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Raptor Review We're here at Cedar Point to ride Raptor. Hopefully it won't rain while you queue. In this way, they can't wait til 30 minutes after the drizzle so they can start testing for another 30 minutes, only to have another drizzle come and make Cedar Point repeat the process. Anyway, after pulling down shoulder straps, floor drops and far away we go. We go to a small drop from the station and go straight to the lifthill. We're uphill, which we're climbing. Above and above we go. When we get to the top, we get a great view of Cedar Point and Lake Erie. However, you have to enjoy the view while it lasts, because as soon as it's over, we whisk to the left and start roaring down the first drop. Next would be a vertical loop. We shred through the loop, as if it were an invitation to go listen to Rush Limbaugh. After that powerful loop, wave to the best part of the ride. Zero G roll. We get whipped through it before we can even blink. Up to this point, the smile is glued to our face and we feel as if we are happy pills. Then we roar into a cobra roll. After taking off like a vertical loop, we snapped right before doing it again. After some useless upside-down trick path, we violently roar into an upward spiral and into the brakes of the middle course. However, we just slide straight into a nice swooping drop. We get quite a lot of speed that swooping in the fall before accelerating to the first corkscrew. We whipped through the cork with a lot of force. Then we fly over some straight path before making a quick turn and quickly crashing before roaring into corkscrew #2. This corkscream is even more powerful than the first and that the first corkscream was quite damn powerful. After that, we surge to the death of one of the most powerful fake spirals. Ours are glued to the seat when we spiral toward the sky. Then we go through one final turn before hitting the brake run. Going to the brake run, we experience Raptor Smack. Raptor Smack is basically a quick jolt while coming to the brake run. Although I've heard many enthusiasts and complain about Raptor Smack, I personally really like it. It's kind of like a cherry top hot fudge sundae for me. Then again, I know many people who hate cherry on a hot fudge sundae. I highly recommend riding Raptor if Cedar Point. Tai fantasinis B & M inverted coaster that is definetly worth some rides. 8/10 Location: Cedar Point Opened: 1994 Built: B&M Last Ridden: June 26, 2018 I ridden the same ride to these parks. Walygator Parc Here's my raw footage from Raptor. Raptor Photos Home Review What these two have in common is that they B&M (Bolliger & Mabillard) inverted coasters. Batman has been cloned many times, with facilities in half a dozen Six Flag parks. ridden at Six Flags Great America and clone six flags of great adventure original, so I am based on my comments on that experience and more specifically, the installation at Great Adventure, because there is a slightly different height and length from the great American one – although the ride experience is the same. Raptor, at Cedar Point, has not been dubbed as far as I know. The layout, Theming and Setting Batman, apparently themed after the DC Comics character, features a compact layout with a 2,693-foot track. It is located back in the Movie Town section of the park, opposite the Dark Knight indoor coaster. The raptor, themed beneath birds of prey, is near the front of the park and features a sprawling layout with a 3,700-foot track. The winds behind Batman queue in part over the Bat Cave, replete with special effects such as the sound of shattering water. And then there's the Batmobile. For theming Batman comes out ahead, but the layout raptor has an advantage, so in this category the two are about even. Elements Batman boasts five inversions (two vertical loops, a zero-g roll and two corkscrews), while Raptor boasts six (loop, zero g roll, cobra roll and two corkscrews). Raptor was the first inverted coaster to include a cobra roll. In this category Raptor scores points for an extra inversion plus greater diversity, whereas Batman scores for the job without a mid-course brake run point. Photo Bobbie Butterfield Photo The Bobbie Butterfield Ride Experience on the Batman ride begins with an ascent to the chain lift mount, with the train rotating 190 degrees and dropping 105 feet to the left before running 360 degrees in vertical loops. The train immediately goes to a zero g roll and passes through the second loop. After rising to the left and sweeping turn right he falls into the first of two decidedly wicked corkscrews. (They also happen to be very photogenic.) Corkscreitions are disincetive, as well as somewhat intoxicating. The second appears shortly after the first, after which a turn appears, which leads back to the loading station. It's a very intense ride! A late, great friend who wants to ride more pallet than I could ever hope for a ride described it as the most intense coaster park. I don't know, I agree, but the ride doesn't pack a punch, especially with such a small footprint inertia. The first time I drove, I struck up a conversation with a young couple from a New York loading station and because only one train ran, I managed to take over them when their ride was over and ask if they liked to ride. The man said: She will be sick! Well, I myself felt intoxicated after my ride, but not nauseating and managed to recover pretty quickly. The more I drove, the more accolyting and the less dizzy I felt. I've ridden it both forward and (most if not all six flag parks run Batman back one time or another) and I must say that riding it back is a blast! Photo Bobbie Butterfield on the Raptor ride also begins ascent to the chain lift mount, with the train rotating 90 degrees and dropping 119 feet to the left, then rapidly 100 feet vertical loop. Like The Man, he moves to a zero g roll that both rides initially to follow the same pattern. The pattern doesn't work, however, as raptor then rises to the cobra roll. After leaving the cobra roll, the train goes into a short top of the spiral, which passes the middle course brake. From there, he falls to the right and immediately passes before entering the first corkscream. Like Batman, the second corkscreation appears shortly after the first. After the second corkscreage is a spiral, which leads to the final brake run. It's also an intense ride. I don't remember corkscrews – or flat spins like b&M calls them - are quite vertiginous like Batman, although they are strong, but when you add a spiral to all that before him, you end up with a pretty powerful running experience, powerful enough to cause greyouts. Although I'm not gray on the ride I can easily see why this can happen. It would be absolutely awesome to ride Raptor back! Photo Bobbie Butterfield Winner Photo Bobbie Butterfield And the winner is... Raptor. It was a terribly close call. I've ridden Batman probably hundreds of times because it's my home park and the day in the park wouldn't be complete without it, but when all is said and done raptor comes out a little forward. This coaster I overtook during my first two visits to Cedar Point, is more interested in giants like the Millennium Force, and I'm glad that I finally caught up with it because it's really very good. The reason I think it's a little superior to Batman is that it offers a longer, more versatile ride, which is a little more user-friendly. Also, because the layout is more open, it feels less compressed than Batman and gives a more free flight sensation. What are you going to take? Have you ridden Batman and Raptor and if so how do you think they match up? RaptorRaptor is viewed from Sky's RideCedar PointLocationCedar PointCoordinates41°28'44.50N 82°40'54.50W / 41.4790278°N 82.6818056°W / 41.4790278; -82.6818056Coordinated: 41°28'44.50N 82°40'54.50W / 41.4790278°N 82.6818056°W / 41.4790278; -82.6818056StatusOperatingSoft opening date 6 May 1994 Opening date May 7, 1994Its \$11,500,000 -\$12,000,000SeasesMill RaceGeneral statisticsTypeSteel – Inverted Cockbolliger & MabillardDesignerWerner StengelModellInverted Coaster - RaptorLift /Launcher SystemChain Lift HillHeight137 ft (42 m)Drop119 ft (36 m)Length3,790 ft (92 km/h) Inversions6Duration2:16Max vertical angle45° Capacity1,600 drivers per hourJos limitation54 (137 cm)Trains3 trains with 8 cars. Drivers are positioned at 4 across one row for a total of 32 drivers per train. Fast Lane availableRaptor at RCDBPictures of Raptor at RCDB Raptor is a steel-flipped roller coaster developed by Bolliger & Mabillard at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, United States. When built in 1994, it broke many records and held many of the first when it opened. Instead of a short layout designed to fit into a compact area like Batman: Ride, Raptor was designed with a larger, 3,790-foot (1,160-m) layout, making it the tallest, fastest and longest upside-down roller coaster in the world when it opened. It contains six inversions, including a cobra roll, the first inverted roller coaster. [1] The journey is themed like a bird of robbers. On August 19, 1993, Cedar Fair Entertainment Company presented the name Raptor brand cedar fair entertainment company. [3] Raptor was announced at a press conference on 1 September 1993. On the pull design, Cedar Point Management said: Raptor will be the most exciting and ambitious project ever... a project that will challenge the boundaries of imagination and replace Sandusky, an Ohio amusement park/resort like nothing against it. [4] Construction began after the 1993 season with the factory racing log flume water running site. Midway Carousel and Calypso were moved in October to other areas of the park to make room for Raptor. Footers also began pouring that month. The elevator mount was topped off in December with road construction continuing until January 1994. The first trains were tested about two months later in March. Final preparations were made in March with the entrance plaza under construction and an 85,000 square foot (7,900 m2) halfway through the change. [5] Media Day took place on 6 May, before the public ride was first opened. [6] The journey was originally painted with a dark green support, a bright green track and unpainted rails. It was repainted for the 2002 season, and the rails were painted dark green, corresponding to the supports. It was repoded again before the start of the 2016 season. The Sky Ride Raptor Raptor ride experience is located on the front of a three-acre (1.2 hectare) park near the Blue Streak. The ride travels across the road to Blue Streak then goes to Cadillac Cars and cedar downs racing derby. [5] Layout The driving begins with the left part of the station to the 137-foot (42 m) raised lift hill. Riders pulled up to 9,000 lb (40 kN) in a circuit lift. The top train picked up slightly into the pre-fallen before turning 90 degrees to the left as it fell 119 feet (36 m) down the first mountain. From below, the train immediately enters the foot (30 m) vertical loop. The train enters the zero g roll, followed by a cobra roll, which turns drivers twice. Cobra roll was flipped roller coaster first. After the cobra roll, the train climbs through an upward spiral and falls into a medium-rate brake to run. In addition, the train dives to the right of the passage to a short straight part of the road. Drivers then enter the first of the two stoppers, which rotate the train 360 degrees to the left. The track straightens briefly again before turning right and getting into a short fall before taking riders to the second stopper. The ride ends in a 1.5 revolution in a flat spiral, where drivers face strong positive G forces before making the last left turn into the final brake ride. [1] [8] [9] One driving cycle lasts approximately 2 minutes and 16 seconds. [7] The steel track is approximately 3,790 ft (1160 m) and the lifting height is approximately 137 feet. The first drop is 119 feet (36 m). When the coaster first opened, it was painted with dark green supports, a bright green track and unpainted rails. 1,500 gallons of paint were used initially to paint. The raptor was repainted for the 2002 season and the rails were painted dark green, matching supports. [7] Most of the 117 sections of the track were produced by Clermont Steel Fabricators in Batavia, Ohio. [5] The roller coaster was repoly repood for the 2016 season with original colors. [10] Raptor trains operate with three steel and fiberglass trains. Each train has eight cars, which have four seats in one row for a total of 32 riders ski lift as trains. Drivers are fastened through the shoulder guard with a locking belt. The train was manufactured in Switzerland by Bolliger & Mabillard headquarters. [5] Raptor lift mountain and loop Raptor is adversely affected by adverse weather conditions, as it travels at both high altitude and high speed. Rain, strong winds and/or lightning can lead to the closure of the ride, depending on the severity. It closes with high winds and any type of precipitation. [12] There is no minimum age requirement, but passengers must meet the minimum height requirement of 54 inches (1.37 m). [13] Some persons weighing a certain weight and waist size are not allowed to drive if the seat and lap belts cannot fit them. [12] Raptor passengers may not bring any loose items to the train and must wear shirts and footwear. The headset must be removed before boarding. [12] Passengers are advised that they may not ride Raptor if they have recent surgery, heart problems/high blood pressure, neck problems, back problems, or any other condition that may be aggravated by riding, or who are pregnant. [14] Incidents See also: Incidents in Cedar Fair parks on 6 July 2009, a guest complained that he felt Ride. The raptor was immediately closed because the guest was taken to a local hospital. The ride remained closed for the rest of the day, after an update the following afternoon after a thorough inspection had been completed. The guest was later released from the hospital. On June 21, 2015, a 37-year-old man's leg was poured at the gate of the ride loading platform. He was taken to a local hospital, where his wound was stitched. On August 13, 2015, a moving train that entered a restricted driving area struck a 45-year-old grandfather to get a cell phone he had lost while driving. He was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after paramedics arrived. The ride was immediately closed for inspection and resumed the next day. [17] Award-winning Raptor is one of the first inverted roller coasters built in the world and is still considered the top steel roller coaster supported by the Golden Ticket Award rankings. Gold Ticket Awards: Top Steel Roller Coasters Of The Year 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2016 Rating 6[18] 6[19] 5[20] 8[21] 6[12][22] 10[23] 10[24] 11[25] 14[26] 19[27] 22 (tie)[28] 22[28] 22[28] 24 (tie)[30] 18[31] 31[32] 30[33] 47[34] 47[35] Links ^ a b Raptor. AmericaCoasters.com. The link was checked on 4 January 2012 † Raptor promotional video. Youtube. Retrieved 03/09/2012. ^ Raptor brand. legal effects. Retrieved 19/01/2012. ^ PointBuzz Timeline. 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