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## **Haunted Graveyard Chills Beginning September 28<sup>th</sup> at Lake Compounce**

**America's Oldest Theme Park Plans Bone-Chilling Thrills for a Spooky Halloween '07**

**BRISTOL/SOUTHINGTON, CT (July 9, 2007)** – The Haunted Graveyard, New England's largest and scariest Halloween event, opens at Lake Compounce for its ninth year on Friday, September 28, 2007. It will remain open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night (except Sunday, Sept. 30) through October 28, 2007, and will be open on Halloween on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The entire park will be turned into a haunted Halloween, with spine-chilling walkways, eerie music and fog throughout, and the legendary 45-minute hair-raising walk through the Haunted Graveyard itself.

As always, a portion of the proceeds from the Haunted Graveyard will go to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The Haunted Graveyard started in 1991 when Ernie and Carol Romegialli's daughter, Johanna, was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. "We started decorating our yard in Middletown, Connecticut for Halloween, thinking it would keep our daughter's mind off candy. Every year our decorations grew bigger and bigger. They outgrew our yard and have since evolved into New England's largest Halloween attraction," said Romegialli.

The Haunted Graveyard is a mammoth Halloween extravaganza that features five haunted houses and a graveyard linked by a labyrinth of terrifying trails. Some of the chilling and creepy venues include the Castle Vampire; where bats, vampires and all manner of creatures descend upon unknowing visitors; the Catacombs, where bones and broken altars litter the deep cavern for a soul-chilling encounter; and the Forgotten Cemetery, where zombies and night stalkers have awakened from the dead and roam once again.

“We’re always very excited about Halloween and the very scary Haunted Graveyard. 2007 promises once again to be a thrilling experience for everyone who comes to Lake Compounce,” said Jerry Brick, general manager at Lake Compounce. “The Haunted Graveyard is a great October event, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is very worthwhile. We are proud to be involved.”

The Haunted Graveyard will begin at dusk, but park gates open at 5:00 p.m. each evening. At that time, visitors can purchase tickets to the Graveyard with the virtual queue system, which improves wait time in line, and go on rides and attractions throughout the park. Lake Compounce will operate its rides and attractions until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and until 10:00 p.m. on Sundays. There will no rides operating on Wednesday, October 31. Only the Haunted Graveyard will be open.

Tickets can be purchased for both the Haunted Graveyard and Lake Compounce rides, or either one alone. For more information, please visit [www.hauntedgraveyard.com](http://www.hauntedgraveyard.com)

**About Lake Compounce:**

Lake Compounce, owned by Kennywood Entertainment of Pittsburgh, PA is New England’s Family Theme Park and the oldest continuously operating amusement park in North America. Kennywood assumed control of the park in 1996 and, in conjunction with the state of Connecticut, has invested more than \$60 million in rides and attractions. Celebrating its 161<sup>st</sup> season, this year Lake Compounce has added “Zoomer’s Gas ‘n Go,” an antique Corvette ride set on a 1950’s roadway, perfect for all ages. Visit [www.lakecompounce.com](http://www.lakecompounce.com) for more information,

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