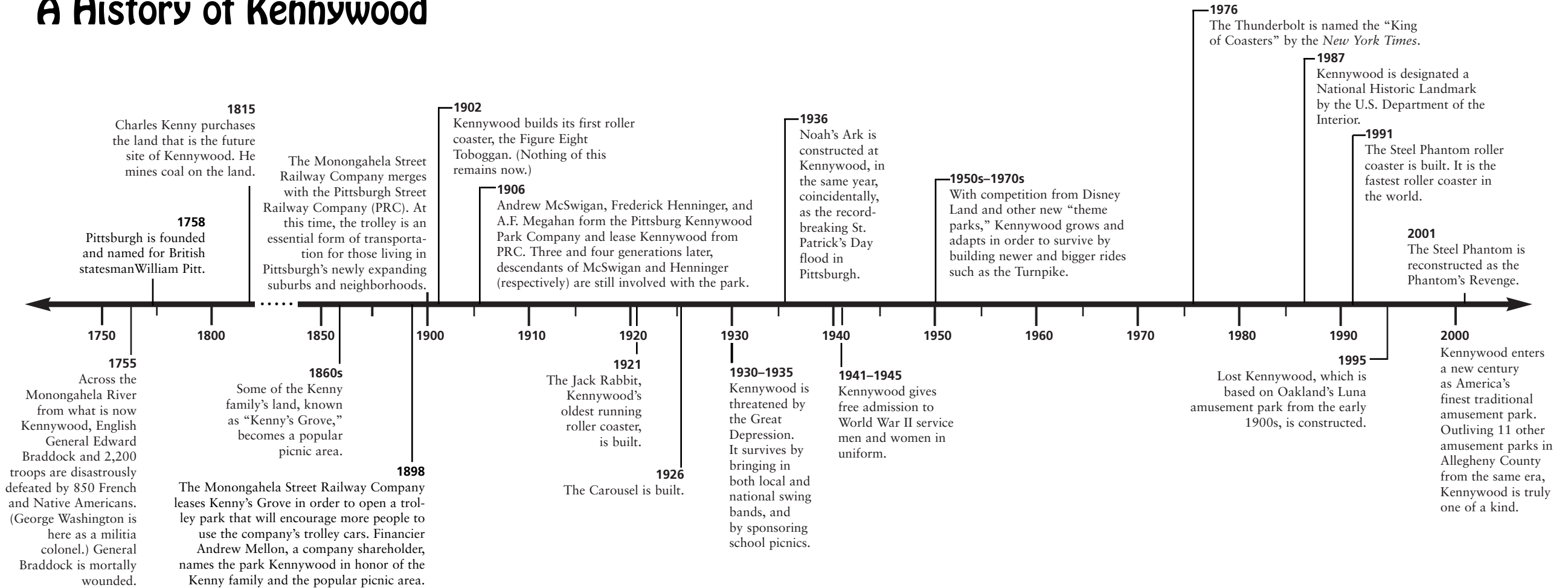


# KENNYWOOD: MORE THAN FUN AND FRIES

## A History of Kennywood



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# KENNYWOOD FUN and FASCINATING FaCts

1. In the early years, to satisfy the complaints of local churches that Kennywood was open on Sundays, the Pittsburgh Railway Company sponsored outdoor religious services at Kennywood and its other parks.
2. Andrew Mellon, a famous Pittsburgh financier and an owner of the Monongahela Street Railway Company, named the new trolley park "Kennywood." The park was on land that belonged to an Anthony Kenny, who was well known and beloved because he let people picnic on his land (Kenny's Grove) for free.
3. To go with Kennywood's playful side, Noah's Ark used to have air jets in its walkway that would blow air up under women's skirts.
4. The Jack Rabbit is now on the site of Braddock's Spring where English General Edward Braddock and his men (including George Washington) reputedly stopped for water and rest on their way to attack the French Fort "Du Quesne" in 1755.
5. In 1987, Kennywood was made a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a way of recognizing the park's historical and architectural significance. The park is one of nine such landmarks in Allegheny County and one of only two amusement parks in the United States to be so honored.
6. Kennywood is home to some rides that may no longer exist anywhere else. These include the Kangaroo and Auto Race.
7. In 1981, Kennywood had over one million visitors for the first time. This is now a normal attendance figure. Over 1,000 high school and college students serve the one-million-plus visitors each season.
8. The Potato Patch goes through over 400,000 pounds (around 200 tons) of potatoes each season!

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