

DEFIANCE

DEFY GRAVITY



- Defiance was the original name of Glenwood Springs in 1879.
- Early prospectors and miners in the area defied the elements, norms and laws of civilization.
- To pay homage to them and our roots, our newest roller coaster is named Defiance.
- Our one-of-a-kind roller coaster defies gravity with its:
 - 102.3-degree freefall, the steepest in the Western US.
 - 98-foot twisted top hat switch
 - 111-foot banana roll
 - 41-foot Zero-G heartline-roll
- Defiance will sit 7,160 feet above sea level, making it the highest looping roller coaster in the United States.

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is honored to host ACE (American Coaster Enthusiasts) on August 20, 2021, for their Preservation Convention. This date coincides with groundbreaking ceremony for at 11 a.m. for Defiance. Footings will be poured this fall and the loading station will be built over the winter. And finally, installation of the track will begin in April 2022 in preparation for the Grand Opening.

Gerstlauer Amusement Rides, GmbH, a proud partner of Ride Entertainment, will manufacture the new record-breaking roller coaster which is scheduled to open early Summer of 2022. “This will certainly be one of the most formidable installations we have faced,” Ed Hiller said, CEO of Ride Entertainment. “As this coaster will showcase the incredible talents of Gerstlauer, we believe the same will hold true for the installation and our installation team, which is considered the best in the industry.”

“Our entire team is ready to take on the challenge of bringing this unique roller coaster to life,” Hiller said. “Being able to work on Defiance from initial concept, to manufacturing and now installation is going to be a career highlight for everyone involved.”

“We are beyond thrilled to be working with both Gerstlauer and Ride Entertainment to make this coaster a reality,” Nancy Heard said, General Manager of Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park. “Defiance is sure to become instantly recognizable around the world for its incredible setting and unparalleled thrills.”

This one-of-a-kind Gerstlauer Euro-Fighter roller coaster is an action-packed, 56-second Rocky Mountain adventure like no other! Your cross-mountain journey opens with a jaw-dropping 75-foot vertical incline with the promise of an adrenaline-induced suspension just before the 110-foot beyond vertical, record-breaking 102.3-degree free-fall drop. Speed through mountainous terrain and thrilling ride elements including a 98-foot (measured from the ground) twisted top hat and suspenseful switch: a surprise ride reversal that plunges into a high-speed bank rising into an 111-foot (measured from the ground) banana roll and finishing with an intense Zero-G heartline-roll starting at 41 feet above the ground and ending at 45 feet above the ground before coasting to the station.



Highlights of the ride:

- **110-foot record breaking 102.3-degree free-fall drop (steepest freefall-drop in the Western US)**
 - **regarding comparisons to other coasters in the Western US: If a coaster uses magnetic brakes on the drop, the train is braked during the first drop, and this is not technically considered a free fall experience.
- Height elevation at the top of the stall is 7,132 feet.
- Maximum speed – 56 mph
- Length of ride is 56 seconds
- The ride has a capacity of 750 people per hour.
- There are three different trains that sit 8 people each.
- Names of the thrill elements of the ride:
 - Twisted Top Hat
 - Banana roll
 - Zero-G-Roll - it starts at 41 feet above the ground and finishes at 45 feet above the ground. It is rising as it goes through the element.

About Ride Entertainment:

For over 20 years, Ride Entertainment has been the global leader for industry innovation and customer satisfaction in the attractions industry. Founded as a sales company focused on bringing the best thrill rides in the world under one roof, the company expanded to serve every sector of the industry, including sales, service, and operations. Visit RideEntertainment.com to learn more.

About Gerstlauer Rides GmbH:

Founded in 1981, Gerstlauer has grown into one of the attraction industry's leading manufacturers, producing some of the world's most iconic roller coasters and thrilling attractions. It's diverse and extensive product portfolio includes Launched Coasters, Spinning Coasters, Bobsled Coasters, the "beyond-vertical" Euro-Fighter, Family Roller Coasters, Ferris Wheels, small and medium-sized Family Rides, and customized Roller Coaster Trains. Visit Gerstlauer-Rides.de for further information.