

= Mean Streak =

Mean Streak is a wooden roller coaster located at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. Built by Dinn Corporation, it opened to the public on May 11, 1991, breaking world records for tallest lift and the longest drop on a wooden roller coaster. Although the height record was only held for one season, it is still one of the tallest, fastest, and longest wooden coasters in the world. It is located in the Frontiertown section of the park behind the Cedar Point & Lake Erie Railroad station.

With a duration of 3 minutes and 13 seconds, Mean Streak had the longest ride time of any roller coaster in the park until 2000. It is also one of only two wooden roller coasters operating at Cedar Point; the other is the Blue Streak.

= = History = =

The ride was announced in late 1990 and was officially named "Mean Streak" on October 24, 1990. Construction on Mean Streak continued throughout the winter and spring. Mean Streak opened to the public on May 11, 1991 and media day was held on May 22. In 1994, trim brakes were installed on the first drop, slowing the ride down. In September 2010, a small 5'-@ foot (1 @. @ 5 m) section caught fire. The fire was contained to that section and no other damage was reported. The ride was originally set to shut down for the remainder of the season for maintenance anyway.

Over the years, Mean Streak has been retracked several times. Some retracking has been completed by Martin & Vleminckx. Prior to the 2012 operating season, many sections of track after the first drop were replaced. This was the most major work done on the ride since it opened. Also, in 2012, a portion of the queue was removed to make room for a new building. The building is located in the infield of Mean Streak and is used for the HalloWeekends haunted house, Eden Musee. It is used for storage during the offseason and summer.

= = Ride experience = =

After leaving the station, the train passes through the storage tracks and makes a U @-@ turn to the right, before ascending the 161 @-@ foot @-@ tall (49 m) lift hill. After cresting the top of the hill, the train drops 155 feet (47 m) at a 52 @-@ degree @-@ angle, reaching a top speed of 65 miles per hour (105 km/h). While dropping, riders go through a set of trim brakes on the first drop. Riders then go through a 123 @-@ foot @-@ tall (37 m) twisted turnaround followed a small airtime hill then another twisted turnaround. The train then travels over the lift hill and dips down to the right. After that, the train travels through the ride's structure and goes down another hill, turning to the left into the mid @-@ course brake run. The train then dips down to the left into another airtime hill. Riders then go through several small airtime hills and turns in the ride's structure followed by the final brake run. One cycle of the ride lasts 3 minutes and 13 seconds.

= = Characteristics = =

= = = Manufacturer = = =

Mean Streak was only one of 12 roller coasters manufactured by Ohio @-@ based Dinn Corporation before dismantling in 1992. It is a Twister model. It was manufactured at a cost of \$ 7 @, @ 500 @, @ 000. The ride was designed by Curtis D. Summers.

= = = Track = = =

The wooden track is approximately 5 @, @ 427 feet (1 @, @ 654 m) in length and the height of the lift is approximately 161 feet (49 m). It was constructed from 1 @. @ 7 million board feet (4 @, @

000 m<sup>3</sup> ) of treated southern yellow pine . A trim brake was installed in 1994 on Mean Streak 's first drop to reduce its overall speed , therefore , reducing track wear and increasing ride comfort .

== Trains ==

Mean Streak operates with three Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters trains , colored red , gold and green . Each train has seven cars with riders arranged two across , in two rows , for a total of 28 riders per train . Riders must be 48 inches ( 120 cm ) tall to ride and are secured by an individual ratcheting lap bar and seat belt . During the 2011 ? 2012 offseason , all three trains were sent to the Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters headquarters where they were refurbished and received maintenance .

== Records ==

When Mean Streak opened , it broke three records among wooden roller coasters . It was the wooden roller coaster with the world 's tallest lift and the longest drop . As of 2016 , Mean Streak has the seventh tallest lift , the tenth fastest speed , the fourth longest track @-@ length and the seventh longest drop .

== Reception ==

Writers from The Pantagraph stated that the ride is " the best kept @-@ secret at Cedar Point " as it is located at the very back of the park . The ride was also featured on the Today show in 1992 in connection with the 100th anniversary of roller coasters .

Mean Streak has been ranked as one of the most popular wooden roller coasters in the world . It has been ranked nine times in the top 50 , since the Golden Ticket Awards were introduced in 1998 . The ride has not been ranked in the other seven seasons .