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New KOAs To Explore In 2005

If you want to sample sweet treats from Hershey factory,
 Or, tour the Ava Gardner Museum,
 Or, get a visual feast from a Canadian provincial park that takes in more than 250 waterfalls,
 Or, visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as well as the Pro Football Hall of Fame,

Then, consider visiting some of the 14 newest campgrounds in the KOA system. Twelve put up the familiar KOA flag for the first time in 2004. Two more campgrounds are set to join the system in 2005.

At a glance, here's what the 2004 newcomers offer:

- [Elizabethtown/Hershey, Pennsylvania](#) - Located in the heart of central Pennsylvania, the campground is minutes from HersheyPark ("The Sweetest Place on Earth") and Amish Country. History is nearby: Gettysburg, the Revolutionary Army crossing of the Delaware River at Valley Forge, the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, and Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Modern attractions include the York Harley-Davidson plant and museum and Hershey's Zoo America.
- [New Bern, North Carolina](#) - Overlooking historic New Bern along the Neuse River, this newly renovated campground offers a peaceful retreat among songbirds and tall hardwoods. Sand, sun and white beaches are only 45 minutes away. Browse the many antiques shops and specialty boutiques in New Bern, North Carolina's second oldest city and the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola.
- [Smithfield, North Carolina](#) - Close to Raleigh with easy access from I-95, this campground lies on the direct route to Myrtle Beach, Wilmington and Emerald Isle. Along with golfing, antiques and outlet shopping, visitors are drawn to the Ava Gardner Museum, filled with scripts, costumes and personal belongings of the legendary actress born near here. Walk the historic fields of Bentonville Battleground, site of North Carolina's largest Civil War battle, and tour the adjacent museum.
- [Valdosta/Lake Park, Georgia](#) - RV rallies with live entertainment are a popular quarterly event at this KOA. Convenience draws attendees - the park is located close to the Georgia/Florida state line and near the crossroads of Interstates 75 and 10. You can work out at the fully equipped YMCA, free to guests, or head to Wild Adventures, a popular theme park with roller coasters and water slides.
- [Clearwater/Wells Gray, British Columbia](#) - Known as "the waterfall park," Wells Gray Provincial Park boasts more than 250 cascades, including the spectacular Helmcken Falls. Drive there for photos or reach it on foot via the Brink of Helmcken Falls Trail. The trail system allows traipsing in a grand wilderness full of wildflowers and wildlife. Also nearby: river rafting, canoeing, mountain biking, lake cruises and kayaking. The KOA lies about 22 miles from the park entrance.
- [Concrete/Grandy Creek, Washington](#) - Enjoy a beautiful natural setting at the base of Mount Baker with easy access to North Cascades National Park and Grandy Creek. Take a day trip to Bellingham, the San Juan Islands or British Columbia - the beautiful Northwest awaits your visit. This newly redesigned campground features long pull throughs - up to 90 feet.
- [Lake Livingston/Onalaska, Texas](#) - Guests have private, direct lake access to some of the best catfish, bass, and perch fishing in Texas. You can spend an afternoon paddle boating in a private 8-acre cove, or fishing on the campground's lighted pier. Bird-watching opportunities abound. All varieties of water fowl, blue jays, cardinals, great herons and bald eagles are sighted. For hunters, some of the state's largest

- whitetail deer have been taken in the Livingston area.
- [Las Cruces, New Mexico](#) - This newly renovated KOA conversion campground sits at 4,000 feet elevation on the west mesa, overlooking the Mesilla Valley, Organ Mountains and city of Las Cruces. Spectacular sunrises over the mountains, purple mountain sunsets and sparkling city lights at night provide daily photo opportunities.
 - [Gallup, New Mexico](#) - Known as the gateway to Native American country, where you can experience the beautiful and historic Southwest, scenic Gallup is an easy drive to Canyon de Chelly, El Malpais and Chaco Canyon. KOA hosts can arrange for tours of the area. The indoor pool is open all year, and a hot tub and sauna are available. A game room and playground beckon kids.
 - [Rusk, Texas](#) - Cool piney woods help create the ambience at the new Rusk KOA. Visitors can ride Texas State Railroad's steam train, walk the world's longest wooden footbridge and enjoy Texas hospitality in the antiques and specialty stores. The campground is adjacent to the historic Jim Hogg City Historical Park.
 - [Crossville, Tennessee](#) - Surrounded by mountain views, this campground lies within five miles of I-40 and puts guests an hour from Chattanooga, an hour from Knoxville and less than two hours from Nashville. Guests also enjoy hiking and fishing at state parks and natural areas. Or, swing over to one of a dozen courses in the "Golf Capital of Tennessee." You can also shop for antiques and browse the state's largest outdoor flea market, held in Crossville each weekend.
 - [Clewiston/Lake Okeechobee, Florida](#) - It isn't just the headquarters for U.S. Sugar that makes Clewiston "America's Sweetest Town." South-central Florida's sultry breezes and a canopy of tropical trees also make the area worth visiting. Lake Okeechobee, just three miles away, lures anglers with some of the nation's best bass fishing. Biking and motorcycling also are popular along the shores of Florida's largest lake. In winter, hop aboard the campground's shuttle to shopping, golfing and other regional attractions.

The newest KOAs, scheduled to enter the system in May 2005, are:

- [Streetsboro/Cleveland SE, Ohio](#) - Amid the bustle of northern Ohio lies this quiet, secluded campground just three miles off the highway. An authentic 19th-century general store on the grounds - moved from downtown Streetsboro - adds to the bucolic setting. The store offers homemade fudge and hand-dipped ice cream. You're close to some of the Midwest's most popular attractions, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- [Gros Morne/Norris Point, Newfoundland](#) - Newfoundland's first and only KOA, this secluded campground sits in a wooded valley at the center of Gros Morne National Park, designated a World Heritage Site. Campsites overlook a majestic mountain lake, perfect for swimming and boating (pedal boat rentals available). Walk the "Moose Path" along its shore. Endless trails - some easy, some demanding - explore the contours and vistas of this stunning land. Join interpretive kayak tours to glide among glacier-carved fjords.

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