PassPorter® Walt Disney World® 2002 Updates as of September 5, 2002

In the update chart below, we list every page in PassPorter Walt Disney World 2002 that needs an update or change based on our research. Whenever possible, we describe what information has changed right in the chart itself, along with the page number and the date of the change. If the updated information doesn't fit in the chart, we note the Web link so you can look it up online. To get the latest version of these updates, visit http://www.passporter.com/wdw/bookupdates.htm.

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4/4	ii	The new elastic band comes attached to the back cover of the spiral edition only. The deluxe edition does not need an elastic band as it is designed to fit inside the binder which has a secure snap closure.	
4/4	vii	The Theme Park Commandos web site is no longer available at its listed address, and no new address has been located.	
4/4	29	You can now pay your resort room deposit over the phone with a variety of credit cards, including MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, JCB, Diner's Club, and The Disney Credit Card. In the past you could only pay deposits over the phone with American Express and The Disney Credit Card.	
4/4	44	The TVs in the one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas at the BoardWalk Villas are best described as "bigscreen TVs" rather than "wide-screen TVs."	
9/5	50	Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort will temporarily close on September 8 for renovation, not opening again until December 28, 2002. When it reopens, the Old Port Royale restaurant and shop complex will sport a brand-new full-service restaurant ("Shutters"), redesigned food court check-out and seating areas, and some small changes to the gift shop.	



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4/4	53	Direct buses to Downtown Disney are now available from the Contemporary Resort throughout the day. Previously, prior to 4:00 pm, guests had to travel to the Transportation & Ticket Center (TTC) to catch a Downtown Disney bus. The Downtown Disney bus at TTC has been discontinued.
4/4	54	The Contemporary Resort's North Wing is occupied by Shades of Green during that resort's renovation.
4/4	60-63	Lodging at the Disney Institute is closed while it undergoes renovations (the Spa and corporate training programs continue). The resort is expected to re-open in 2004 as a new Disney Vacation Club resort. For more details, see our report at http://www.passporter.com/wdw/disneyinstitutedvc.htm
4/4	65	Transportation at Fort Wilderness has improved! Outpost Depot (near the registration building) now has direct buses to Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, and Downtown Disney. Settlement Depot still offers direct buses to Disney's Animal Kingdom and Blizzard Beach. A new bus route loops between Settlement Depot, Wilderness Lodge, and Transportation & Ticket Center (TTC), but it does not make internal stops in the campground. So you no longer have to travel to TTC for transport to Epcot, Studios, or Downtown Disney. Instead, take an internal bus or walk to Outpost Depot and transfer to a direct bus.
4/4	69	Direct buses to Downtown Disney are now available from the Grand Floridian Resort throughout the day.
4/4	72	Like the TVs at the BoardWalk Villas, the TVs in the one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas at Old Key West

are really "big-screen TVs."

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9/5	76	The Polynesian is undergoing renovations which are expected to be completed by the end of 2002. The resort remains open.
4/4	77	Direct buses to Downtown Disney are now available from the Contemporary Resort throughout the day.
9/5	78	Religious services are no longer offered in the Luau Cove at the Polynesian Resort.
4/4	80	Still no word on when Pop Century will open, but we hear it is in "good shape" to open when demand dictates it.
4/4	84	Port Orleans French Quarter is expected to re-open fully in late May 2002.
4/4	91	Direct buses to Downtown Disney are now available from the Wilderness Lodge Resort throughout the day.
4/4	91	The page reference to the Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue show should be page 234, not 224.
9/5	91	The Wilderness Lodge bus no longer goes to the Polynesian and Grand Floridian before continuing on to its destination. Instead, Ft. Wilderness and Wilderness Lodge are sharing bus routes.
9/5	95	The Atlantic Wear & Wardrobe Emporium at the Beach Club Resort has been expanded and now offers more of everything!

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4/4	99	Shades of Green, the Armed Forces Recreation Center closed on April 1 so they can add 300 new rooms, two new restaurants, and banquet facilities. They also plan to build a new, multi-level parking structure, presumably to replace the space used in the hotel expansion. Until the plussed-up resort opens in September 2003, Shades of Green guests are being put up at the Contemporary's North Garden Wing, at traditional Shades of Green prices. Get more details at http://www.armymwr.com/shades/contemp.htm . Also note that the new address for the Shades of Green Web site is http://www.shadesofgreen.org .
9/5	100	Beach Club Villas are now open. You can book a studio, one-, or two-bedroom villa at the Beach Club resort and have full access to the beloved Stormalong Bay pool complex. We stayed here in July 2002 and had a wonderful time. Our two-bedroom villa was spacious and the walk to the resort's facilities wasn't too bad. We enjoyed having the DVD player in the room, too (these are available in the one- and two-bedroom villas). We especially liked the two common areas on the first floor. Simply delightful!
4/4	101	The new Disney Vacation Club resort at Eagle Pines continues on track for a 2004 or 2005 opening.
4/4	102	The four-night cruise itineraries no longer include a stop at Freeport, and the sentence on this should read as follows: "Four-night cruises spend the next day at Nassau, followed by a day at Castaway Cay, Disney's private island, and then a day at sea. Also, the 2002 Value Season seven-day land/sea packages start at \$829 per person (based on double occupancy) for a standard inside stateroom. Cruise-only vacations start at \$439. The Disney Cruise Line reservation number should be listed as 1-800-DCL-2500.

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9/5	103	We're hard at work on a guidebook just for Disney cruises. We expect to have it available at the end of 2002. Watch our store for details.
4/4	104	The Disney Vacation Club is adding a new resort on the current site of the Disney Institute. The DVC villas will be an all-new construction. For details: http://www.passporter.com/wdw/disneyinstitutedvc.htm
9/5	104	Disney Vacation Club Members can no longer pool- hop at Stormalong Bay at the Yacht and Beach (unless you are staying at one of the resorts, of course).
4/4	106	The new book we mention, "A Walt Disney World Outing: The Only Vacation Planning Guide Exclusively for Gay and Lesbian Travelers" is now available and we think it's excellent. It's authored by Dann Hazel & Josh Fippen. You can get more information on how to obtain a copy at http://www.dannhazel.com .
4/4	114	New hand-held, wireless electronic devices provide closed-captioning (for the hearing-impaired) at more than 20 Walt Disney World attractions, and narration in five foreign languages for more than 13 attractions. Translations are offered in French, German, Japanese, Portugese, and Spanish. The devices are available free of charge at theme park Guest Relations.
4/4	115	Disney is in the process of introducing a new system for measuring children for rides that carry height restrictions. At some parks, kids are measured once as they enter the park and are issued a color-coded wristband. Ride operators then know at a glance whether a child is big enough, or not.
4/4	115	The note on Guidemaps should read as follows: Free maps are available at the parks. Disney provides a separate schedule sheet with showtimes and events.

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9/5	115	Stroller rental prices have increased. Singles have gone from \$7 to \$8/day. Double strollers have gone from \$13 to \$15/day.
4/4	116-117	Park pass prices have not been increased yet for 2002. If they the prices do go up, we'll update our pass comparison chart for you.
4/4	132	Magic Kingdom's Legend of the Lion King has closed (and is likely to become a legend in its own right). It will be replaced in 2003 by Mickey's PhilharMagic Orchestra, a 3-D animated film. They say Simba will be back, along with a mouse, a duck, a mermaid, and several other familiar faces. A sign outside the coming attraction reports that the film will be shown on a 150-foot-wide screen, the largest ever for 3-D.
4/4	143	The new Mission:Space Web site is up! You can check it out at: http://www.disney.go.com/vacations/missionspace/index.html
9/5	158	Walt Disney: One Man's Dream will remain open after the 100 Years of Magic Celebration comes to a close on December 31, 2002.
9/5	171	Primeval Whirl, a pair of "wild mouse" roller coasters, opened March 2002 at Chester & Hester's DinoRama, in Disney's Animal Kingdom. As if sharp zigs and zags, and short drops aren't enough, the round ride vehicles spin as they go around sharp bends. Coaster fans consider this type of ride just a step up from "kid's stuff." If you can deal with Space Mountain and Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, this one should be a piece of prehistoric pound cake. FASTPASS is available on this attraction.

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4/4	180-181	River Country water park will not be opening in 2002. It may open again in the future if guest attendance at Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon warrants it. Note also that Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon were recently named as the world's most popular water parks by Amusement Business magazine.
9/5	182	Three new stores have opened at Downtown Disney Marketplace: Once Upon a Toy (huge toy store with unique things), Disney Pin Traders (pins, pins, and more pins!), and Summer Sands (swimwear). Note that Toys Fantastic and Captain's Tower are closed.
4/4	190	Mannequins completed renovations and is open.
4/4	194	The Orlando Sentinel reports that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is negotiating to hold the team's summer training camp at Disney's Wide World of Sports.
9/5	194	The Spa at the Disney Institute begins a new treatment for kids ages 10-14 on October 1. The "Minnie" treatment includes a facial, pedicure, and manicure.
4/4	201	Scott Thomas' handy Priority Seating Calculator has a new address: http://pscalculator.net
9/5	205	The Crystal Palace is undergoing renovations until December 15, 2002. You can dine with Pooh and friends at Tony's Town Square in the interim—both breakfast and lunch are offered. Tony's still offers its regular menu at lunch and dinner in addition to the character meals.

Restaurant Akershus currently offers the Princess

Storybook character breakfast from 8:30 am-10:30 am.

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9/5	225	California Grill requests that guests come in "smart casual," which generally means no tank tops.
9/5	225	Captain's Tavern at the Caribbean Beach Resort is closed (as is the resort until the end of 2002). A new restaurant called "Shutters" will take its place when the resort re-opens. This new, 120 seat, casual family restaurant will serve "American cuisine inspired by the flavors of the Caribbean" and have a "comfortable and cozy" atmosphere, decorated in "playful colors reminiscent of the historic Caribbean." A full bar will feature a variety of tropical drinks. Shutters will be open only for dinner. While menu details and approximate prices aren't available at this time, it's likely that the restaurant will also be priced similarly to Captain's Tavern (entrees in the \$14-\$22 range).
9/5	231	The Yacht Club Galley re-opened in June for breakfast and lunch only. It now opens at 7:30 am and closes at 2:00 pm.
9/5	232	You now need to pay a deposit when you make a priority seating for Cinderella's Royal Table character breakfast. The deposit is \$10/adult and \$5/child, and you will lose your deposit if you cancel less than 24 hours before your breakfast.
9/5	233	Restaurant Akershus now has a character breakfast with princesses! The Princess Storybook Breakfast will be open until the end of the year—whether or not it is permanent remains to be seen. The breakfast is family-style. Characters may include Snow White, Belle, and other princesses (but not Cinderella). Priority seatings can be made 120 days in advance.

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4/4	234	The 9:30 pm Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical Revue is back! As attendance at Walt Disney World grows, the cutbacks shrink. It's good to hear that the "late show" of this incredibly popular dinner show at Fort Wilderness Campground has returned.
4/4	242	The Family Magic Tour at the Magic Kingdom is now only offered at 11:30 am (not 9:30 am).
4/4	243	Disney's Animal Kingdom has a new tour called "Wild By Design" that delves into the art, history, and storytelling of this beautiful park. Guests wear headphones with battery packs so they—and only they—can hear the tour guide speak loudly and clearly (you can ask questions by pressing a button and speaking, too!) While this tour does not go backstage, you do get the opportunity to chat with animal care keepers (but not the animals). The three-hour tour is available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays starting at 8:15 am. Cost is \$58/person and you must be 14 or older. Park admission and photo ID required. Continental breakfast is included. Wheelchair accessible. For more info, call 1-407-WDW-TOUR.

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4/4	253	Disney-sanctioned, private in-room baby-sitting is now provided by Kids Nite Out. KinderCare, the former provider of these services, no longer offers in-room sitting, but still offers traditional daycare at its drop-off center. Many of KinderCare's former staff members now work for Kids Nite Out, and KinderCare's former in-room care phone number (407-827-5444) now connects to Kids Nite Out. Kids Nite Out will care for children aged six weeks to 12 years old, including some children with special care needs. Their sitters are all over 18 years of age, are certified in infant and child first aid and CPR, and receive local law-enforcement background checks. The agency prefers two week to 30 day advanced reservations. Shorter notice requests will be accommodated based on availability.
9/5	256	The ABC Super Soap Weekend will be held on November 9-10 this year. More than 30 daytime drama celebrities are expected to attend!
4/4	284	The 407-251-5431 phone number listed in the Tiffany Town Car coupon has been changed to 407-370-2196.

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