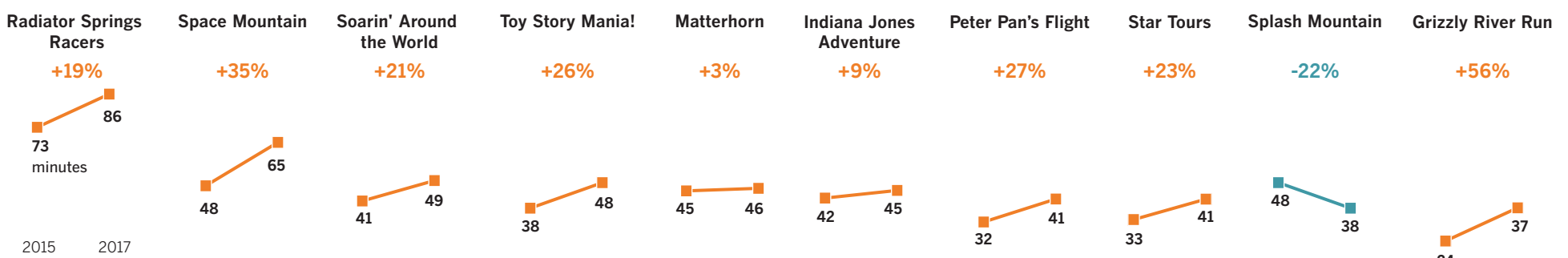


Don't waste your time at Disneyland. Here's how to avoid the lines.

Visitors to Disneyland and California Adventure are experiencing more sore feet and sunburn while waiting to ride some of the parks' increasingly popular attractions.

Wait times for nearly all of the resort's most popular rides have risen, according to a Los Angeles Times analysis of data from touringplans.com. They averaged 24.4 minutes for the first six months of 2017, a 28% increase over the same period in 2015 when the park posted record-high attendance numbers.

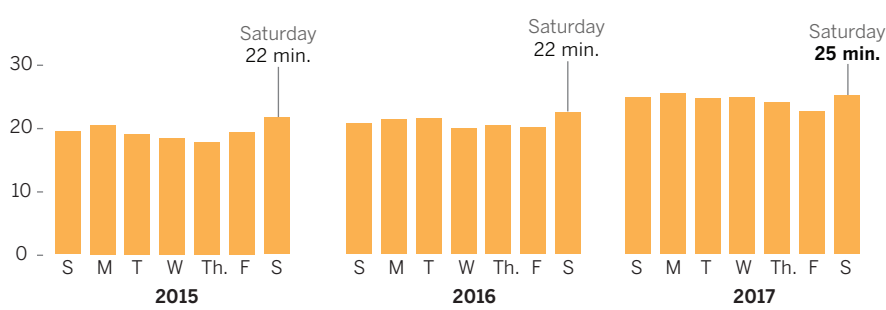
Average wait times for the busiest rides in both parks



Visit the park on a weekday

The best days of the week to visit the parks are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Avoid Saturdays and Mondays, the two busiest days of the week in 2017.

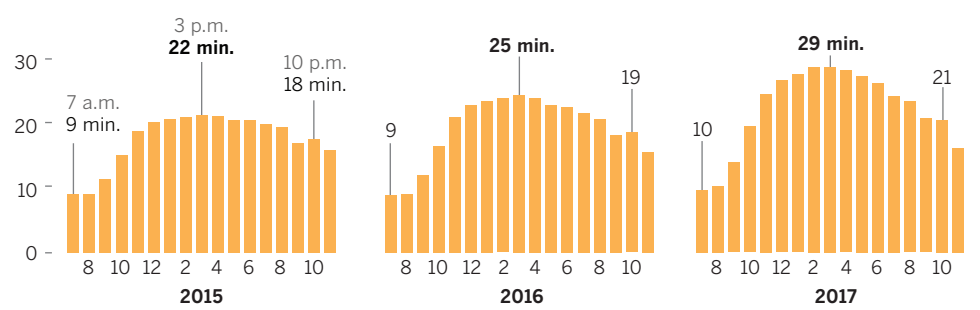
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Get there early

While wait times have increased at all times of the day over the last two years, they are still shortest right when the park opens at 8 a.m. Visitors at nearby resort hotels also have the option to enter the park an hour early, beginning at 7 a.m.

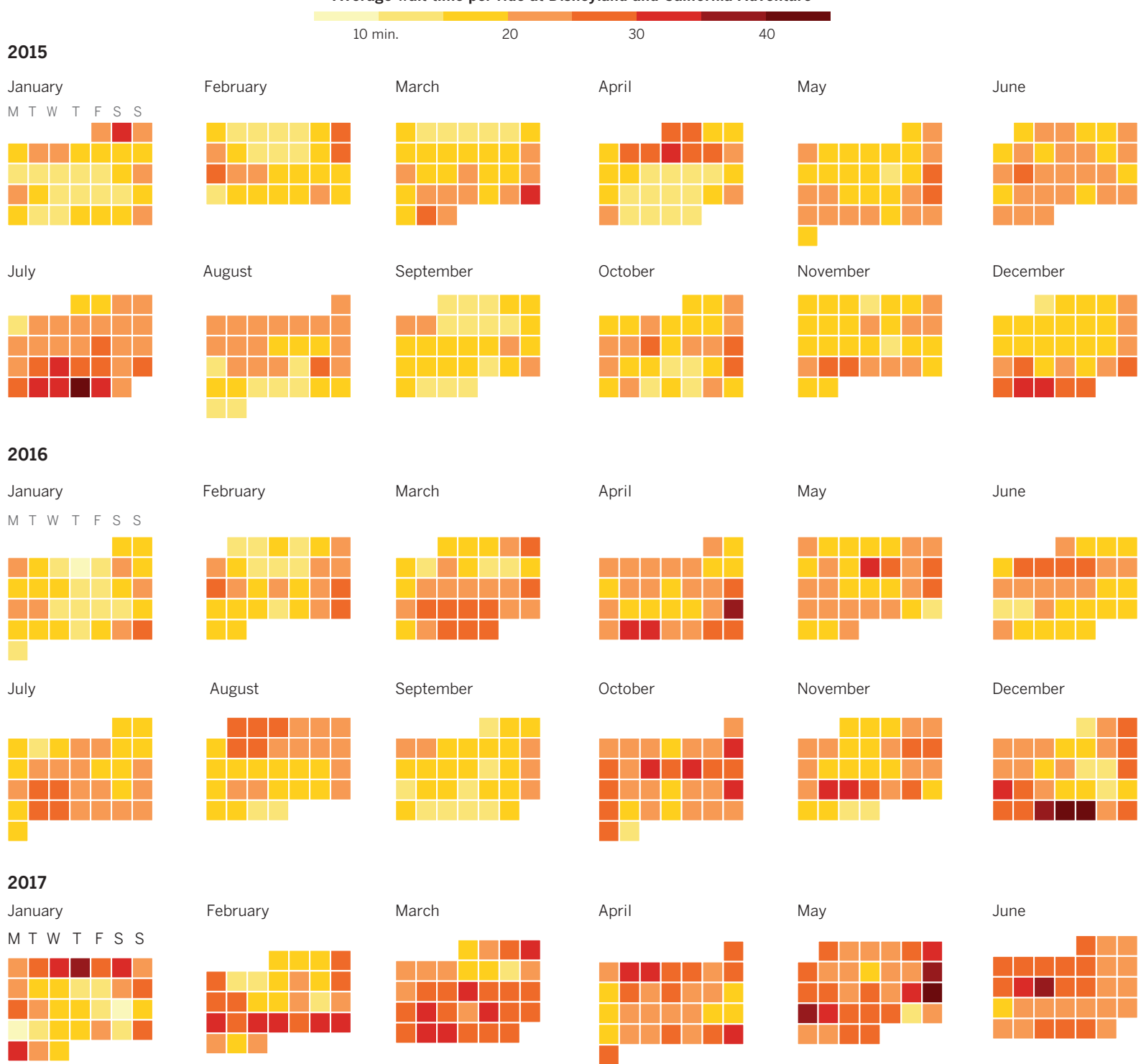
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Pick a good month

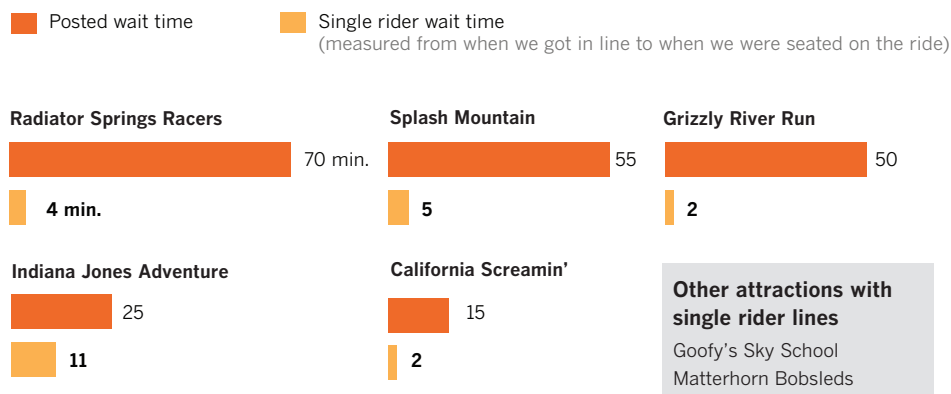
The best months to visit are September and January, when the average wait time per ride is less than 15 minutes. Wait times are highest near major holidays.

Average wait time per ride at Disneyland and California Adventure



Learn to love the single-rider line

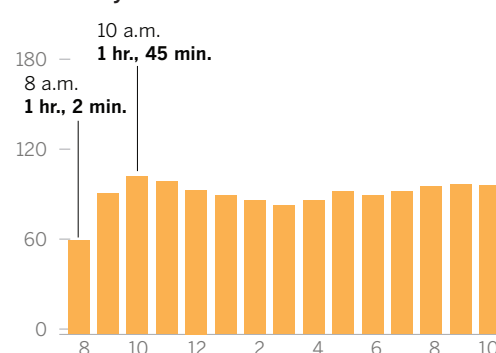
Many of the most popular rides allow single riders to walk up a separate queue that gets them on the ride faster (and helps fill seats). We tested out several of the single-rider lines to see how their waits compared to the posted times. Here's what we found:



Guardians of the Galaxy: Go there first

When Guardians of the Galaxy — Mission: Breakout! opened on Memorial Day weekend, its wait times soared past every other ride in either park. While the lines have come down from their peak of 5 hours, riders are still waiting about an hour and a half.

Average wait time by hour at Guardians of the Galaxy

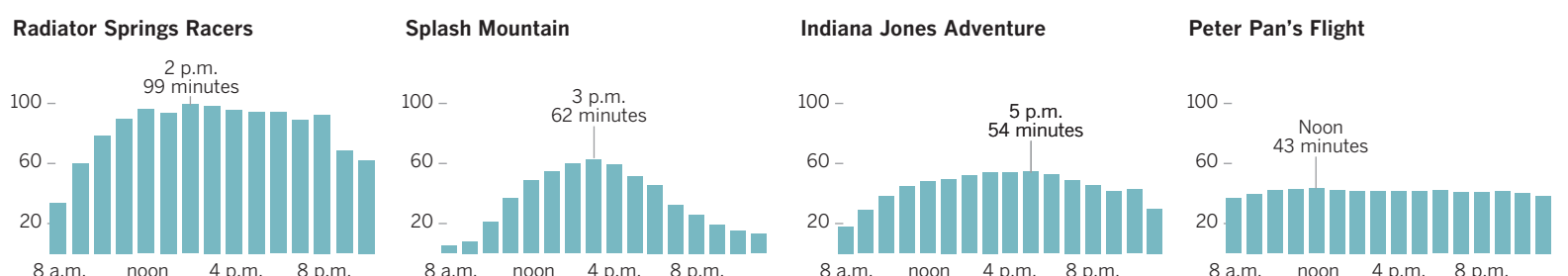


The best way to ride Guardians of the Galaxy

If you really want to ride, be at the park when the gates open and head to Hollywood Land right away. If you miss the 8 a.m. window, be prepared to stand in line for at least an hour — or try your luck with a Fastpass, but don't count on it. Because the ride is so popular, its Fastpass allotment can run out by 10:30 a.m.

When to ride each ride at both parks

We've calculated the wait time per hour at every ride at Disneyland and California Adventure. Here's a sample of what we found, but for the rest, head over to <http://latimes.com/disneyland>



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