

= Goliath (Six Flags Fiesta Texas) =

Goliath is a steel inverted roller coaster manufactured by Bolliger & Mabillard currently operating at Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio , Texas since April 18 , 2008 . In the roller coaster 's lifetime , it has operated at two other amusement parks : Thrill Valley from 1995 to May 6 , 2002 , and Six Flags New Orleans from April 12 , 2003 to August 21 , 2005 when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans . Goliath 's highest point is 105 feet (32 m) , the trains can reach a top speed of 50 miles per hour (80 km / h) , and the length of the track is approximately 2 @, @ 693 feet (821 m) .

= = History = =

= = = Thrill Valley (1995 ? 2002) = = =

Goliath originally opened at Thrill Valley in Japan as Gambit in 1995 . The ride operated at the park for about 7 years before closing on May 6 , 2002 . The ride was dismantled and transported to Six Flags New Orleans .

= = = Six Flags New Orleans (2003 ? 2007) = = =

In 2002 , Six Flags took over the lease of Jazzland and renamed the park to Six Flags New Orleans . After the take over , Six Flags announced major changes coming to the park included the arrival of Gambit , but now named Batman : The Ride . The roller coaster was built in one of the new area 's Six Flags had constructed for the 2003 season after the acquisition , DC Comics Super Hero Adventures . The ride re @-@ opened at Six Flags New Orleans on April 12 , 2003 .

On August 21 , 2005 before Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans , Six Flags closed the park as a safety precaution . Due to substantial flooding , many of the park 's rides were damaged beyond repair causing the park to remain standing but not operating . In 2007 , Six Flags moved Batman : The Ride to Six Flags Fiesta Texas , considering it to be the only salvageable ride due to its elevated station platform and corrosion @-@ resistant support structure , which caused it to make it through Hurricane Katrina relatively unscathed .

= = = Six Flags Fiesta Texas (2008 ? present) = = =

In 2007 , Batman : The Ride was dismantled and moved to Six Flags Fiesta Texas . Before reconstructing the ride , the track was repainted and the roller coaster was renamed Goliath . It opened on April 18 , 2008 .

The roller coaster is also currently sponsored by Snickers .

= = Ride experience = =

After departing from the station , the train immediately begins to climb the 105 @-@ foot (32 m) chain lift hill . Once at the top , the train makes a sharp 80 @-@ foot (24 m) downward right turn into the roller coasters first element , a vertical loop , reaching a top speed of approximately 50 miles per hour (80 km / h) . After exiting the loop , the train then goes through a zero @-@ g roll before entering a second loop . The train then goes up a rightward helix before backing a downward left turn into a corkscrew . After a sharp left turn , the train enters another corkscrew . Upon exiting the corkscrew , the train makes a right turn into the brake run which leads directly back to the station where the current riders unload and the next load . One cycle of the ride lasts about 2 minutes .

= = = Track = = =

Goliath has a track length of about 2 @, @ 693 feet (821 m) and reaches a top height of 105 @-@

foot (32 m) . The track colours of the roller coaster when it was known as Gambit at Thrill Valley are not known . When it was known as Batman : The Ride at Six Flags New Orleans the track featured black and orange track with grey supports . Today , at Six Flags Fiesta Texas , the ride has blue track and yellow supports . Friction brakes are used to control the speed of the train at the end of the ride . The track was manufactured by Clermont Steel Fabricators located in Batavia , Ohio .

Also , Goliath is a clone of several other Bolliger & Mabillard roller coasters (over half at Six Flags parks) with the only difference being that the track is " mirrored " from the other clones . Coincidentally , one of those clones is The Great White at the SeaWorld San Antonio amusement park which is also located in San Antonio , Texas .

= = = Trains = = =

Goliath operates with two generic steel and fiberglass trains with seven cars each . Each car seats four riders in a single row for a total of 28 riders per train . The supports for the seats are orange , the actual seats are black with a yellow over @-@ the @-@ shoulder restraint connected to each one , and the coverings for the wheels are orange , blue , and yellow .