

Conneaut Lake Park

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Type:	Wooden, Out and Back
Year opened:	1938
Designer:	Ed Vettel
Height:	78 feet
Tallest drop:	69 feet
Top speed:	50 mph
Track length:	2,900 feet
Trains:	1 - 16 seat, Edward Vettel, 2 – 24 seat, National Amusement Device, Century Flyers
Ride duration:	2:20

BLUE STREAK

Milestones:

- 1937 - Blue Streak is built
- 1966 - Two brand new “Century Flyer” trains are purchased from the National Amusement Device Company of Dayton, Ohio
- 1982 - Superstructure of ride is painted blue (originally it was yellow!)
- 1987 - Blue Streak celebrates 50th anniversary
- 1995/96 - Blue Streak did not operate
- 1997 - Century Flyer trains rebuilt and restored
- 1997 - Blue Streak reopens for “Blue Streak Bash”
- 2002 - 1st Annual “Blue Streak Challenge”, One of the original trains is put back in operation

Fun Facts:

- Blue Streak was the first roller coaster designated a “Classic Coaster) by ACE (American Coaster Enthusiasts)
- Blue Streak is one of the oldest surviving roller coasters in the country.
- It is believed that in the construction of the Blue Streak, parts of a previous coaster on the site, the Scenic Railway, were used
- The lighted map of Blue Streak in the station was painted by an employee of the long-gone West View Park in Pittsburgh, PA (closed in 1977) where another famous Edward Vettel coaster, the Dips once operated.
- Blue Streak Challenge, sponsored by the Conneaut Lake Park Preservation Society, has raised over \$10,000 for the maintenance Blue Streak.
- Blue Streak is one of a handful of roller coasters in the world that still utilizes its original hand-breaking system. ONLY shallow Ed Vettel Design that is still in operation.
- Couples have been married on the Blue Streak.
- Because of Conneaut Lake Park’s commitment to preserving the grand shade trees that fill the park, trees have surrounded Blue Streak over the years and the result is a thrilling and scenic ride through the woods.