= Wildfire (Silver Dollar City) =

Wildfire is a steel roller coaster located at Silver Dollar City in Branson , Missouri . The $ 14 million ride was built by Swiss firm Bolliger & Mabillard and opened in 2001 . Wildfire is themed as a flying machine developed by an 1880s Ozark inventor .
Standing 120 feet (37 m) tall and featuring a top speed of 66 miles per hour (106 km / h) , Wildfire is the tallest and second fastest ride at Silver Dollar City . Along its 3 @,@ 073 feet (937 m) of track , Wildfire features five inversions including an Immelmann loop , a vertical loop , a cobra roll and a corkscrew .

= = History = =

In July 2000 , Silver Dollar City announced that they would be adding the Wildfire roller coaster to their park in 2001 . At a cost of $ 14 million , the ride would be the most expensive attraction in the park 's history . At the time of the announcement , construction was already underway on an undeveloped portion of land in the outskirts of the park . All of the ride 's footings were in place with some of the steel supports already erected . Construction was expected to be completed in early January the following year , leaving three months for testing , landscaping and theming . On April 4 , 2001 , Wildfire officially opened to the public .

= = Characteristics = =

The 3 @,@ 073 @-@ foot @-@ long (937 m) Wildfire features five inversions including an Immelmann loop , a vertical loop , a cobra roll , and a corkscrew . The park 's existing terrain (situated on the Ozark Mountains) is utilised to allow a 120 @-@ foot @-@ tall (37 m) lift hill to be translated into a first drop stretching 155 feet (47 m) . Riders reach a top speed of 66 miles per hour (106 km / h) on the 2 @-@ minute , 16 @-@ second ride . The track was manufactured by Clermont Steel Fabricators located in Batavia , Ohio . Wildfire operates with two trains (generally with one train loading / unloading while the other runs the course , each featuring eight cars . Each car seats riders four abreast with ratcheting over @-@ the @-@ shoulder restraints . This configuration allows the ride to achieve a theoretical hourly capacity of 1 @,@ 300 riders per hour .
Wildfire is located in the " Hugo 's Hill Street " district of Silver Dollar City . It is themed around the story of an 1880s Ozark inventor named Dr. Horatio Harris . Harris has an aim to create a powered flying contraption for flight across the Ozark Mountains . Wildfire is the fuel he developed for his flying machine . The ride 's queue and station area are modelled as the laboratory and invention warehouse of Harris . Riders eventually board his Wildfire @-@ powered flying machine , the steel roller coaster . One year after the opening of the roller coaster Silver Dollar City began selling the Wildfire Burger , a hot and spicy hamburger , themed after the ride .

= = Ride experience = =

The train leaves the station , takes a 180 degree right turn and climbs up the chain lift hill to 120 feet (37 m) . At the top , the train turns 90 degrees to the left before negotiating the first drop of 155 feet (47 m) . This is followed by an Immelmann loop , a vertical loop and a cobra roll , the latter of which inverts riders twice . Then the train heads up a banked curve into a corkscrew and a 230 degree turn into the final brake run .

= = Reception = =

Rick Baker , Silver Dollar City 's vice president of corporate development and design , expected the addition of the ride would increase season pass sales by 9 % to 250 @,@ 000 . In 2001 , the park was visited by a total of 2 @.@ 1 million people .
In Amusement Today 's annual Golden Ticket Awards , Wildfire ranked in the top 50 steel roller

coasters three times . In 2003 it debuted at position 40 , before dropping to 46 in 2004 and 49 in 2005 . As of 2012 it has not returned to the listing .

In Mitch Hawker 's worldwide Best Roller Coaster Poll , Wildfire entered at position 47 in 2001 , before peaking at 45 in 2005 . It hovered in positions around 60 before dropping to 96 in 2012 . The ride 's ranking in the poll is shown in the table below .