Knott's Berry Farm – *A Historical Chronology*

- 1889 Walter Knott born.
- 1911 Walter marries Cordelia Hornaday.
- 1920 Walter Knott begins farming on rented land in Buena Park with his cousin, Jim Preston. Roadside berry stand begins operation around 1922.
- 1927 Preston & Knott dissolve their partnership. Knott buys 10 acres. Cordelia begins serving pie and coffee from their berry stand.
- 1928 First permanent building opens, with tea room, plant nursery, and berry market. The name Knott's Berry Place is first used.
- 1932 Knott plants first Boysenberries on his farm; originally introduced in 1927 by Rudolph Boysen of Anaheim.
- 1934 Cordelia Knott begins selling chicken dinners.
- 1937 Three hundred seat Chicken Dinner Restaurant completed; open year-round.
- 1939 Chicken Dinner Restaurant expanded to 600 seats.
- 1940 Walter Knott begins construction of the first street of Ghost Town.
- 1941 *Ghost Town News* begins publication; ceased in 1946.
- 1946 Buffalo Steak House opens; Mrs. Knott begins producing berry preserves for sale.
- 1947 Knott's Berry Place officially renamed Knott's Berry Farm. Gold Panning attraction opens.
- 1951 Walter Knott purchases Calico ghost town in San Bernardino County and begins rebuilding the town.
- 1952 Ghost Town & Calico Railroad begins running at Knott's Berry Farm.
- 1954 Haunted Shack opens; closed 2000.
- 1955 Church of Reflections (built in Downey in 1876) rebuilt at Knott's Berry Farm; moved across Beach Blvd and largely rebuilt in 2003.
- 1956 Marion Speer's Western Trails Museum collection moved from Liberty Park (near Huntington Beach) to Knott's Berry Farm.
- 1957 Maizeland School (built in 1868) moved from Pico Rivera to Knott's Berry Farm; a California State Historic Landmark.
- 1958 Mott's Miniatures shop opens in Ghost Town; leaves park in 1992.

- 1960 Calico Mine Ride opens.
- 1966 Independence Hall dedicated. Calico ghost town deeded to San Bernardino County.
- 1968 Knott's Berry Farm begin charging admission; \$1 for adults, 25¢ for children.
- 1969 Fiesta Village and Calico Log Co. ride open.
- 1971 John Wayne Theatre opens (now the Charles M. Shultz Theatre).
- 1973 First Christian music night at the park (later called Jubilation). First Knott's Scary Farm Halloween celebration.
- 1974 Cordelia Knott dies, age 84.
- 1975 Roaring '20s theme area opens; became The Boardwalk in 1996. Corkscrew ride opens; removed in 1989.
- 1976 Knott's Airfield, a major addition to the Roaring '20s area, opens.
- 1978 Montezooma's Revenge opens.
- 1981 Walter Knott dies, age 91.
- 1983 Camp Snoopy opens.
- 1988 Bigfoot Rapids opens in new Wild Water Wilderness.
- 1992 Indian Trails area opens.
- 1995 Knott's Berry Farm Foods purchased by ConAgra Foods.
- 1997 Cedar Fair L.P. purchases Knott's Berry Farm from Knott family.
- 1998 GhostRider wooden roller coaster and Supreme Scream open.
- 2000 Knott's Soak City water park opens.
- 2004 Silver Bullet opens.