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## **Planning underway for the anticipated new slides at Parrot Island Waterpark.**

**Fort Smith, Ark – March 7, 2025** – Parrot Island Waterpark is making a big splash with exciting expansion plans! The family friendly destination is thrilled to announce that planning is officially underway for the addition of five brand-new waterslides. As part of Parrot Island’s ongoing commitment to deliver big thrills and fun to the community, these upcoming attractions will bring fresh excitement to guests of all ages.

Parrot Island Waterpark’s expansion will include a new slide tower that launches five water slides from two platforms and includes two inner tube rides making their world debut at Parrot Island Waterpark: The Topspin and the Nautilus. Phase one, expected later this summer, will include four slides plus a new shaded seating area that will accommodate approximately 600 additional guests. The new ride experiences on the 60-foot tower also include Head Rush - a mat racer in two flumes featuring surprising bursts of light and the Flatline Loop, a high-thrill body slide that has the rider plunging into a free fall from an AquaLaunch capsule and into a horizontal translucent loop at 31 mph.

The Topspin inner tube slide will allow for 1-2 riders and features high-banking bowl rotations and a corkscrew descent. After vibrant AquaLucent bursts, they plunge into a second open Topspin before finishing 554 feet from the start.

Topspin by the numbers:

- Slide height: 49 ft
- Slide length: 554 ft
- Approximate ride duration: 29 seconds
- Top speed: approx. 16.78 mph

The Nautilus is an exciting water ride that offers a thrilling 90-degree turn experience. Riders plunge into the first Nautilus, feeling intense G forces and splashes. After a heart-pounding climb and a moment of weightlessness, they oscillate back down before being propelled out at a right angle. The ride continues with a second Nautilus, full of twists, turns, and exhilarating fun. The Nautilus is scheduled to be completed in 2026.

Nautilus by the numbers

- Slide height: 49 ft

- Slide length: 577 ft
- Approximate ride duration: 50 seconds
- Top speed: approx. 14.5 mph

“We’re excited to be working together with the City of Fort Smith and American Resort Management to bring to life a slide tower packed with so many different experiences,” said Jordanna Bower, VP, Business Development at WhiteWater. “Parrot Island will have a body slide for daredevils, a mat racer for friendly competition, and with world-firsts Nautilus and Topspin, thrilling inner tube rides for shared memories.”

Currently Parrot Island Waterpark features the region’s only 2-person tube slide, Flow Rider, wave pool and lazy river along with four awesome twisting turning water slides, an activity pool and a themed children’s aquatic play area. The outdoor waterpark has over 410,000 gallons of aquatic fun and has a variety of amenities, including party pavilions, cabana rentals, food, and beverage concessions, 800 complimentary deck and lounge chairs, over 250 complimentary water tubes, expansive grass lawns for relaxing and much more, and is open mid-May through Labor Day.

Located at Ben Geren Park, residents and visitors can enjoy Parrot Island Waterpark along with miniature golf, playground equipment, outdoor picnic areas and pavilions, softball and soccer fields, tennis courts, a 1 ½ mile fitness and circuit walking trail, two 18-hole disk golf courses, over eight miles of paved bike trails, 11 miles of mountain bike trails, and an outstanding 27-hole county golf course.

For more information and to see the season calendar, please visit [www.parrotislandwaterpark.com](http://www.parrotislandwaterpark.com)  
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