

Gaylord Palms Resort

Kissimmee, Florida

The Larson Company provided:

- Project Management
- Design Assist
- Estimating
- Scale Models
- Fabrication
- Construction & Installation



Gaylord Palms is the first 'Opryland' property to be built outside of owner Gaylord Entertainment's Nashville, Tennessee home base. The Larson Company was selected to provide a variety of themed environments for the resort's three atriums, which highlight some of Florida's most unique locations.

The main atrium includes a mix of major elements, water features and rock formations, based on two central Florida natural springs, Devils Den and Wekiva Rock. The main atrium's central feature – a ruined fort, was modeled after the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, FL and houses retail space for the resort.



A second atrium features the environments of Key West, Florida, complete with a 9' tall replica of the 'Southernmost Point' icon monument, accents of coral and a sandy beach.

The most detailed atrium is a re-creation of the famous Florida Everglades. Cypress deadfall trees, a mud bank and a limestone wall connecting to the main atrium required exact placement and installation by Larson's artisans to replicate natural environments.

In all, more than 4.5 acres were themed by Larson's crew. Larson's work included more than 84,000 square feet of artificial rock and 29,000 square feet of 30 mil PVC pond and stream liner.

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