According to another aspect, there is provided a slide feature for an amusement ride adapted to carry a rider or ride vehicle sliding thereon, the slide feature comprising: an inrun permitting ingress of the rider or ride vehicle at a first elevation, an outrun permitting egress of the rider or ride vehicle at a second elevation, wherein the first elevation is higher than the second elevation, a sliding surface in communication with the inrun and the outrun, wherein the sliding surface is substantially planar, wherein the slide feature provides that the rider or ride vehicle, at least partially urged by gravity, slides along the sliding surface from the inrun to the outrun in an arcuate path, and wherein the sliding surface is oriented so that an elevation of the rider or ride vehicle increases along a first portion of the arcuate path and decreases along a second portion of the arcuate path.

Optionally, the sliding surface is oriented at a pitch angle around a pitch axis, the pitch angle being measured relative to a horizontal plane; the sliding surface is oriented at a roll angle around a roll axis, the roll angle being measured relative to the horizontal plane, the pitch axis and the roll axis are mutually perpendicular, and both the pitch angle and the roll angle are nonzero.

According to yet another aspect, there is provided a slide feature for an amusement ride adapted to carry a rider or ride vehicle sliding thereon, the slide feature comprising: an inrun permitting ingress of the rider or ride vehicle at a first elevation, an outrun permitting egress of the rider or ride vehicle at a second elevation, wherein the first elevation is higher than the second elevation, a sliding surface in communication with the inrun and the outrun, wherein the sliding surface comprises a two-dimensional, planar surface portion that is substantially circular or substantially elliptical, wherein the slide feature provides that the rider or ride vehicle, at least partially urged by gravity, slides along the sliding surface from the inrun to the outrun in an arcuate path.

According to yet another aspect, there is provided a water slide comprising a slide feature as described above.

Optionally, the water slide comprises a support structure supporting the slide feature, wherein the support structure is configured to dynamically impart movement to the slide feature.

Various aspects and features of the disclosure are described in further detail below.

the pitch axis and the roll axis are mutually perpendicular, and

both the pitch angle and the roll angle are nonzero.

29. A water slide comprising a slide feature according to claim 27.

30. A slide feature for an amusement ride adapted to carry a rider or ride vehicle sliding thereon, the slide feature comprising:

an inrun permitting ingress of the rider or ride vehicle at a first elevation,

an outrun permitting egress of the rider or ride vehicle at a second elevation, wherein the first elevation is higher than the second elevation,

a sliding surface in communication with the inrun and the outrun, wherein the sliding surface comprises a two-dimensional, planar surface portion that is substantially circular or substantially elliptical,

wherein the slide feature provides that the rider or ride vehicle, at least partially urged by gravity, slides along the sliding surface from the inrun to the outrun in an arcuate path.

31. The slide feature of claim 1, wherein the slide feature further comprises an outer lip extending from the inrun to the outrun and wherein the arcuate path is at least partially bounded by the outer lip.

32. The slide feature of claim 27, wherein the slide feature further comprises an outer lip extending from the inrun to the outrun and wherein the arcuate path is at least partially bounded by the outer lip.

33. The slide feature of claim 30, wherein the slide feature further comprises an outer lip extending from the inrun to the outrun and wherein the arcuate path is at least partially bounded by the outer lip.

34. The slide feature of claim 1, wherein the rider or ride vehicle has a continuously decreasing elevation while sliding from the inrun to the outrun.

35. The slide feature of claim 30, wherein the rider or ride vehicle has a continuously decreasing elevation while sliding from the inrun to the outrun.