

Disneyland Secrets Only Serious Insiders Know

Some Disney “secrets” aren’t quite so unknown anymore, like the fact that there are Mickeys hidden all throughout Disney Parks. Luckily, there are still plenty of little-known tidbits that will surprise even the most devoted Disney fans. Let’s dive into the Disneyland secrets you’ve probably never heard before. Some are fun, others are interesting, and then there are a handful that are downright strange. All in all, you’ll be more of a Disney trivia whiz than before.

Meta Description

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Find the Lone Build-A-Bear



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Build-A-Bear once had a huge store located at Downtown Disney, but when it closed, Ballast Point Brewery and Kitchen opened on the second floor of the building. Today, you can find one remaining Build-A-Bear in the building (and in all of Disneyland).

Look for the pirate bear that hangs out on the wall next to the Ballast Point logo. Not only is this a small nod to the previous inhabitants of the building, but since the brewery has a nautical theme, the pirate Build-A-Bear fits well with the décor.

Tour a Rare, VIP Train Car



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The Lilly Belle is a special caboose car that's sometimes seen throughout Disneyland attached to the train that runs through the park. It was named after Walt Disney's wife, Lillian, and was even decorated by her.

The Lilly Belle is usually only available to VIP guests or private tours (like the Grand Circle Tour, which you can book), but if you're there when the park first opens and you spot the Lilly Belle, kindly ask a cast member if you can pop in. You might be allowed to take a quick tour.

One of the Refreshment Corner Lightbulbs Looks Funny



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This one's super easy to miss. If you pop by the Coca-Cola-sponsored Refreshment Corner, you can't miss the red and white lightbulbs that wrap around the overhang of the shop. Unfortunately, there's an odd number of bulbs, making the pattern impossible to perfectly adhere to.

Look closely, though, and you'll notice that one of the bulbs is painted half-white and half-red, a suggestion and super easy fix that, as the rumor goes, Walt Disney himself made. The split bulb can be spotted in one of the corners of the room.

Your Favorite Snack Was Invented Here



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Believe it or not, Doritos got their start in Disneyland. One of Disneyland's first restaurants was Casa de Fritos (yes, those Fritos), and all of the meals came with complementary Fritos. The restaurant had a waste problem, though.

In the 1960s, a salesman from Casa de Fritos' tortilla maker noticed that stale tortillas were being thrown out. He suggested that the cooks make chips out of them instead. A marketing vice president for Fritos then chose to sell the chips on the national level, and the Doritos brand was created.