

Directions:

1. Read the article.
2. As you read, show your thinking with following system:
 - a. Define unfamiliar words with “Add a Comment”,
 - b. Underline/highlight important information,
 - c. Highlight the text to “Add a Comment” with a thoughtful question, and
 - d. Highlight the text to “Add a Comment” with a thoughtful reaction,
3. OPTIONAL: Write a reflection of at least 250 words using ONE of the prompts provided.

Belle Isle’s Giant Slide reopening again Friday after closing over speed concerns

Source: Cassidy Johncox | Local 4 News | August 26, 2022

DETROIT – The Giant Slide reopened last weekend for Belle Isle visitors, but it quickly closed again when riders were seen going too fast and bouncing a bit too high on their way down.

The beloved Giant Slide officially reopened to Belle Isle Park visitors on Friday, Aug. 17. Operated by members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the slide was set to run each weekend until Labor Day Weekend.

On Friday afternoon, however, just hours after it had opened, officials announced that the slide would close so the DNR could make “some adjustments to the speed that we have seen users coming down today.” Videos of riders flying down the slide at a quick rate were circulating on social media after the ride’s initial opening.

It appears the Michigan DNR has found a solution to address the speediness of the 6-lane slide.

Officials said Sunday that the DNR had “scrubbed down the surface and started to spray a little water on the slide between rides to help control the speed. It seems to be working well so please come out and give it a try.”

The Giant Slide will once again reopen on Friday, Aug. 26, and will operate from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The slide will close after Labor Day weekend.

It costs \$1 to ride. Riders must be 48 inches or taller to slide.

The Michigan DNR explained how to ride the Giant Slide in a Facebook video. Riders are asked to lean forward when going down the slide.

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OPTIONAL: Write a reflection of at least 250 words using ONE of the prompts provided.
Evidence from the article will not count towards your word count.

- Would you ride on the Giant Slide on Belle Isle? Why or why not?
- Do you think a Facebook video is enough in regards to showing people how to ride the slide? Should they do more or less?
- Should the slide be open more or less? Why?
- Select a passage and respond to it. Highlight the passage you are responding to in green.

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