

# Critter Country at Disneyland Park: Fact Sheet

**Walt Disney on Critter Country:** “I have a great love of animals and laughter... Some of the most fascinating creatures I have ever met are animals.”

**Overview:** In Critter Country, every day is a “Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah” kind of day. As Disney legend has it, deep in the backwoods of Disneyland Park was a land filled with woodland creatures that walked and talked, much like humans. Curious explorers discovered this land, located in the wooded area beyond New Orleans Square and Frontierland. Critter Country today remains a restful world filled with shady trees, babbling brooks and all kinds of playful animals, from the honey-loving bear that is stuffed with fluff to a hodgepodge of creatures from the briar. Critter Country is home to three attractions: Splash Mountain, The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, and the Davy Crockett Explorer Canoes. This land also features one of the most restful dining areas at Disneyland, the Hungry Bear Restaurant.

**What’s New:** The new Hungry Bear Restaurant menu features many tasty items, including salads, sandwiches and even a new vegan burger. Guests may also choose to order their meals in advance at Hungry Bear Restaurant and Harbour Galley, using the all-new mobile ordering feature on the Disneyland app.

**Don’t miss:** Critter Country has three attractions, including one with Disney FastPass, **Splash Mountain**. The attraction invites brave guests on a musical log flume adventure where they encounter Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, Brer Bear and other kooky characters from Disney’s 1946 film classic, “Song of the South.” Guests can explore the Rivers of America on **Davy Crockett’s Explorer Canoes** or hop in a beehive that takes passengers to the Hundred Acre Wood on **The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh**.

## Attractions:

- Splash Mountain
- The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
- Davy Crockett’s Explorer Canoes

**Entertainment:** The Winnie the Pooh & Friends character meet-and-greet location is deep in Critter Country, near the exit of their attraction, The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh. Share a hug and snap a picture with some of your favorite Winnie the Pooh characters, including Pooh, Tigger and Eeyore. Check the Entertainment Times Guide available at Disneyland Park, or the Disneyland app for their appearance schedule.

**Dining:** There are two dining locations in Critter Country: Hungry Bear Restaurant and Harbour Galley. At the Hungry Bear Restaurant, guests can experience a rustic retreat overlooking a pine forest and just beyond that, the Rivers of America. Guests can paw through a selection of home-style hamburgers, sandwiches and salads in a tranquil lodge surrounded by nature's finest. The waterfront Harbour Galley, on the border between Critter Country and New Orleans Square, is an outpost for hearty options, including clam chowder and lobster rolls. Guests may also choose to plan ahead and use the all-new mobile ordering feature on the Disneyland app to order their favorite food and beverages from these two Critter Country dining locations.

**Imaginative landscaping:** The landscaping of Critter Country creates a backwoods area that looks as if it had been created by Mother Nature herself. When the area was redesigned in the 1970s, more than 165 trees were planted, adding to the 100 trees that were already transplanted from other areas of Disneyland. One Canary Island Pine weighed more than 18 tons. The main trees in Critter Country are monterey, Canary Island, aleppo and Italian stone pines, honey locust, white birch and evergreen elm. Overgrown grasses and a large selection of shrubs add to the land's forest feel.

### **Did you know?**

- Critter Country covers more than five acres. It opened in 1972 as Bear Country and was the home of the Country Bear Jamboree (now closed), as well as the Hungry Bear Restaurant and Teddi Bara's Swingin' Arcade. When Teddi and the other Country Bears retired, Winnie the Pooh arrived to continue the Bear Country tradition.
- Guests will have fun looking for a tribute to the Country Bear Jamboree while riding The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh.
- "Bear Country" became "Critter Country" when Br'er Rabbit and company opened up Splash Mountain in July 1989. Splash Mountain was the first log flume ride created for a Disney park.
- Splash Mountain is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer (July 17, 2019).
- Characters in the finale of Splash Mountain originally made their Disneyland debut in the classic show, "America Sings," where they performed patriotic melodies in Tomorrowland from 1974 to 1988.
- The final drop on Splash Mountain is a thrilling 52 feet (five stories!).

### **Cast member tips:**

- The tranquil Hungry Bear Restaurant is a relaxing area to have a meal. Extra seating overlooking the Rivers of America can be found on the first story of the shaded terrace.
- If your party doesn't mind splitting up on Splash Mountain, get a single rider pass from a cast member at the entrance. This means shorter wait times, especially on a busy day.
- Davy Crockett's Explorer Canoes only operate seasonally, so be sure to take advantage of them when they are open. Ride the canoes earlier in the day when it is cooler and be prepared to paddle.
- A peaceful and secluded pathway to Critter Country, with a unique view of Splash Mountain, is next to Harbour Galley.
- Splash Mountain is very popular, so be sure to grab a Disney FastPass early in the day to reserve your time for this attraction.

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