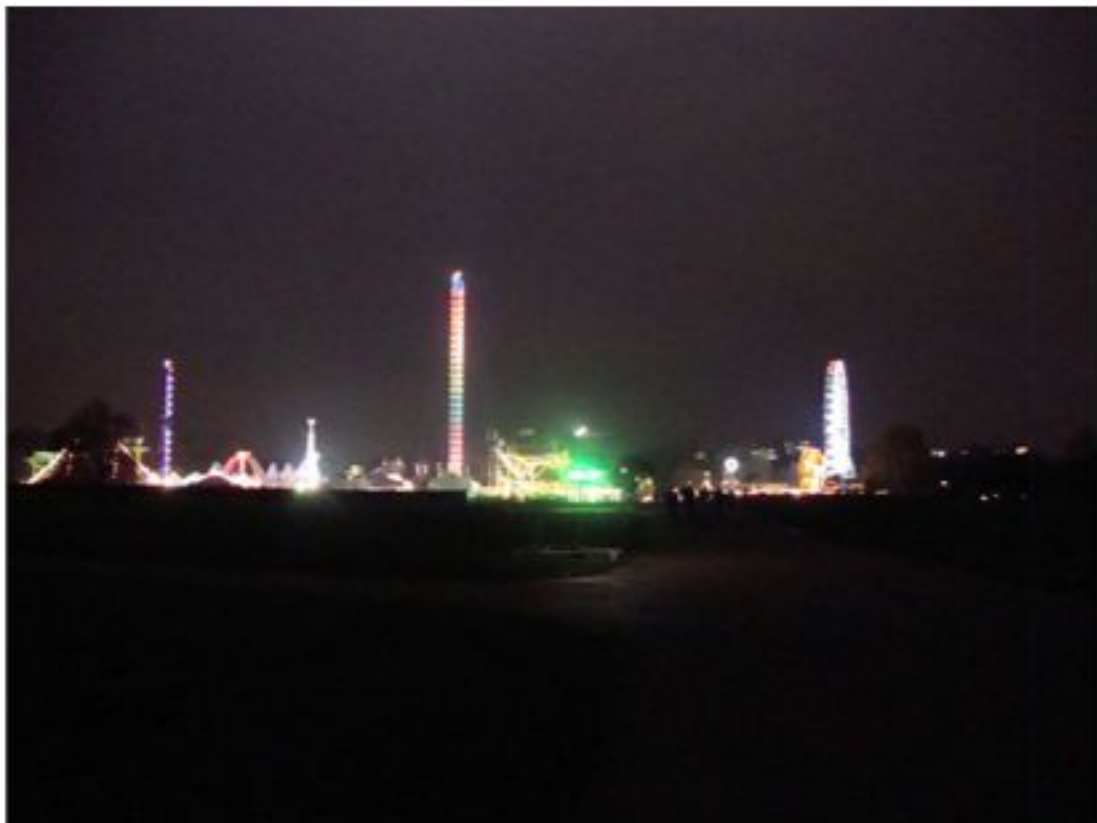


Hyde Park's Winter Wonderland, now in its fifth year, is an enchanting fairground with a German theme. As well as a haunted house, giant Ferris wheel and numerous rides there is a magnificent ice rink, the largest in the UK.

Thousands of different lights beacon visitors as they make their way across Hyde Park from Marble Arch. Its' definitely a family affair and parents often enjoy the rides as much as they children they are accompanying. The Christmas

songs add to the festive atmosphere and the German cooks, who expertly prepare a variety of sausages, bring a slice of Bavarian life to the heart of London.





The best way to enjoy the fun fair is probably to walk around the park and decide which rides and entertainments are for the family. Although there is no entrance fee each attraction must be paid for.

One of the main attractions is the world class Zippo's Circus. The finest artistes from Mongolia to Kenya, Germany to Argentina merge into a single breathtaking

one-hour spectacle. Contortionists, aerialists and acrobats produce a thrilling, daring and heart-stopping act.

The giant white polar bear is ideal for a photo as are the santas with their welcoming smiles.

New to this year is the Alpine Adventure that includes the most heart-pumping thrill rides. A never been seen before roller-coaster joins the exciting array of new thrill

rides and exclusive to Winter Wonderland this year is the Alpine Hotel, the biggest fun house in Europe!

The Beautiful Angels Christmas Market with over 100 stalls, has a wonderful array of wintery culinary delights with living handicrafts and unique gift ideas. There is also

winter wear, especially colourful hats, scarves and gloves.

The giant observation wheel soars 60 meters into the London Sky in the comfort of enclosed pods and provides spectacular panoramic views. Popular children's rides include Santa's Roundabout, the Helter-Skelter, the Steam Train and many more.





Within a collection of adorable wooden chalets, The House of St Nicholas offers a warm welcoming atmosphere with real log fires to keep the winter cold out. There is also a talking rain deer which welcomes visitors. And the Germans have imported 500,000 sausages for seven weeks of festivities.

The ice rink is in the centre of the wonderland surrounding the Victorian bandstand, creating a beautiful centre piece for Winter Wonderland. Stretching over 1,600m<sup>2</sup>, at night it is transformed and illuminated by no less than 108,000 pea-lights illuminating the ice, creating a magical atmosphere for skaters!

Since its launch in 2007, Hyde Park Winter Wonderland has attracted a staggering eight million visitors. Beautifully decorated attractions are set out across 20 acres of historic parkland. Celebrity fans including Prince Harry, Kate Moss, Claudia Schiffer & Matthew Vaughn, Chris Martin, Tom Cruise, Liam Gallagher, Louise & Jamie

Redknapp, Alexandra Burke, Fearn Cotton and Liz Hurley have all been spotted enjoying Winter Wonderland's festivities.

During the season of goodwill visitors from all four corners of the globe participate in a London winter festival with all its delights in one of the capital's largest royal parks.

