

= Batman : The Dark Knight (roller coaster) =

Batman : The Dark Knight (formerly known as Batman : The Ride) is a steel floorless roller coaster designed by Bolliger & Mabillard located in the south end of Six Flags New England . The roller coaster has 2 @, @ 600 feet (790 m) of track , reaches a maximum height of 117 @. @ 8 feet (35 @. @ 9 m) , and features five inversions . The coaster was announced on February 6 , 2002 and opened to the public on April 20 , 2002 . In 2008 , the ride 's name was changed to Batman : The Ride to avoid confusion with The Dark Knight Coaster that was planned to be built at the park ; after the project was cancelled , the ride 's name reverted to its original .

= = History = =

Batman : The Dark Knight was announced to the public on February 6 , 2002 though construction had started in September 2001 . After construction and testing was completed by Martin & Vleminckx , the ride officially opened on April 20 , 2002 .

In 2007 , Six Flags announced three The Dark Knight Coaster roller coasters would be built at Six Flags Great Adventure , Six Flags Great America , and Six Flags New England . Because Batman : The Dark Knight 's name was so similar to the new roller coaster , it was renamed to Batman : The Ride . However , as construction on the new roller coaster progressed , the city of Agawam forced Six Flags to stop construction after it was discovered the park had not received the appropriate construction permits . In April 2008 , Six Flags cancelled the project due to the delays and Batman : The Ride was renamed back to its original .

= = Ride experience = =

Once the train is ready to dispatched , part of the station 's floor is lowered . The train then departs and immediately begins to climb the 117 @. @ 8 @- @ foot (35 @. @ 9 m) lift hill . Once at the top , the train goes through a pre @- @ drop before making a sharp downward left turn back to the ground . When the train reaches the bottom , it then enters a vertical loop . Upon exiting the loop , the train then rises back up and goes through a dive loop . The train then makes a 180 degree left turn through the loop before going through a set of trim brakes . Next , the train enters a zero @- @ gravity roll followed by a right turn leading into interlocking corkscrew 's . After exiting the first corkscrew , the train makes a left turn before going through the second corkscrew . The train then makes another left turn into the final brake run which leads back to the station . One cycle of the ride lasts about 2 minutes and 20 seconds .

= = = Track = = =

The steel box track of Batman : The Dark Knight is approximately 2 @, @ 600 feet (790 m) long and the lift is 117 @. @ 8 feet (35 @. @ 9 m) tall . It was manufactured by Clermont Steel Fabricators located in Batavia , Ohio who manufactures Bolliger & Mabillard 's roller coasters . The track is colored purple (with blue rails) while the supports are black .

= = = Trains = = =

Batman : The Dark Knight operates with two steel and fiberglass trains . Each train has seven cars that can seat four riders in one row for a total of 28 riders per train . The train structure uses similar colors as the track , the seats are purple , and uses over @- @ the @- @ shoulder restraints that are yellow . Also , unlike traditional steel roller coasters , Batman : The Dark Knight has no floor on its trains .