



MAY 2026

Disney World Cheat Sheet by Guide2WDW

Based on 5 years of historical crowd data

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WEEKLY CROWD FORECAST

MAY 1-3



Light

End of April holdover. Big Thunder reopens on Sunday.

MAY 4-10



Moderate

Cheer & Sports Competitions and Mother's Day - none of them huge crowd drivers.

MAY 11-17



Light

Best week for low crowds, just before the big openings.

MAY 18-24



Moderate

Light-to-moderate weekdays, with Memorial Day weekend kicking off Saturday. Lighter than you'd expect for a holiday weekend.

MAY 25-31



Moderate

Memorial Day has been surprisingly lighter for lines in recent years. May 26 sees a ton of new anticipated debuts, but spread across the parks. Crowds may tick up, but be spread out.



WHICH PARK, WHICH DAY

Go Caution Avoid

*Check Extended Evening Hours and Early Closure Schedule (See Below)

	Magic Kingdom	EPCOT	Hollywood Studios	Animal Kingdom	Best Pick
MONDAY	Go	Caution*	Caution*	Avoid*	Magic Kingdom
TUESDAY	Avoid	Go	Caution	Go	EPCOT or AK
WEDNESDAY	Caution*	Go	Go	Go*	Hollywood Studios, EPCOT or AK (except May 13)
THURSDAY	Go	Go	Caution	Go	Anywhere but DHS
FRIDAY	Go	Caution	Caution	Caution	Magic Kingdom
SATURDAY	Go	Avoid	Avoid	Avoid	Magic Kingdom
SUNDAY	Go	Avoid	Go	Avoid	MK or DHS

MAY PLANNING TIPS

Extended Evening Hours (Unconventional Schedule)

Animal Kingdom: Monday May 4, Wednesday May 13 | **Hollywood Studios:** Monday May 11
EPCOT: Monday May 18, Monday May 25 | **Magic Kingdom:** Wednesday May 20, Wednesday May 27
Avoid these parks on those days unless you have Deluxe Resort access.

Magic Kingdom Closes Early May 13

The park will close to regular guests at 5:30 for a private event

EPCOT Flower & Garden Festival

EPCOT is in full bloom, running all month.

Big Thunder's New Height Requirement: 38"

The Wildest Ride in the Wilderness will reopen with a new, shorter height requirement (Old: 40", New: 38")

Huge Openings / Reopenings

- May 3:** - Big Thunder Mountain (MK)
May 22: - Millennium Falcon: Mandalorian Mission (DHS)
May 26:• Muppet Rock N Roller Coaster (DHS)
• Bluey's Wild World (AK)
• Soarin Across America (EPCOT)
• Mickey Mouse Clubhouse Live (DHS)
• Walt Disney Studios area (DHS)
• Cool Kids' Summer (WDW)
• Jessie's Roundup (MK)
• GoofyCore Hall (EPCOT)

