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Driving up the east side of Lake Okeechobee, we passed dozens of run-down fishing camps on U.S. 98 after leaving the serene Dupuis Wildlife Management Area near Port Mayaca.

The east side of Lake Okeechobee doesn't have much to offer except shabby-looking fishing camps along the lake's rim canal, so it was with some relief when we arrived at the well-groomed Okeechobee KOA in Okeechobee.

Long an agricultural and ranching center with one foot in the door of fishing tourism, Okeechobee is emerging from its shell.

This winter, the town was host to 35,000 people attending the three-day Okeechobee Music and Arts Festival, and they promise to return next year. Meanwhile, conservationist and artist Guy Harvey will soon be putting down roots for his Guy Harvey Outpost RV Resort, Marina and Restaurant at Okee-Tantie.

As for places to stay right now, the Okeechobee KOA is a bright spot on the trail around the north side of the lake.

Okeechobee KOA: Fishing is the mission

With 750 campsites with full hookups, the Okeechobee KOA is the largest KOA in the country, sitting on 117 manicured acres with its own nine-hole golf course, driving range and putting greens.

A small city within a city with resort amenities: two swimming pools, tennis courts, a fitness center, lunch cafe, a large convention center and a tiki bar overlooking a small lake.

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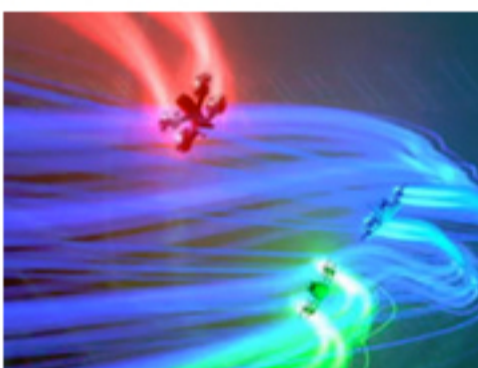


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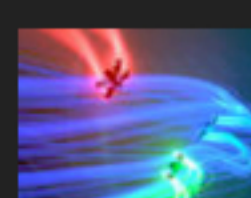
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