

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park Opens the Highest Looping Roller Coaster in the U.S.

Thrilling coaster Defiance also features the steepest freefall drop in the Western United States.

Glenwood Springs, CO - July 7, 2022 - Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park unveils [Defiance](#), the country's highest looping roller coaster and the newest addition to the unrivaled theme park. Built into the side of Iron Mountain, Defiance features a 102.3 degree, 110-foot freefall drop and is the highest looping roller coaster in the country with the steepest freefall drop in the Western United States. Situated at 7,132 feet above sea level, Defiance combines an incredible setting with unparalleled thrills for a one-of-a-kind ride.

"With record-breaking elements, Defiance is sure to become instantly recognizable around the world," said Nancy Heard, General Manager of Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park. "Perched atop America's only mountain-top theme park, riders will experience a thrill and view unlike any other and we are looking forward to giving our guests this unique experience."

Riders will see breathtaking views of Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers, Mount Sopris, South Canyon, Glenwood Canyon and the City of Glenwood Springs during the 75-foot vertical climb to the top. The coaster reaches speeds of 56 miles per hour and includes action-packed elements such as a 98-foot Twisted Top Hat and suspenseful switch, an 111-foot high speed bank Banana Roll, and 41-foot intense Zero-G heartline-roll. Defiance was manufactured by industry-leader [Gerstlauer Amusement Rides, GmbH](#), in partnership with [Ride Entertainment](#).

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park will celebrate the grand opening of Defiance on Saturday, July 9 during a full day of fun, family-friendly events. Festivities include a day full of giveaways, swag, live music and more.

Beginning July 16, adventurers will be able to ride Defiance Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday - Sunday from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Prior to July 16, Defiance will open at 12 p.m. on weekdays. Funday tickets to Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park are \$67 and include access to all thrill rides, the gondola, and two cave tours. Annual thrill passes for the park start at \$139.

Tickets can be purchased at: www.glenwoodcaverns.com/park-info/tickets.

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Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is a must-see attraction for family fun, with thrill rides, cave tours, kids' activities, dining and live entertainment. Nestled in the Rocky Mountains overlooking Glenwood Springs, Colorado, it's America's only mountain-top theme park.