

## WILDERNESS AT THE SMOKIES TIMELINE OF GROWTH

June 2008: Stone Hill Lodge (234 rooms) and Salamander Springs Outdoor Waterpark open.

**December 2008:** River Lodge (472 suites) and the Wild WaterDome Indoor Waterpark open.

May 2009: Lake Wilderness Outdoor Waterpark opens.

April 2012: The Wild Vortex waterslide at Lake Wilderness Outdoor Waterpark opens.

March 2013: Adventure Forest Family Entertainment Center opens.

April 2013: The Cyclone Racer at Lake Wilderness Outdoor Waterpark opens.

April 2015: The Wall waterslide at Lake Wilderness Outdoor Waterpark opens.

**2016:** New carpeting and wallpaper are installed at Stone Hill and new carpeting is installed at River Lodge. The linens and throws are updated.

**May 2016:** New poolside cabanas open at Lake Wilderness. Hidden Trails unveils a new menu and live entertainment.

**May 2017:** Guest rooms receive new mattresses; new sofa sleeper mattresses; 46" TV upgrades; and new artwork. Treehouse Springs Splash and Play is added to Lake Wilderness waterpark and Cabana Forest Climate Control Cabanas are added to Lake Wilderness.

**June 2018:** Firefly Bar & Grill, a lobby bar and patio with upscale food options, refreshments Firepits and live entertainment opens.

**December 2018:** A seasonal Santa's Village and ice skating rink open.

**2019:** Wilderness at the Smokies purchases and begins renting out four deluxe villas which sleep up to 12 guests, two premier villas which sleep up to 16 guests and two superior villas which sleep up to 16 guests.

Spring 2020: Yukon Yogurt and Candy Cabin open.

**Spring 2020:** A J-1 Housing complex for international workers.

**June 2020:** Wilderness Resorts and Waterparks, the owners of Wilderness at the Smokies, open

Soaky Mountain Waterpark across the street from the resort.

June 2021: Tacolicious Food Truck opens in Lake Wilderness Outdoor Waterpark.

**September 2022:** The resort breaks ground on a 40 million expansion that includes a 40,000 square foot addition to the Wild WaterDome, the conversion of Thirsty Miner into Camp Social, the addition of a Cloud Coaster and XD Adventure Theater in Adventure Forest and the addition of 7 Vacation Villas.

**December 2022:** Camp Social 5,000-square-foot food hall opens. It is open The Burger Bar, Tacolicious, Lily's Campsite Pizza Bakery and the Coffee Canteen.

**February 2023:** The resort opens six new Deluxe Villas that sleep up to 12 guests and six new Premier Villas that sleep up to 16 people.

**March 2023:** a newly renovated Grizzly's Grill reopens with Molly's Shake Shoppe, a new food and beverage outlet adjacent to it.

**Summer 2023:** The resort breaks ground on 14 three-bedroom cabins, 8 five-bedroom entertainment cabins, and 6 five-bedroom treehouse cabins all with a mountain modern design. The cabins range is size from 1,300 square feet up to 3,900 square feet.

**July 2023:** The resort announces Phase 2 of the expansion project. It involves renovating the Snapping Turtle Indoor/Outdoor Play Lagoon area to include a new indoor/outdoor hot spa and building a new 1,055-square-foot activity pool with a three-sided basketball feature.

October 2023: Phase 2 of the expansion project is completed and opens for guests to enjoy.

**December 19, 2023:** The resort ocompletes Phase 1 of its \$40 million waterpark expansion/renovation and opens its Ridge Runner three-story water coaster and Kaleidoscope Kavern lazy river created in partnership with Moment Factory.

**March 2024:** The new Lookout Lagoon rooftop pool and Peak Rooftop Bar and Eatery open. The resort also opens 14, fully-furnished, mountain modern four-bedroom cabins that span 1,300 square feet and sleep up to 10 people.

May 2024: The Outpost gift shop located in the River Lodge lobby undergoes a remodel. The store now has a mountain modern décor, offers a larger selection of branded merchandise, and carries all of those items guests may have left at home. Swimm'n Chick'n also opens in the space formerly occupied by Billy Jack's in the Adventure Forest. It features a menu based on hand-crafted groumet chicken tenders.

**June 2024:** The resort opens eight, fully-furnished, mountain modern five-bedroom cabins that span 3,2000 square feet and sleep up to 20 people. The Deli, formerly named Mountain Market Deli also reopens with a refreshed modern look. If offerings coffee, sandwiches, treats and more.

**September 2024:** The resort opens six, fully-furnished, mourntain modern treehouse cabins that span 3,910 square feet and sleep up to 22 people.

**January – March 2025:** All 234 Stone Hill Lodge guest rooms receive facelift which includes new paint, carpet, flooring, countertops, furniture, artwork, and televisions.

## **About Wilderness at the Smokies**

Wilderness at the Smokies is the Smoky Mountain region's largest waterpark resort and family entertainment center. It is located in Sevierville, TN, and is situated in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, whose famous national park is the most popular in the United States welcoming over 11 million visitors a year.

The resort features 234 Stone Hill guest rooms; 472 River Lodge suites and 20 Villas; six treehouse cabins; eight five-bedroom entertainment cabins; and 14 four-bedroom cabins; an 84-degree, year-round indoor waterpark; two seasonal outdoor waterparks; an indoor family entertainment center; a variety of dining and shopping options; a 36-hole championship golf course adjacent to the resort; and more than 200,000 square feet of meeting and convention space adjacent to Stone Hill Lodge.

It is owned by Wilderness Resort and Waterparks, a Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin-based hotel and hospitality development and management company which also operates Soaky Mountain Waterpark across the street from the resort as well Wilderness Resort, Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wilderness on the Lake and Sundara Spa all in Wisconsin Dells.

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