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Avalanche Run Fact Sheet

New for 1985 is Avalanche Run, a \$3.4 million ride that captures the excitement of bobsledding. It is the only ride of its type in the Midwest.

RIDE DESCRIPTION

After passengers have boarded, the 10-person bobsled is slowly lifted to the top of a 63-foot-high hill. Once over the top, it races through straightaways and banked curves along the ride's winding steel trough, which stretches more than a quarter of a mile. During the ride, the bobsleds will reach a speed of 40 mph.

FEATURES

The bobsleds on Avalanche Run run on nylon wheels. But unlike roller coaster trains, all the bobsleds do not travel exactly the same course. They are free-wheeling, allowing gravity and momentum to determine their speed and course as they slide from side to side in the trough.

Avalanche Run is the only ride of its kind that uses 10-person bobsleds.

A portion of the trough extends over the Cedar Point Beach, offering riders a great view of Lake Erie before shooting them into the curves and straightaways.

The trough on Avalanche Run has four computerized safety blocks which enable the operators to stop the bobsleds at several locations.

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RIDE DATA

Height	63 feet
Riders Per Vehicle	10 people
Maximum Speed	40 mph
Safety Blocks	4
Ride Capacity	1500/hour

CONSTRUCTION

Ride Manufacturer: Intamin AG, Zurich, Switzerland
(the same company that built Demon Drop
in 1983).

Construction Materials: A steel trough supported by steel columns
situated on concrete foundations.

Location: Avalanche Run is located in the northeast
corner of the park. A portion of the trough
extends over the Cedar Point Beach.

Cost: \$3.4 million

Ride: \$1.9 million

Installation: \$1.5 million

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