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Grande Lakes Orlando Makes a Splash with AquaCourse 360, a First-of-Its-Kind Interactive Water Feature Focused on Family Fun

New water feature enhances line up of family activities at 500-acre resort in Central Florida

April 2, 2019 (Orlando, Florida) – [Grande Lakes Orlando](#) has debuted a first-of-its-kind, family-fun interactive water feature on property - [AquaCourse 360](#). This exciting installation is a real splash for guests of Grande Lakes Orlando, which sprawls across 500 lush acres, home to the luxurious [Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes](#) and the [JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes](#) – as well as a world of onsite recreational diversions and convenience to the famed theme parks of Central Florida.

Combining the challenges of an obstacle course, the excitement of an adventure mission, and the potential to get soaked from every angle, AquaCourse 360 unfolds with 10 minutes of watery fun for guests of all ages. Participants are invited to slip into swimwear, clip on a harness, and prepare to make their way through the course along a series of balance bars and swinging bridges, with the constant potential of being drenched by water jets or overhead tumble buckets. Even those who are sure-footed throughout the entire course won't be safe, as guests are free to squirt participants with high-powered water jets from the sidelines. The new AquaCourse 360 is open for enjoyment year-round and is located near the JW Marriott Lazy River.

“This exciting addition to Grande Lakes is just one of many recreational activities offered,” said Area General Manager, Jon McGavin. “The property boasts its very own sports program, [Grande Lakes Sports](#), a 40,000-square-foot Ritz-Carlton Spa; a Greg Norman designed championship golf course and more. Family-fun, outdoor offerings available through Grande Lakes Sports include fishing excursions, guided Eco-Tours via kayak or canoe, Sunrise Safaris led by Certified Florida Master Naturalists, with chance to observe and photograph everything from North American river otters to alligators to Great Horned Owls, and guided mountain biking adventures on SCOTT bicycles.”

Kids can also enjoy [In-Room Camping](#) which features battery-operated lanterns, tents and S'mores to spark young imaginations and the [Ritz Kids](#) program based on exclusive programming designed by Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Future Society. The program offers carefully crafted sensory experiences covering the key pillars of water, land, environmental responsibility and culture to teach young guests about the diverse history of Florida's wildlife, ecological systems and terrain.

Whether partaking in the new AquaCourse 360, relaxing by the lazy river or testing your skills on the golf course, Grande Lakes Orlando is the perfect place for family fun this year.

Resort rates from \$459 at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando and from \$299 at JW Marriott Orlando. For more information please visit www.grandelakes.com.

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About Grande Lakes Orlando The 500-acre Grande Lakes Orlando estate features a 582-room Ritz-Carlton and 1,000-room JW Marriott hotel situated at the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. Guests at both hotels can enjoy all the facilities and services at Grande Lakes Orlando, including an 18-hole Greg Norman-designed championship golf course and the 40,000-square-foot Ritz-Carlton Spa as well as three pools including the winding lazy river at JW Marriott. Dining options feature the culinary mastery of James Beard award-winning chefs Norman Van Aken with Norman's at The Ritz-Carlton and Melissa Kelly with PRIMO at JW Marriott, a leader in the city's farm-to-fork movement. Furthering this farm-to-fork commitment are the on-site apiaries and 18,000-square-foot Whisper Creek Farm.

On-property activities include Grande Lakes Sports experiences offering kayaking, eco-tours on Shingle Creek, fishing school and a mountain bike trail. Conference and meeting attendees have their pick of a selection of meeting space options located across 150,000 square feet that connects the two properties plus more than 100,000 square feet of outdoor space.

Grande Lakes is located 15 minutes from the Orlando International Airport, five minutes from the Orange County Convention Center and minutes from the major theme parks. For more information about Grande Lakes Orlando, visit www.grandelakes.com. Follow Grande Lakes Orlando on Twitter at [@RC_Orlando](https://twitter.com/RC_Orlando) and [@JW_Orlando](https://twitter.com/JW_Orlando).

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