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Pier Construction Timeline



Hastings Pier during its construction in 1872, (HPC068.003)



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	1869	18-Dec	The first iron pile screwed into seabed.
	1872	05-Aug	The Pier Opened.
	1875	02-Aug	A small camera obscura installed (until 1904/5).
	1890		The landing stage was extended around seaward end.
	1899	15-May	The pavilion was enlarged with a new roof and balcony at south end, and a clock on the roof.
	1910		An American Bowling alley was added
	1911		The Joy Wheel was built next to promenade, a shooting gallery was placed on the west side of the Pier near Pavilion. A windbreak was built between the Joy Wheel and the bowling alley.
	1912		The bowling alley moves into shooting gallery
	1914		The first 220 feet is brought by Hastings Council. The Joy Wheel and Tollbooths are removed.
	1916	April-June	There is a parade extension and the bandstand is added. Shelters are added and new frontage is placed onto the open deck.
	1917		The pavilion is destroyed by fire.
	1920	Spring	Tall decorative posts are erected along the edge of the Pier extension.
	1921		The decking is replaced where the old pavilion stood.
	1922	July	A new pavilion is opened. 120ft x 80 feet, for 1300 people. It is designed for summer use only.
	1925		An ornate steel gantry covered in lights is added, and placed around the extension. It was removed in 1933 when the promenade was rebuilt.

	1926	July	The frontage of the Pier is converted to large arcade/foyer with a tollgate at seaward end of the foyer. Immediately on the west side, a new "shore pavilion" theatre 108ft x 41feet is built. Going seaward, an amusement centre, a bowling alley, tea rooms, bar and refreshment kiosk are added near the pavilion. The rifle range is removed.
	1926		A large licensed refreshment salon is opened, attached to inland side of the sea pavilion as well as other buildings.
	1926		The rifle range is removed.
	1929		The substructure is rebuilt and finished, the deck widening, is also started in 1925
	1929		The bowling alley is dismantled and rebuilt slightly further south with an extra 10 feet added on south end. A dome is placed in middle and now called the Shore End Pavilion.
	1930		The decking to seaward end of pavilion is replaced, 13 years after 1917 fire.
	1930		The games pavilion is rebuilt.
	1931		A small bandstand is built to the south of the sea pavilion.
	1931/32		The landing stage is doubled in width and extended 60 feet to the west.
	1932/33		The frontage of the Pier is modernised in an Art Deco style with clock over the entrance. A refreshment room on the east side of the entrance is demolished and replaced with a larger restaurant.
	1934		The west side of shore end is rebuilt larger.
	1936		The small buildings to front of sea pavilion are cleared away and replaced by a wide foyer, 2 story building with a bar on the east side and tea room above and adding two towers.

	1943		25 yards of deck is removed from the middle, bowling alley landward, as a sea defence precaution.
	1946	08-Jun	The Pier re-opens after WWII.
	1947		The sea end is reopened.
	1951		The west solarium is added, from arcade to pavilion.
	1956		The east solarium is added.
	1960		The pavilion is modernised
	1961	May	The bandstand is demolished in April and replaced with a mobile one. In 1966 the mobile bandstand is then moved to Warrior Square.
	1966		The Triodome is opened for the Hastings Tapestry, to celebrate the 900-year anniversary of 1066.
	1967		A new pavilion is built, taller.
	1968		The Pier is handed back to The Pier Company.
	1969		The shelters are converted to shops.
	1972		The Pier is repainted white.
	1974		The zoo is closed, the Triodome becomes an amusement arcade. The bandstand shelters are converted to kiosks.
	1976	14-Sep	The Pier gains a Grade 2 listing status.
	1981	April	A final attempt for passenger trip, by The Waverly.
	1986		The Triodome is removed and purchase by Brighton Pier and is still there today.
	1987		The Pier is damaged in the 1987 hurricane
	1990		The Pier Preservation Society is started with the aim of restoring the Art Deco façade.
	1993		Large storms cause £100,000 damage.
	1999		After a storm in October 1999 the Pier is no longer safe for the public and is closed suddenly when the owners go into voluntary liquidation, with debts of £160,000.
	2001		Major above decks renovation take place and the Pier is reopened

	2005		The Council receives an engineer's report showing that the Pier needed repair work of up to £1.2 million.
	2006	16-Jun	Sea end part of the Pier is closed but the apron remains open.
	2006	01-Nov	The Pier is found to be so unsafe that the Council imposes a closure order on the Pier beyond the apron.
	2007	10-Feb	At a public meeting a campaigning group called Friends of Hastings Pier is set up.
	2007	Jul	The Apron of the Pier is reopened.
	2008	01-Feb	The Hastings and White Rock Trust is formed.
	2008	31-Aug	The Pier is completely closed.
	2009	17-Oct	A March in the town is organised to raise awareness of the need to save the Pier.
	2010	5-Oct	A huge fire destroys much of the Pier.
	2010	Nov	The Hastings Pier & White Rock Trust submits an application for £8.75m to the Heritage Lottery to restore the substructure of the Pier and renovate the remaining building.
	2011	May	The Heritage Lottery awards an £8.75m grant, to be released in stages contingent on a business plan, developing a heritage learning and activities programme, and raising £1m in matching funds.
	2013	Aug	A Compulsory Purchase Order is enacted and the Pier is returned to local ownership, which enables the £14m renovation project to go forward.
	2014		The reconstruction of Hastings Pier takes two years, from May 2014 until its reopening in May 2016.
	2016	May	Hastings Pier reopens.

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