

The Whole Universe at Your Feet

Following Tuesday's adventures, our band went to a park I have never been to (unless you count California's version of 30 years ago... ITHASN'T BEEN THAT LONG). All I can say is OH, MY GOODNESS. Universal Studios Florida features 2 worlds and something for everyone that is even cheaper than going to Disney (but I love Disney, too). The first ride we caught was [Jimmy Newtron's Nicktoon Blast](#). If you have young kids who enjoy watching the cartoon characters on Nickelodeon this is a must stop area. Not only was the ride fun but in the shop following the ride, I saw Spongebob Squarepants. Outside (not Nicktoon characters but still...) we saw Scooby-Doo, Shaggy, and the Mystery Machine. Unfortunately, they were on their way out before we could get a photo.

Next ride was one that has been hyped since I was invited to go in late August-early September. Let me tell you, if you enjoy the thrill of a roller coaster and the chills of a haunted house... you must ride [Revenge of the Mummy](#). The only problem being... and this is not the last time it happened... I was the jinx who caused the coaster to malfunction. I'm not sure which ride started it off... maybe [taylhis](#) will be able to remind me... but it seemed that if there was a chance that a ride would stop, there I was in the middle. This was even more memorable because Chris and I were trapped in the hot room. But we eventually came to the ride's climax. It is a doozy.

The third highlight (not that I did not love ALL OF THE ATTRACTIONS... I could spend hours elaborating), was based on one of my favorite animated series. The entire area surrounding the [Simpson's Ride](#) is devoted to Springfield. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa... don't think we saw Maggie were all there. There is also a Quik-E-Mart featuring Squishees that

we had to have. We have been trying to figure out in which episode of the series Mr. Burns proclaims that his lunch consists of "One boullion cube." Anyone? But the simulated roller coaster is just a blast too. It actually creates the sensation (however slight) of being on a coaster while being immersed in an animated adventure with the cast. Animated thrill rides have come along way since even Star Tours was introduced at the now named Hollywood Studios at Disney World.