

# What Puts the ‘Pop’ in Disney’s Pop Century Resort?

## Facts & Fun Behind the Resort

### The Facts

**Overview:** Disney’s Pop Century Resort is a celebration of 20th century pop culture. The 2,880-room resort’s larger-than-life "time capsules" showcase the popular toys, fads, dance crazes and catch phrases of the 20th century. How people lived. How they played. How they celebrated. Guests have the opportunity to live and play inside these unique time capsules and experience popular culture that defined the century.

**Resort Description:** Disney’s Pop Century Resort features lodge buildings and furnishings inspired by different decades. Giant pop culture icons were constructed to celebrate the decade they were introduced in, or when they gained their greatest popularity. Some of these icons tower more than 60 feet.

**Opening Date:** Dec. 14, 2003

**Location:** 1050 Century Drive, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., 32830. Near ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and Disney’s Caribbean Beach Resort.

### **Features:**

- **Accommodations:** 2,880 guest rooms. Rooms are 260 square feet, with two double beds or one king bed, a table and two chairs, vanity area and sink with separate bathroom, 27-inch color television, in-room wall safe, telephones with voice mail and data port. Available on request: rooms accessible to guests with disabilities, hearing-impaired TDD telephones, visual smoke alarms, bed boards and bed rails, refrigerators (extra charge), cribs, iron and ironing board. Room furnishings include custom-designed and themed bed coverings, wall art and wallpaper borders.
- **Food and Beverage:** Offerings include Everything Pop food court area; pizza delivery to guest rooms; and Petals Pool Bar (located adjacent to Hippy Dippy Pool).
- **Resort Shopping:** A 5,000-square-foot retail center in Classic Hall offers resort-specific merchandise and Walt Disney World souvenirs.
- **Resort Recreation:** Three feature pools — the Bowling Pin Pool, the Hippy Dippy Pool and the Computer Pool; a kiddie pool; playground; and the Fast Forward arcade. Goofy stands watch over Pop Jet Playground, a playland of popping water located near the 1970s lodge buildings.

## The Fun

- The bowling pin icons tower more than 65 feet high. A regulation bowling pin is 15 inches tall.
- If you count the giant bowling pin icons, there are nine standing around the resort. Where's the tenth? It's actually the bowling pin pool in the courtyard!
- Take a closer look at the pool deck around the bowling pin pool and you'll spot the triangular lane markings that are seen on bowling alleys everywhere.
- The Rubik's Cube icons reach a peak of 41 feet off the ground. By comparison, a Rubik's Cube puzzle toy stands nearly four inches at its tallest point.
- The resort's 8-track tapes are more than 35 feet tall, with "tape" that is more than one-foot in width. A real 8-track tape is a mere five-and-one-quarter inches tall, with a tape that is only one-quarter inch wide.
- The table soccer players are more than 12 feet tall, and the "toy" ball is more than two-and-one-half feet in diameter.
- Nearly 125,000 gallons of paint were used to create the bright colors and tie-dyed hues on the buildings' interior and exterior walls.
- In the 1960s area, giant "thumbprints" can be spotted on the ears of the elephant peeking out of the giant Play-Doh canister. And can you name the child depicted on the Play-Doh can? That's Play-Doh Pete!
- The giant Big Wheel icon can "accommodate" a child rider that weighs up to 877 pounds (or so says the sticker on the towering riding toy). That matches the stickers that were affixed to the original Big Wheel toys of the 1970s that designated a "recommended child weight."
- Service and equipment buildings are cleverly disguised all over the resort. At the 1950s bowling pin pool, the laundry looks like a bowling shoe storage bin. In the 1990s, an equipment building appears to be a larger-than-life stack of computer floppy disks.
- The 1970s courtyard pays tribute to the age of disco, with a motion-based disco light mounted in the middle of the courtyard. This color-changing light sends streams of light across the '70s-inspired outdoor "dance floor."

