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## **SOAKY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE NEW DUELING WATER COASTER FOR 2022 SEASON**

**“The Edge” will be the first-of-its-kind in the world**

(SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.) – Soaky Mountain Waterpark officials today announced they will be adding a first-of-its-kind water coaster featuring thrilling high-speed surprises taking riders to the edge for the 2022 season.



According to Dave Andrews, general manager of Soaky Mountain Waterpark, “Our new water coaster, fittingly named, ‘The Edge’ is going to be a showstopper! It will be perched on the edge of our waterpark, and span two football fields in length. It’s fusing together WhiteWater’s Master Blaster water coaster with their iconic Boomerango. But, we are not adding just one slide, we are doubling it for a dueling thrill!”

A 70-foot tower will be home to the new slides. On it, double tubes will sit side by side, each in their own assigned lane. When the light turns green they will be propelled down a three-story mega drop that leads to the first valley of the ride. Then, they will be quickly blasted up a hill and into a section featuring a kaleidoscope of colors.

“Riders are sure to be mesmerized by the coaster’s AquaLucent rings (colorful circles) designed into the tube segments,” adds Andrews. “The distance between the rings will get closer and closer, giving riders an appearance of acceleration before they are surprised to see their competitors again as they are dropped into another heart-pounding drop.”

A second uphill blast will take riders into another enclosed tube segment, where this time they will be awed by colorful, laser-like AquaLucent stripes. These stripes will start longer, and then become shorter and shorter, giving a sense of sci-fi speed while the riders progress into a turn. When the riders shoot out of their tube, they will see not one, but two imposing Boomerango walls ahead of them, before dropping to the base of the wall, feeling extreme Gs. As the momentum takes the riders up the parallel walls, they will be able to see their competitors as they feel a sense of weightlessness before sliding back down. As a finishing touch, the



riders will go over a zero-G hump to the end of the ride, the finish line is stacked with lights and effects to indicate who is the winner and who went over 'The Edge'.

Andrews states, "The Boomerango is loved the world over, but our guests will be treated to very special version of it that has never done before. Our Boomerango walls are being designed to make the riders feel like they are going off 'The Edge' of the coaster. It is going to be spectacular."

In addition to the new water coaster, per guest recommendations, the waterpark will be expanding the decking in two areas of the park, and adding 1,000 new seating options. The waterpark is also adding additional large umbrellas to increase the shaded areas around the park.

Other attractions at the massive, 50-acre waterpark, located at 175 Gists Creek Road in Sevierville, Tenn, include: **Avalaunch**, a watercoaster with four flying saucer features that create a drop-and-dive sensation and a wave curved wall; **Soaky Surge**, a massive, 35,000 square foot wave pool with 6-foot waves; **Black Bear Rapids**, a 24,000 square feet adventure river; and **The Hive**, a bee-themed play-and-spray feature with for younger children.

There is also **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, 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.

2022 Season Passes are on sale now at [Soakymountainwaterpark.com](http://Soakymountainwaterpark.com). Soaky Mountain Waterpark opened in 2020 and cost nearly \$90 million to construct. It is owned and operated by Wilderness Resorts and Waterparks.

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