



# Funderland

Sacramento's Premier Children's Amusement Park

## History of Funderland

The fun began in the early 1940's when Raymond Silva opened Land Park Kiddie Land on our present site. He operated the amusement rides until 1978, when his daughter took over. Raylin Silva continued the Kiddie Land tradition through 1983.

Sam Johnston purchased the rides in 1984. After all major renovations were completed in 1990 - 1991 Funderland was born. The entire 2-acre site was fenced for children's safety. A sound wall was built to minimize the impact of laughing & screaming children on nearby residents. Our current concession stand was built, the whole park was re-landscaped, and birthday party areas were constructed.

Two of our rides have been providing smiles for over fifty years! The Carousel was opened in 1947, to the delight of 6,000 children, who initiated the ride during its first week of operation. Oscar the fish opened shortly thereafter and is still popular with 2 – 6 year olds today. In 1990, the Back Road Buggies, Log Flume, Red Baron, and Train rides were built. The Flying Dragon Roller Coaster, Tea Cups, and Himalaya followed in 1991.

In addition to providing children with memories, which last a lifetime, Funderland makes a major contribution to the quality of life in Sacramento. All city revenues collected from Funderland are placed into a special fund earmarked for Fairytale Town and the Sacramento Zoo. This helps with the operating expenses of our neighbors and provides improvements to William Land Park in general.