

THE 5 BEST PLACES TO ESCAPE CROWDS



At Walt Disney World

Disney's Beach Club



Disney's Beach Club is an excellent place to escape the crowds at Walt Disney World. Whether you're staying at the resort or not, you can always hop over for a visit. Disney's Beach Club is only a five minute walk from the International Gateway at Epcot.

Where to Relax

Disney's Beach Club has plenty of spaces to relax. You can find a swing or a lounge chair on the beach in front of the resort. Or you can find a private spot in the lobby. But our favorite spot is The Solarium! It's a few steps off the hallway from the lobby and offers comfy chairs with tables, sofas, and other private seating areas.



Snack Tip

If you're visiting the Beach Club you can pick up a tasty snack at Beach Club Marketplace. We love to get a treat and enjoy it at The Solarium. Our current favorite item is the plant-based chocolate brownie! It's delicious!

Disney's Boardwalk



Disney's Boardwalk is only a short walk or boat ride away from Epcot's International Gateway and Hollywood Studios. You can explore the Boardwalk's gift shops, art gallery, and dining options. In the evenings, carnival games and entertainers are available on the Boardwalk.

Where to Relax

If you're looking to escape the heat, head indoors to Belle Vue Lounge. It's a few steps from the main lobby on the resort's second floor. You'll find plenty of inviting places to sit and cool off. After 4:00 p.m. cocktail service is available. However, you don't have to order anything to enjoy the lounge.



Snack Tip

We love to pick up a meal or a snack from the Boardwalk Deli and take it up to Belle Vue Lounge to enjoy. If you're feeling adventurous, you might pick up an ice cream treat from the Boardwalk Ice Cream Shop. However, you'll want to be prepared to enjoy it before it melts!

Disney's Wilderness Lodge

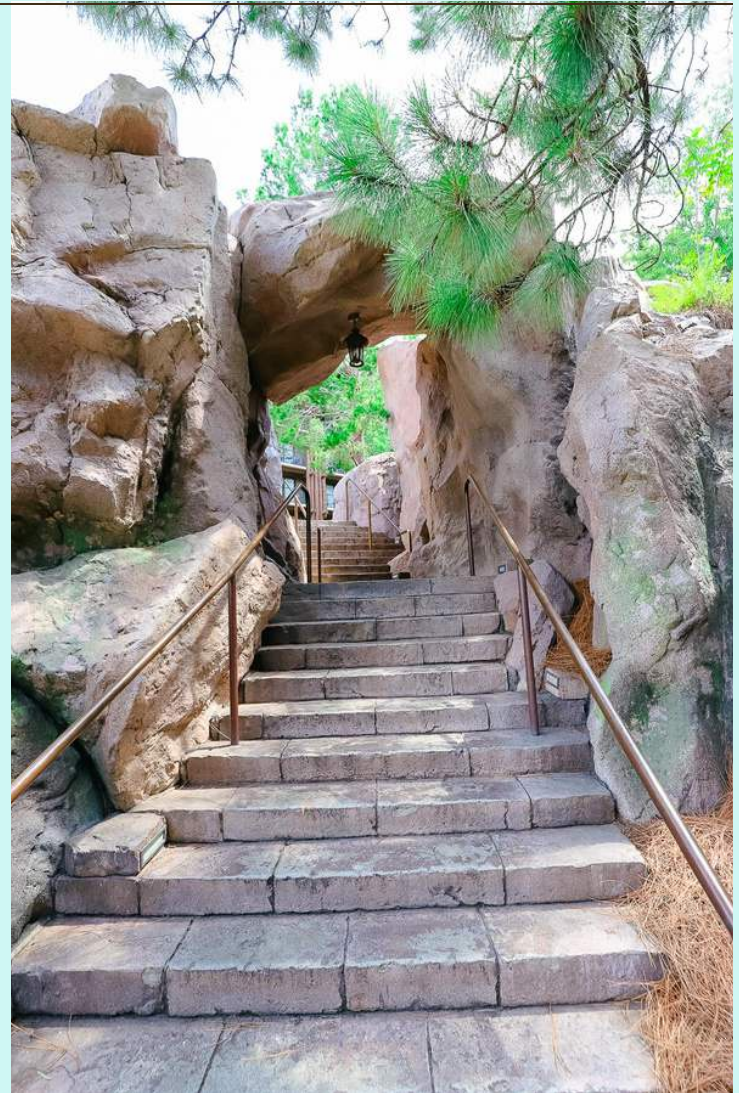


Disney's Wilderness Lodge is a short boat ride away from Magic Kingdom. We think this resort is the ultimate place to escape crowds at Walt Disney World and the Florida heat! From the moment you step off at the resort's boat dock, it instantly feels cooler!

Don't Miss

When you arrive at Wilderness Lodge from the boat dock, take the long path up to the main lobby. It weaves around the pool past Copper Creek Falls. An outdoor staircase leads up to an overlook with stunning views.

After you're finished, the path continues to the lobby. Once inside, you'll encounter another bridge where the water fall begins.



Where to Relax

We love to take the path from the main lobby down to Boulder Ridge. There you'll find the Carolwood Pacific Railroad Room. Sit back and relax in an oversize rocking chair or check out the train memorabilia in honor of Walt Disney and his love for trains.

Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge



Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge is a quick bus ride away from Disney's Animal Kingdom. You could spend an entire day touring the resort and probably not see everything!

Fun Fact: This hotel has the largest collection of African art on display outside of Africa!

Where to Relax

Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge is an oasis. The hotel is full of nooks and crannies if you'll take the time to explore.

Down each hallway, you'll find museum-like displays with various African artwork. You'll also run into private viewing areas of the savanna every so often. We love to find an empty area and watch the animals graze in the distance.



Best Quiet Spot

If you're visiting the Animal Kingdom Lodge, a smaller room sits off the left side of the main lobby. It's often empty because most guests have no clue it exists. Bring a book and cozy up for a relaxing afternoon!

Disney's Contemporary Resort

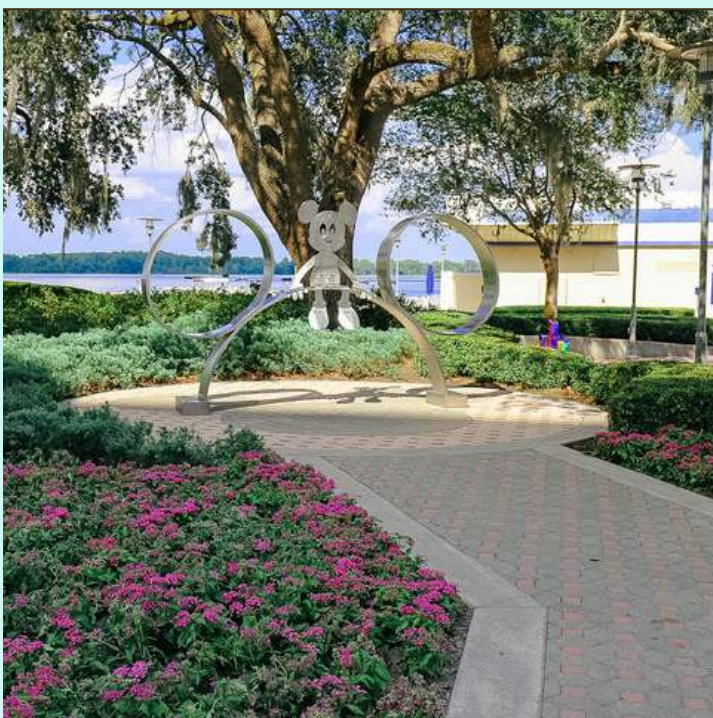


Disney's Contemporary Resort is a short walk or monorail ride away from Disney's Magic Kingdom. Once you arrive, feel free to tour the resort's Grand Concourse (the 4th floor) and check out the mural of the Grand Canyon designed by Mary Blair.

Where to Relax

Of course, the inside of the Contemporary is often busy with guests coming and going from the monorail. If you're looking to relax inside, the resort's 2nd floor has massive sectionals and seating areas. It's rare to find them in use.

But our favorite spot is the Contemporary big backyard. The area offers tons of shaded seating with views of Bay Lake!



Tip

A fun photo opportunity is available in the Contemporary's backyard. It even has a stand where you can place your camera on a timer for a family photo!

You'll find this Mickey sculpture on the immediate left when you walk out the lobby's back entrance.