



TOP 5

Fireplaces & Firepits at Walt Disney World

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You don't need to brave Maleficent or navigate through the burning town in Pirates of the Caribbean to experience the excitement of fire at Walt Disney World. While it's not possible (at least yet) to visit the Firetown district featured in one of our household's favorite Pixar films, *Elemental*, you can find plenty of tame – and picturesque – spots where you can cozy up to a warm and inviting fire on Walt Disney World Property.

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Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

Located off the Seven Seas Lagoon, Disney's Polynesian Village Resort features a beautiful waterfront spot to enjoy an open fire and perhaps indulge in a s'more. With the added allure of easy access to the Adventureland-favorite snack, DOLE Whip, and the opportunity for picture-perfect firework viewing mere steps away, it's practically perfect. Though subject to change, campfire activities occur for an hour on select evenings. Ask at the front desk or check My Disney Experience for up-to-date information.

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Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort

There's no firepit on Walt Disney World Property with as much fanfare as the one you'll discover at the Meadow Trading Post located on the grounds of Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort. It not only features a true campfire ambience, but also the chance to gather 'round for a cowboy sing-along featuring the world's most famous chipmunks: Chip 'n' Dale, of course. Don't worry if you don't have the ingredients for s'mores; you can buy a kit from the Chuckwagon Snack Bar. Plan for a long evening – you'll catch *Movies Under the Stars* here after the campfire.

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Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge - Jambo House

What could be more captivating than savoring an open fire in the heart of the African savanna? The distinctive setting of this firepit, where you can relish the warmth while gazing upon giraffes, zebras, and other animals, earns it a top spot on my list of must-do fire experiences. Far from the hustle and bustle of Genie+ and bus schedules, the fire at Animal Kingdom Lodge is one of the most serene places to roast a marshmallow.

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Cinderella Castle Suite

While I haven't actually seen this one in person, I'll keep on believing that one day I might... Until then, my wishful heart will keep on researching the exclusive Cinderella Castle Suite inside Magic Kingdom. This exquisite suite – accessible only to a select few – features a gorgeous antique limestone fireplace in the elegant bed chamber fit for a princess. The opulent fireplace was molded from an original fireplace built in France.

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Disney's Wilderness Lodge

Undoubtedly, my all-time favorite fire feature is the magnificent 82-foot fireplace at the heart of the seven-story lobby of Disney's Wilderness Lodge. Crafted to reflect the layered rock strata of the Grand Canyon, the fireplace captivates all who see it, inviting you to enjoy the enchanting view from one of the numerous rocking chairs arranged in front of it. Fun fact: This already-spectacular fire feature is even more beautiful during the winter holidays.