



Bakunawa Coaster at Six Flags to Be World's Tallest and Fastest

Description

Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey has announced plans for a groundbreaking roller coaster called Bakunawa, inspired by a mythical sea serpent from Philippine folklore. Set to open in 2027, Bakunawa aims to break six world records, marking it as one of the tallest roller coasters globally.

The coaster will reach a height of 382 feet and speeds of up to 100 mph along a 3,163-foot track. Riders will experience three launches, including what the park claims will be the world's first upside-down launch. The design features free-spinning, floorless trains, ensuring that each ride experience is unique.

Mike Fehnel, the park's president, described the thrill of climbing straight up to the top before sliding around the outside and experiencing a reverse descent. Bakunawa is set to become the fastest and tallest spinning coaster in the world, breaking records for the fastest inversion and longest stall inversion, among others.

The ride's name, Bakunawa, refers to a legendary serpent said to rise from the sea and eat the moon. Riders will ascend the coaster's towering spire and briefly pause before plunging back to Earth, with their orientation changing due to the train's rotation.

Bakunawa will serve as the highlight of a redesigned Boardwalk area at the theme park. However, Six Flags has not yet confirmed details regarding the renovation or a specific opening date. The coaster will operate with two trains, each accommodating 20 riders, and requires a minimum height of 48 inches. Each ride is expected to last approximately two minutes and 17 seconds.

Vocabulary List:

1. **groundbreaking** //ˈgraʊnd,breɪkɪŋ// (adjective): very new and showing important change
2. **mythical** //ˈmɪθɪkəl// (adjective): from old stories, not proven as true
3. **serpent** //ˈsɜːpənt// (noun): a large snake, often in old stories
4. **inversion** //ɪnˈvɜːʒən// (noun): when something turns completely upside down
5. **rotation** //rəʊˈteɪʃən// (noun): when something turns around in a circle
6. **renovation** //ˌrenəˈveɪʃən// (noun): work to repair and improve a building

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What is the height of the Bakunawa roller coaster?

- Option: 382 feet
- Option: 300 feet
- Option: 250 feet
- Option: 400 feet

2. When is the Bakunawa coaster set to open?

- Option: 2025
- Option: 2026
- Option: 2027
- Option: 2028

3. What speed will the Bakunawa roller coaster reach?

- Option: 80 mph
- Option: 90 mph
- Option: 100 mph
- Option: 110 mph

4. How long is the track of Bakunawa?

- Option: 3,000 feet
- Option: 3,163 feet
- Option: 3,500 feet
- Option: 4,000 feet

5. What unique feature does Bakunawa have?

- Option: Free-spinning trains
- Option: Underwater tunnel
- Option: Indoor section
- Option: Launch from a catapult

6. Who is the president of the park?

- Option: Mike Fehnel
- Option: John Doe
- Option: Sarah Smith
- Option: Tom Brown



True-False

7. Bakunawa will be the tallest roller coaster in the world.
8. Riders will experience an upside-down launch on Bakunawa.
9. The ride's name Bakunawa comes from an ancient Greek myth.
10. Bakunawa is expected to last approximately two minutes and 17 seconds.
11. Two trains will operate on the Bakunawa coaster.
12. Riders need to be at least 54 inches tall to ride Bakunawa.

Gap-Fill

13. The Bakunawa coaster aims to break _____ world records.
14. Each train on Bakunawa accommodates _____ riders.
15. Bakunawa is inspired by a mythical _____ from Philippine folklore.
16. Riders will briefly pause before plunging back to _____ on Bakunawa.
17. The coaster will experience speeds up to _____ mph.
18. Bakunawa will serve as the highlight of a redesigned _____ area at the theme park.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 382 feet 2. 2027 3. 100 mph 4. 3,163 feet 5. Free-spinning trains 6. Mike Fehnel

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. six 14. 20 15. sea serpent 16. Earth 17. 100 18. Boardwalk

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