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From Mild to Wild: A Caribbean Paradise

Six Flags Hurricane Harbor transformed a parking lot into a tropical paradise in suburban Chicago

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This past summer, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor stormed into the Chicago area as the Midwest's newest and most extravagantly themed outdoor waterpark. Spanning the entire length of Six Flags Great America's west side and included free with its theme park admission, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor took a once-paved parking lot and turned it into a Caribbean paradise.

Deemed the largest expansion in the history of Six Flags Great America, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor transformed the world-class theme park into the newest summer vacation-destination option in the Midwest. With nearly 15 acres and 2.1 million gallons of water, the new waterpark provided park guests with a complete themed experience. And as its inaugural season came to a close, interest in the park remained high.

"It has been a very exciting time for us," says Ron Severt, Vice President and General Manager of Six Flags Great America and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor. "Our guests really enjoyed the new waterpark and are already looking forward to the 2006 season."



Modeled after a quaint little Caribbean village, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor features island music, lush landscapes, picturesque buildings, vibrant cabanas and relaxing beach areas as the backdrop to an outstanding collection of waterslides and attractions.

Boasting everything from body flumes and family-rafting options to the world's largest water playground, this spacious outdoor waterpark has something for everyone.

"The variety of attractions we offer at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor is second-to-none in this part of the country," Severt says. "We wanted to offer a waterpark experience that everyone in the family could enjoy no matter their age or thrill level. From mild to wild, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor has the best combination of water attractions in the industry."

Not Just for the Little Ones

Explorers of all ages can enjoy hours of fun as they splash through the world's largest water playground, "Skull Island." This pirate-themed hideout leads guests through five different scenes featuring thatch-roofed canopies, shipwrecks, Spanish bell towers and buried treasure. Twisting waterslides and hundreds of water gadgets transport guests into the plank-walking days of pirates.

At a size of nearly two professional football fields, guests visiting Skull Island can navigate through the maze of 17 play towers, interconnected by swinging bridges and climbing nets. While traveling from one end of the structure to the other, guests may encounter up to 500 interactive-play elements, including spinning water wheels, spraying fountains and water blasters.

The centerpiece of this all-inclusive play area is the massive, 66-foot-tall, walk-up structure deemed "Skull

Tower," in honor of its massive 8-foot-tall skull that sits high above welcoming guests to the area with its glowing red eyes. One of three giant dumping buckets pours through the mouth of the skull, dousing guests with thousands of gallons of water per hour.

"Skull Island" also features eight intertwining waterslides that zip guests around and through this massive play area. With the combination of colorful, open and enclosed serpentine slides, and the uniquely designed "slide 'n glide" waterslide feature, guests find ample waterslide experiences available.

Even the littlest swashbucklers can explore an area designed just for them in the surrounding "Buccaneer Bay" attraction. Packed with tipping buckets, spray jets and bubbling fountains, this zero-depth area is perfect for waterpark beginners.



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Waterslides Galore

Beachcombers can lounge around for hours at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, but those daring waterslide lovers have just as much to "slide" about with four main slide towers providing dozens of options.

Located on the northwest side of the park is Six Flags Hurricane Harbor's vibrantly colored, six-slide complex, which features speed slides, atomic waterslides and the extremely popular bowl slides. Guests can plunge 60 feet at speeds of up to 40 miles per hour while enjoying the fastest rides in the park, "Paradise Plunge" and "Riptide." Or they can rush through the open and enclosed flumes of "Hammerhead" and "Barracuda." And if that wasn't enough, riders can be carried away through a dark tunnel, swoosh around and around in a giant bowl before being thrust out the bowl's center traveling to the waters below on "Vortex" and "Typhoon."

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Ground breaking: August 30, 2004

Opening date: May 28, 2005

Seasonal employees: About 500

Lifeguards: More than 200

Certification program: Ellis and Associates

Attraction features: The world's largest water playground, 25 waterslides, wave pool and adventure river

Other features: Four food locations, major retail location, a massive changing facility and lockers

Operating dates: Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day

Other facts: Admission included free with Six Flags Great America theme park admission.





Across the way, guests will find the unpredictable excitement of "Bahama Mama" and "Bubba Tubba" family-raft rides. Guests careen down a six-story, high-banked course, rapidly splashing and turning before speeding quickly to the clear water below.

For the ultimate in speedy exhilaration, the most fearless riders journey headfirst through the tunnels of the "Wahoo Racer!" Unparalleled in the industry, these waterslides feature a whole new twist on traditional mat rides. Rushing water carries the mats through spiraling tubes before riders dive into an exhilarating open racecourse six lanes across.

Hurricanes "Bertha," "Marge," "Lola" and "Agnes" have made a stop at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, too. Located next door to the racers, the swift and sweeping drops and multiple water curtains of these waterslides drench guests as they maneuver their inner tubes through dark and twisting tunnels.

The Relaxing Getaway

For guests in search of a relaxing getaway, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor has a tropical beach atmosphere perfect for local vacationers. More than 3,500 cozy lounge chairs provide plenty of opportunities for bathing beauties to just sit back and relax. Dozens of swaying palm trees, 28 major shade structures and lazy beach areas complete this tranquil environment.

"The best part about the park is its elaborate theming," Severt says. "Our guests are transported into a completely different latitude once they enter Six Flags Hurricane Harbor."

Guests wanting to beat the heat can take a tropical expedition with the family on "Castaway Creek." This half-mile-long, adventure river course takes guests on a relaxing trip through gentle rapids, cooling waterfalls and refreshing spray mists. To make that Caribbean vacation complete, guests should make their way to the park's half-million-gallon "Hurricane Bay" wave pool, which provides a fast-paced, ocean-like experience with nine different wave patterns.

Tasty Eateries and Shopping All Around

A taste of the Caribbean is closer to home than one might think at the park. At Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, island dishes complement the Caribbean atmosphere. Guests can choose from one of four major food eateries. Zesty jerk-chicken sandwiches, catfish strips, fried shrimp and nachos are exclusive Caribbean dishes of the new waterpark. For a quick bite, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor also features old favorites such as funnel cake sundaes and hot dogs.

For those waterpark essentials, the retail shop, Hurricane Hank's, offers everything from swimsuits, flip-flops and beach towels to sun block, hats and sunglasses.

Water and More

In addition to all the soaking, splashing fun at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, guests



The Details in Creating a Midwestern Tropical Paradise

What does it take to create a tropical getaway in the heart of the Midwest?

- 2 miles of waterslides
- 2,170,463 gallons of water to fill all the attractions
- More than 3,500 inner tubes to carry adventurous visitors down the rapids of Castaway Creek or through the splashing fun of the park's tube slides
- More than 3,500 lounge chairs to provide a spot to snack, nap or bask in this lush Caribbean setting
- Nine colorful boats, which have been shipwrecked throughout this Caribbean Island
- 95 palms from three different species to provide shade for vacationers throughout the resort atmosphere
- Colorful flowers and lush greenery growing from 10,200 yards of soil.

Six Flags Suppliers

Designer/Developer: Aquatic Development Group

Waterplay structure: KoalaPlay Group

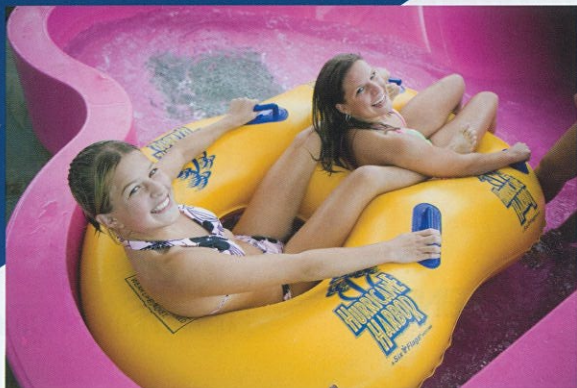
Waterslides: ProSlide Technology Inc.

seeking a refreshing theme park experience can take the plunge at Six Flags Great America. Nearly 7 miles of coaster track and 13 out-of-this-world roller coasters twist and flip throughout the park, while traditional family attractions beckon guests of all ages.

Whether guests are die-hard thrill seekers or are water lovers in disguise, energizing theme park and waterpark fun awaits at Six Flags Great America and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor. **WWA**



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