**According To HomeToGo**

**Quassy Rated Among Best Amusement Park Values In Nation**

NEW YORK - When it comes to offering an affordable family getaway, Quassy Amusement & Waterpark in Middlebury, Conn., is considered the best option among all amusement parks in the Northeast, according to HomeToGo, the world’s largest vacation rental search engine.

HomeToGo today revealed the results of its annual Theme Park Index. The ranking, which includes the 50 largest amusement parks in the United States, exposes the steep gradient that separates the nation’s most affordable and most expensive options.

Not only did the ratings find Quassy the most affordable in the region, but the family-owned property was considered the third best overall amusement park deal nationwide.

“We’re certainly pleased that we can continue to offer a full day of rides and our expanded waterpark for less than $30 per person,” Quassy President Eric Anderson said. “With the vast improvements made at the park over the past 17 years, our guests are finding more value than ever before.”

In 2011 Quassy made international theme park news when it introduced Wooden Warrior, a roller coaster incorporating tight turns and exceptional “airtime” in a small footprint. The marquee attraction was the first in all of North America to use the state-of-the-art Timberliner train from Gravitykraft Corp., Cincinnati, Ohio.

In addition, the lakeside property has added a full-fledged waterpark in recent years as well as eight other new rides in the amusement area of the park.

**How It Was Calculated**

In order to rank the theme parks based on price, four factors were researched by HomeToGo: Parking, adult anyday one-day ticket, meal deal and accommodation for one night

Park websites provided parking, ticket, and meal deal prices for this year\*. HomeToGo used its own metasearch data to forecast the average cost of accommodation (per person per night) between April 6 and June 22.

Frontier City in Oklahoma accelerated to the top of this year’s ranking with Holiday World in Indiana second and Quassy third.

HomeToGo based its findings on the following pricing:

Frontier City: Parking $8.29; ticket $31.99; meal $11.99; accommodation $26.54 for a total of $78.81.

Holiday World: Parking free; ticket $39.99; meal $13.98; accommodation $29.97 for a total of $83.94

Quassy Amusement Park: Parking $7; ticket $29.99; meal $11.50; accommodation $36.55 for a total of $85.04.

**See The Complete Findings**

The report also sums up the most expense parks in the U.S.

The most affordable parks by region are as follows: Northeast – Quassy Amusement & Waterpark; Mid-Atlantic – Hersheypark, Hershey, Pa.; Midwest – Holiday World, Santa Claus, Ind.; South – The Park At OWA, Foley, Ala.; West – Knott’s Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif.; Southwest – Frontier City, Oklahoma City, Okla.

For the complete breakdown of this year’s ranking, visit the results page: <https://www.hometogo.com/united-states/amusement-parks/#theme-park-index>

“When people think of traveling to an amusement park, the big international parks often come to mind first. We are pleased to be able to offer travelers a comprehensive overview of the best amusement parks in America to provide even more options for every budget while still allowing for a fun-filled theme park vacation,” said Joanna Booth, head of inbound marketing for HomeToGo. “We had a scream producing this guide, and are delighted to show that some of the best parks in the world with award-winning attractions are accessible for a fraction of the price of going to a park in Orlando or SoCal.”

Additional key takeaways from this year’s Theme Park Price Index:

• Florida has the most parks in this year’s ranking (9), followed by California (8).

• When comparing this year’s ranking to last year’s, notable winners include The Park at OWA (costing $96.69 less this year), Hersheypark (costing $29.92 less this year) and Knott’s Berry Farm (costing $23.42 less this year).

**About Quassy**

Quassy Amusement Park & Waterpark is in its 111th year and features more than two dozen rides and attractions.

Rides include the award-winning Wooden Warrior roller coaster, Reverse Time, Frantic, Music Fest, Yo-Yo super swings, Free Fall ‘N’ Drop Tower and Grand Carousel. New for 2019 is the Bouncing Buggies family ride.

Splash Away Bay waterpark has dozens of ways to get drenched on warm summer days, including 15 slides, Saturation Station modular play area and a splash pad for toddlers.

Quassy also features a laser maze attraction in its huge arcade building.

The park also has a restaurant, redemption arcade, games, live entertainment and special events.

Season passes are on sale now at the park office and through the Quassy website at www.quassy.com. Company picnics, school fieldtrips and other catered events are also being scheduled through the park office at (203) 758-2913.

Quassy is located at 2132 Middlebury Road, Route 64, in Middlebury, Conn., on the shores of Lake Quassapaug.

**About HomeToGo**

HomeToGo (www.hometogo.com) is the world's largest vacation rental search engine. It allows you to easily search and compare over 15 million accommodation offers in over 200 countries from more than 600 partners, including: Airbnb, Booking.com, VRBO, HomeAway, and TripAdvisor. With intuitive features such as flexible dates, users can find their ideal vacation rental according to their preferred destination, travel dates, budget, and amenities. The Berlin-based company currently employs more than 150 people and operates local websites in 13 European countries, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Brazil, Russia, Japan, and Hong Kong.

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\*All prices in USD. Research was conducted during March 2019. When any-day one-day tickets were not available, we selected June 1, 2019 as our default advance date. For parks with no advance ticket information for 2019, we used prices from last year’s ranking. Online menus and customer service teams provided the meal deal prices in instances when they were not available on the park websites. Processing fees and taxes are not included.

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**With logo and photos**

**Connecticut Park Flying High**

Riders fly high above the park on the Yo-Yo swing ride (foreground) while lakeside kiddie rides spin in the background at Quassy Amusement & Waterpark in Middlebury, Conn. The family-owned park was rated among the top three amusement park values in the nation in a report released today by HomeToGo. (Quassy photos)

**Warrior Riders**

The award-winning Wooden Warrior roller coaster at Quassy Amusement & Waterpark made its debut in 2011. The ride put the small regional park on the international map.