

WANDering Why Hagrid?

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The day is getting closer and the magic is getting stronger. The new ride at Universal Studios The Wizarding World of Harry Potter is almost ready for its grand opening. Pottermore has teamed up with Universal to describe every creature that will be on the ride. Each day a new magical creature that will be on the ride is revealed. So far the creatures that have been revealed are a Centaur, Devil Snare, Cornish Pixies, Fluffy the Three Headed Dog and a Blast-Ended Skrewt. Some of the creatures have been seen in the movies, while some have only been in the books but, either way, the riders will get to come face to face with each one of them. The ride has not yet been completed, but it is close to being done. With only a few short months to go before the grand opening things are starting to come alive (like magic.) Everyone in the park is getting excited about this new ride because it is something that is different from the other Harry Potter rides. Though, all the rides make riders feel like they are a part of the wizarding world this ride just does something else. It is probably the fact the riders get to go to places not even Harry and his friends were allowed to go (unless they were in detention of course). The Forbidden Forest is a big part of this ride considering this is where most of the creatures live. A lot of the times Harry and his friends end up there when they are not really supposed to. Although, Hagrid is always there to help them. However, why Hagrid? When fans think of Harry Potter, they think of the trio, Voldemort and magic. Some fans might also think of the gamekeeper of Hogwarts, so why not have Hagrid have his own ride? He is the beloved half-giant that helped Harry and his friends through every step of the way during their time at Hogwarts. Though, he was a giant he had a soft spot for creatures who were misunderstood by others. Hagrid was misunderstood by others himself, some people thought he was just a dumb half-giant. However, as Harry said once Hogwarts is not Hogwarts without Hagrid. The readers first meet Hagrid when he comes to rescue Harry from the Dursleys and that is where a lot of readers become Hagrid fans. Personally, it is where I became a Hagrid fan. Hagrid also becomes a big fan favorite when he is the first person to take Harry to Diagon Alley and get him everything for his first year at Hogwarts. Hagrid cares for Harry, Ron and Hermione. He was always there to help or make Harry feel like he had a family when the Dursleys were not the kindest to him. So do not wonder why Hagrid is getting his own ride, be happy that he is!