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## **SOAKY MOUNTAIN WATERPARK'S AVALAUNCH WATERCOASTER FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD**

(SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.) – Those who love the thrills and excitement of rollers coasters and waterslides are going to want to hit the new, 50-acre Soaky Mountain Waterpark in Sevierville to check out the first of its kind **Avalaunch Watercoaster**.

According to Dave Andrews, general manager of Soaky Mountain Waterpark, “ProSlide, the creator of this slide, has really outdone themselves with this unbelievably thrilling attraction. It combines a RocketBLAST® watercoaster with four FlyingSAUCER® high-speed turns and a massive sweeping TornadoWAVE finish. The excitement and anticipation of this breathtaking ride are definitely not for the faint at heart.”

Riders begin this unique watercoaster experience by looking down the entire length of the intimidating ride before sitting in a “boat.” Once launched, the coaster immediately accelerates into a left-hand turn that gains speed and whips into the first FlyingSAUCER®. There, riders experience a feeling similar to that of a giant slalom ski turn as the “boat” accelerates through a steep, high-speed turn giving the feeling of G-forces pulling them around the curve.

The ride is then momentarily enclosed. when the “boat” emerges, riders get a sneak peak of the quickly approaching initial RocketBLAST® watercoaster booster. Blasting water jets propel riders down a quick drop into the valley before they gain even more speed and are propelled uphill and over the crest only to face another FlyingSAUCER® back-to-back combo. It is here that riders feel the heightened acceleration from left then into right all while continuing to gain speed.

The watercoaster’s momentum is further enhanced as riders are propelled upwards again with the RocketBLAST® water jets propelling them into the 'camel bump', where two BLASTS are sequenced one right after one another. This gives the riders the brief feeling of weightlessness over the 'hump', and then another boost of speed and energy as they crest the top into the fourth and final FlyingSAUCER®. Again, the riders accelerate through the compound curve and feel centrifugal forces along the outer wall as they drop and dive through the turn to the final RocketBLAST® that propels them into an enclosed part of the ride with a tight right turn giving the feeling that the ride is about to end.

However, once they emerge from the turn they immediately see a drop into the 60 foot TornadoWAVE® in which they gain speed towards the in-run sweeping across the top of the curved wall experiencing near weightlessness into a free-fall towards the transition to the end of the ride into a ProSlide Prosplash.

Daily admission tickets into Soaky Mountain Waterpark are \$44.99 for anyone above 42 inches and \$39.99 for anyone under 42 inches. Children ages three and up require a ticket. The waterpark will be open through Labor Day, with additional select days being considered through mid-September. Wilderness at the Smokies guests can purchase discounted admission for up to \$20 off daily admission tickets.

**Soaky Surge**, a massive, 35,000 square foot wave pool capable of generating waves 6 feet high; **Black Bear Rapids**, an adventure river encompassing 24,000 square feet; and **The Hive**, a bee-themed play-and-spray feature with countless hands-on activities for younger children.

Other attractions in the waterpark include: **Boomers Bay**, a super fun kid activity pool area with smaller versions of the adult-size towering slides including **Lil' Rattlers** and **Mini Mayhem** so kids can experience the thrills and chills of the waterpark on their level; an adventure pool with a water obstacle course; a 3,800 square foot flat-water cabana pool for relaxing poolside; and **Hang 10essee**, a double FlowRider surfing simulator.

In addition to the Avalaunch Watercoaster, there are other massive slides including two five-person raft rides; a tubing tower with five flumes; two high-intensity body slides; and a four-lane, head-first mat racing challenge to satisfy everyone's racing desires. Some of the slides feature translucent tubes which create a swirling array of light effects and others are themed in colors like **the Rainbow's Revenge** which features all of the colors of the rainbow and the **American Racer's Rush** which features red, white and blue stars and stripes.

The waterpark is owned and operated by Wilderness Resorts and Waterparks also owns and operates Wilderness at the Smokies in Sevierville, and Wilderness Resort, Glacier Canyon Lodge, and Wilderness on the Lake, Wild Rock Golf Course, Sundara Spa and Glacier Canyon Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells.

For more information visit: [SoakyMountainWaterpark.com](http://SoakyMountainWaterpark.com).

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