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# SHOOTING THE CHUTES

***LATEST STYLE AND BEST EQUIPPED STRUCTURE IN AMERICA***

White City Amusement Park, 63rd Street and South Parkway, Chicago, IL (1905)

Chutes is easily picked out from the many attractions at White City by the great crowds which are constantly about it. This attraction has been extremely popular at every amusement resort for many years, and every manager has come to believe that his park is not complete unless he has one. White City, following its policy of having only the best of everything, has a Chutes that is the best ever constructed up to date. It has all the latest improvements and will bear comparison with any other Chutes in the country.



Chutes Lagoon; Also View of Fire Show Entrance



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This form of amusement is one which appeals directly to all classes and to all ages, until it has become so well known that the phrase "Shoot the Chutes" is understood by every person. There is a strange exhilaration and fascinating sensation about the dash at incredible speed down the swift incline and the darting out upon the water on the flat bottomed boats, which seem every moment as if they would dive under, which attracts every visitor. The Chutes at White City is located at the extreme south end of the "Board Walk" and is at the south end of the Lagoon.

A feature of the Chutes is the escalator. This machine carries the people to the top of the pavilion, where they take the boats for the descent, saves them the effort of walking up the steep incline and greatly facilitates the quick movement of the crowds. The Escalator is very similar to a moving sidewalk and is provided with a moving handrail, so that a person may steady himself while making the ascent. This machine is the longest one ever constructed, being more than 500 feet in length, and it is entirely safe. This same form of machine in a less improved state has been used in various stores and parks for a number of years, and there has never yet been any accident with one of them.

The lagoons into which the boats dash with their merry crowds has been built especially for the Chutes. It is very large for the purpose for which it is used and contains more than 1,350,000 gallons of water. The sides of the lagoon are heavily cemented and water rains off of them very quickly. There are several entrances to the "Board Walk" from the lagoon, so that there is no chance for too great crowds to gather about the sides of the pond.

The Chutes at White City are the longest which have ever been constructed and are complete in every detail. The entire framework of the Chutes is built from steel and has been solidly reinforced in many places. The tracks down which the boats slide at their swift speed is also made of steel, as is the roadbed for the cars. A large corps of guards are constantly about the attraction and every precaution is taken for the handling of visitors quickly.