

ONTARIO PLACE: A LOOK BACK

As we start our 39th season, here is a look back at all the exciting improvements we've made over the last decade. As we look back we also look forward to our 40th Anniversary in 2011. Preparations are already under way and it's going to be a great celebration and reunion!

2009

- Wild World of Weather, a brand new attraction, was introduced. Replacing the Mega Maze, Wild World of Weather takes guests through an educational and entertaining journey where they experience all of the elements in Mother Nature's repertoire.
- Heritage Square was built to replace the Event Tent in Market Square, providing guests with an optimal area to enjoy much of Ontario Place's special events and entertainment.
- Enhancements were made to the Ontario Place section of the Martin Goodman Trail. These improvements provide a more direct and user-friendly bike route, by redirecting traffic through a singular path across Ontario Place.

2006-2008

- The world-class Rogers Chinese Lantern Festival graced Ontario Place's west island. This spectacular evening event celebrating Chinese culture and artistry expanded the park's regular programming and was such a success that it was extended through 2008.
- In 2006, Ontario Place and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority constructed a new protected fish habitat for fish along the River Walk area.
- Our motion simulator ride was renamed The F/X Adventure Theatre in 2006, and featured the movie Ecozone, a journey through the eyes of earth's animals that educated guests on environmental responsibility.

2005

- We revamped and renovated Froster Soak City® with a brand new zero-depth play area and became the new home of Canada's tallest tipping bucket, which douses the entire splash-pad with 1,000 litres of water every few minutes.

2004

- We introduced the award winning "Guaranteed Weather" program, giving guests a free day at Ontario Place if they purchase a Play All Day Pass® and it rains for an hour during their visit.

2003

- Go Zone, a major new redevelopment of the West Island was unveiled. Go Zone includes exciting attractions such as H₂O Generation Station, a giant outdoor climbing structure, the Atom Blaster, with two levels of foam ball fun, and Micro Kids, Ontario Place's specially-designed attraction for toddlers.

2002

- South Beach volleyball complex was built for both league play and as another venue for corporate bookings and special events.
- We introduced new branded food options like Pizza Pizza.

2000-2001

- Working with the Simex company we introduced a new simulator ride entitled MARS.
- We introduced heat to the waterslides allowing for earlier and later use of the waterslides in the waterpark.
- We celebrated the start of the 30th Anniversary season on May 19, 2001.