Steel Pier originally opened in 1898 and takes its name from the iron pilings driven into the ocean groun

Billed as "the Showplace of the Nation", it quickly became known for the wonders of the world's top entertai

Steel Pier with airplane flying overhead (1930, HO009.624.158Ste061; ACFPL Heston Collection)

After a 1982 fire, the Steel Pier was revived as an amusements-only attraction in 1993. For many years, it was one of the few family friendly spots in town. The Pier itself is currently owned by Trump Entertainment Resorts, Inc. and includes amusements and attractions for all ages. For hours, ticket information, and information on rides and attractions, see the Steel Pier website .

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