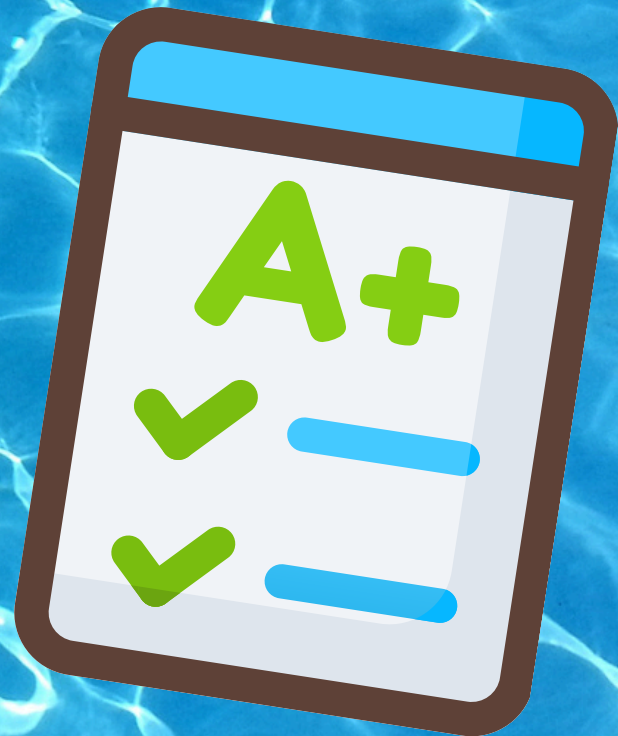


DISNEY WORLD POOLS REPORT CARD



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Grading Disney World Resort Pools



This guide is based on our episodes:
"Disney World Resort Pools".

Which Disney pools make the honor roll, and which ones will end up in summer school? Find out as we put each resort pool to the test!

Happy planning!



**Grading Disney World
Resort Pools
Part 1**



**Grading Disney World
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Part 2**

Ready to Make a Splash?!



Bust out the bathing suits.



Slather on the sunscreen.



Shimmy on those shades.



It's time to hit the pool!

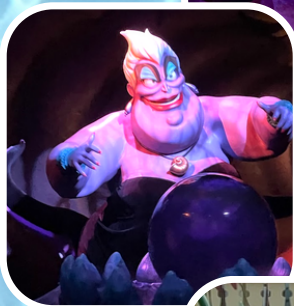
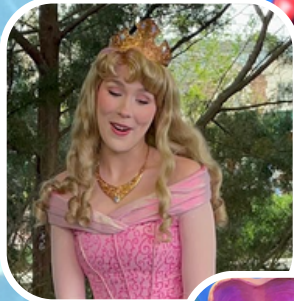


Every Disney World resort pool is fantastic for relaxing and enjoying quality time with family on your vacation. As a Disney World resort guest, you're welcome to enjoy the pools of the resort where you're lodging. Each pool will have complementary towels and soft life jackets in a variety of childrens' sizes available for your use. Every resort will also have a pool bar closeby for you to enjoy refreshments while you relax. If you're staying at a moderate or deluxe tier resort, the feature pool will offer a water slide, as well as a spa/hot tub.



How to Make the Grade

We graded each Disney World resort pool based on the following criteria...



Jack-Jack Seal of Approval: These pools are exceptionally kid-friendly and exciting to little ones.

Sleeping Beauty Seal of Approval: These are pools with a calm, relaxing vibe, that make it easy for you to unplug and maybe even take a nap by the pool.

Ariel Seal of Approval: These are pools with a zero-entry feature with a gradual slope, making it easy for anyone to take a dip whether your flippin' fins or gracefully emerging from the sparkling waters.

Ursula Seal of Approval: These are large, spacious pools that offer plenty of elbow room (even if you're a part-octopus sea witch with 8 tentacles).

Tinker Bell Seal of Approval: These are pools that offer a special touch that makes it a truly unique or singular experience. Just a touch of pixie dust to add magic to your Disney vacation.



Pictured above: The Fuentes del Morro feature pool at Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort

Our Report Card

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Resort/Pool	Seal of Approval					Overall Grade
	Jack-Jack	Sleeping Beauty	Ariel	Ursula	Tinker Bell	
All-Star Sports: Surfboard Bay Pool	X			X		C-
All-Star Sports has 2 pools: The Surfboard Bay Pool (which is the wavy-shaped feature pool) and the Grand Slam Pool (which is inspired by a baseball diamond).						
All-Star Music: Calypso Pool	X			X		C
All-Star Music has 2 pools: the Calypso Pool and the Piano Pool (which are guitar- and piano-shaped).						
Pop Century: Hippy Dippy Pool	X			X		C+
Pop Century has 3 pools: The Hippy Dippy (flower-shaped feature) Pool, the Bowling Pool (which is shaped like a bowling pin), and the Computer Pool.						
Contemporary: The Feature Pool	X	X	*Bay Cove Pool Only	X		B-
The Contemporary and Bay Lake Tower have 2 pools: The Feature Pool and Bay Cove Pool.						
All-Star Movies: Fantasia Pool	X			X	X	B
All-Star Movies has 2 pools: the Fantasia Pool and the Duck Pond (based on the Mighty Ducks). Tinker Bell points are awarded for the Mickey theming and kiddie pool.						
BoardWalk Inn & Villas: Luna Park Pool		X		X	X	B
BoardWalk Inn has 3 pools: the Luna Park (feature) Pool and 2 leisure pools. Tinker Bell points are awarded for the great Mickey-themed slide and pretty carousel pool bar.						
Fort Wilderness Campgrounds: Meadow Recreation Area	X	X		x		B
Fort Wilderness has 2 pools: The Meadow (feature) Swimmin' Pool and the Wilderness Swimmin' Pool.						
The Grand Floridian & Villas: Beach Pool	X	X	X			B
The Grand Floridian has 2 pools: The Beach (feature) Pool and the Courtyard Pool.						
Port Orleans - French Quarter: Pool	X			X	X	B
POFQ and POR have 2 pools: The Doubloon Lagoon Pool (POFQ) and Ol' Man Island Pool (POR). Tinker Bell points awarded for the amazing splash pad at POFQ and easy access to Mickey beignets.						
Port Orleans - Riverside: Pool	X	X		X		B
POFQ and POR have 2 pools: The Doubloon Lagoon Pool (POFQ) and Ol' Man Island Pool (POR). It's worth noting that these two sister resorts and their pools are currently the only allowed instance of pool-hopping.						
Wilderness Lodge: Copper Creek Springs	X	X	*Boulder Ridge Cove Pool Only		x	B
Wilderness Lodge has 2 pools: The Copper Creek Springs (feature) Pool and the Boulder Ridge Cove Pool. Tinker Bell points are awarded for the proximity to Geyser Point.						

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Coronado Springs: Dig Site/Lost City of Cibola Pool	X	X		X	X	A
Coronado Springs has 4 pools: The Lost City of Cibola Pool and 3 leisure pools. Tinker Bell points awarded for authentic theming, close access to the playground and the largest hot tub on Disney property.						
Old Key West Resort: Sandcastle Pool	X	X		X	X	A
Old Key West Resort has 4 pools: The Sandcastle (feature) Pool and 3 leisure pools. Tinker Bell points are awarded for the fast pool slide, and it's the only pool sauna offered on property.						
The Riviera: Riviera Pool	X	X	X		X	A
The Riviera has 2 pools: The Riviera (feature) Pool, and the Beau Soleil Pool. Tinker Bell points are awarded for the Skyliner view, relaxing and comfortable chairs, the courtyard games, and the quiet pool.						
Saratoga Springs Resort & Villas: High Rock Spring & Paddock Pools	X	X	X	X		A
Saratoga Springs Resort has 2 feature pools (the High Rock Spring Pool & Paddock Pool) plus 3 leisure pools, making up for 5 total pools.						
Animal Kingdom Lodge: Uzima & Samawati Springs Pools	X	X	X	X	X	A+
Jambo House and Kidani Village each offer fantastic pools. Tinker Bell points are awarded for the fantastic pool slides, and the expansive childrens' water play area at Kidani Village.						
Art of Animation: The Big Blue Pool	X	X	X	X	X	A+
Art of Animation has 3 pools: The Big Blue Pool (Finding Nemo), the Flippin' Fins Pool (Little Mermaid), and the Cozy Cone Pool (Cars). Tinker Bell points for largest pool on property and imaginative theming.						
Beach Club & Yacht Club Resorts: Stormalong Bay	X	X	X	X	X	A+
2 resorts share this pool because it is the most expansive one on property. Stormalong Bay is a 3-acre "water wonderland." Tinker Bell points awarded for the lazy river, sand-bottomed pool, lots of slides & more!						
Caribbean Beach Resort: Fuentes del Morro Pool	X	X	X	X	X	A+
Caribbean Beach Resort has 6 pools: The Fuentes del Morro (feature) Pool and a whopping 6 leisure pools! Tinker Bell points for the expansive water play area for kids, the multiple slides, and authentic theming.						
The Polynesian: Lava Pool	X	X	X	X	X	A+
The Polynesian has 2 pools: The Lava (feature) Pool and the Oasis Pool. Tinker Bell points are awarded for the castle/fireworks view, easy access to Dole Whips, amazing theming, and super fun water play area.						

Pictured below: A portion of Stormalong Bay, the 3-acre "water wonderland" nestled between Disney's Beach Club & Yacht Club Resorts.





Bonus: Disney World Water Parks



Your Disney World vacation isn't quite complete without a trip to one of Disney's amazing water parks: Typhoon Lagoon or Blizzard Beach! The water parks are all the magic of Disney, just add water. Families are often impressed by how truly accessible these water parks are to the whole family.

Adding the water parks to your vacation is SUCH a deal! Honestly, it's something of a hidden gem how truly affordable it is to go. And if you're planning a trip to Disney World in 2025, Disney resort guests are getting an amazing perk - FREE water park access on check-in day all throughout 2025! Let's dive into the deep end to talk about what makes each of these water parks a must-do on your next Disney trip...



Bonus: *Typhoon Lagoon*

Typhoon Lagoon is every curious adventurer's paradise! The centerpiece of Typhoon Lagoon is Mount Mayday and Miss Tilly, a boat precariously balanced on the tippy-top of the mountain. Most of Typhoon Lagoon's water slide attractions are housed within or around Mount Mayday. Many of the slides speed island visitors under rustic bridges, through chilling caverns, and under drenching waterfalls!

You absolutely cannot skip Miss Adventure Falls, which is a family raft ride plunging guests through tunnels, dips, and turns. Talk about accessibility - my (Katie's) 1-year-old was able to ride this one with us, and everyone in the family loved it! Families looking for a unique thrill should absolutely check out Crush 'n' Gusher, a water coaster featuring 3 unique pathways! Typhoon Lagoon is home to North America's largest wave pool, and unlike most other wave pools, this one cranks out 6ft waves every 90 seconds continuously, all day long. Thinking you want a break from all the excitement? Lounge in Castaway Creek (the lazy river), which takes you all the way around the periphery of the waterpark, and takes about 20 minutes to complete one lap. Small children can make a splash in Ketchakiddee Creek, which features a spray pad, and small, tame slides.



Bonus: Blizzard Beach



"Winter's a good time to stay in and cuddle, but put me in summer and I'll be a...HAPPY SNOWMAN!" Blizzard Beach is basically Olaf's dream brought to real life! Here Disney creates a perfect marriage of both snow and festive holiday decor and music, AND the Florida heat that makes you eager to take a dip in the pool!

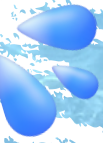
At Blizzard Beach you'll see snow mounds and log cabins! All the slides are referred to as color-coded "slopes," like you'd expect to find at a wintery ski resort. And you can even ride Florida's first-ever ski lift to get around to different attractions within the waterpark. Hop on a snowflake-embellished tube and float along the lazy river through some icy caverns!

Kids will love the Ski Patrol Training Camp and the newly renovated Tike's Peak featuring a brand new Frozen-themed splash pad and kiddie pool surrounded by igloos and snow sculptures! These parts of the park feature tame slides for little ones, and an over-the-water play area. Blizzard Beach has over a dozen water attractions and slides, not to mention lots of great places to stop for a quick bite to eat. The crown jewel of Blizzard Beach is the Summit Plummet slide, featuring a near-vertical 12-story drop. This waterpark is perfect for those looking for a unique waterpark experience - it truly is unlike any other! And it's a great park for both THRILLS AND CHILLS!

Bonus:



SECRET After Hours Event



Do you know about this SECRET DISNEY AFTER HOURS EVENT?

Ok, so maybe its not really a "secret," but it might as well be for how many people know about it! H2O Glow at Disney's Typhoon Lagoon waterpark may be Disney World's best kept secret at this point. Here's why you should go:

- 1) Typhoon Lagoon is one of the best waterparks in the whole world. Its impressively accessible for the whole family, and Typhoon Lagoon features North America's largest wave pool!**
- 2) Low or no wait times on all the best attractions!**
- 3) Avoid sunburn with an amazing night swim.**
- 4) Quality character interaction. All 3 of my kids (Katie) played with Goofy, Chip and Dale, Captain Hook and Mr. Smee for several minutes each!**
- 5) Dance party on the beach! I mean, have you even lived until you've danced the Macarena with Captain Hook, or the Cupid Shuffle with Goofy? I don't think so!**
- 6) Unlimited snacks and drinks included all evening long.**
- 7) Fun adult beverages available for a fee.**
- 8) Something for everyone. There were plenty of kiddos dancing and having fun, but also lots of adults just having a great time kid-free as well! The dance party was like every 90s kids dream, if I do say so myself.**