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Make a splash

Most Floridians will tell you the same thing about summer: As the season sets in and temperatures top out, it usually takes something really special to pry us from climate-controlled comfort for the outdoors. I recently discovered 10 persuasive poolside activities at **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood** and **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa**, where summertime sun equals serious summertime fun, even for a climate-spoiled Floridian like me. So take a break from hot gaming action at these cool oases.

1 Sip a cocktail or have lunch. Both locations feature a poolside bar and grill. How about a Day at the Pool, a frosty blend of amaretto, coconut rum, and pineapple and orange juices, at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa? Sip to the beat as the band plays a rollicking calypso set. As you peruse the menu—which doubles as a nifty fan—you might be inspired to try some of the other specials from the bar and restaurant.

2 Catch some rays while you catch up on your reading (or sleep) on poolside day beds that can be rented for a full or half day and include attentive service from a dedicated pool butler at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood. **3 Play a pickup game of volleyball** on the sand-covered courts at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa.

4 Ride the slide, a 182-foot summertime thrill, at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood. **5 Swim laps** in the pool; underwater speakers pump out the latest tunes at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood. **6 Experience bliss with a poolside massage** at both Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino locations. Lasting between 50 and 80 minutes, options include Swedish and sports massages.

7 Play the latest Wii games in plush poolside chickees, modeled after traditional Seminole dwellings and available at both locations. Each luxurious thatch-roofed cabana is equipped with a flat-screen TV, fridge, phone and ceiling fan. You'll enjoy the best of both worlds: a blissfully cool sanctuary in the middle of all the sizzling fun. And you can enjoy one even if you aren't staying overnight; all-day rental rates for non-guests start at just \$150. **8 Take in the idyllic scenery** at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa. Emerald lawns punctuated with towering palms and flowerbeds ablaze with color surround the sleek zero-entry pool, heated to a tropical

83 degrees. This outdoor experience is perfect if you're looking for a tranquil, more intimate ambience. **9 Play a game of pool** in the shade at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa. Unwind afterward in the comfort of your own chickee, or stretch out on a poolside chaise. **10 Relax to the soothing sounds of a waterfall** that cascades into an 11-seat hot tub. Then, if thirst strikes, simply raise the purple flag on your chair to summon cocktail service at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa. With the hottest action and coolest relaxation, these two oases offer the freedom to do it all—or nothing at all—this summer and all year long.

HOT SPOTS
Looking for more outdoor activities at Seminole Casinos this summer?
 ♦ Go to Ultimate Race Weekend with BBQ, bands, NASCAR simulator and more at **Seminole Casino Immokalee**.
 ♦ Check out **Seminole Casino Coconut Creek's** new burger lineup at Sunset Grill. Taste the Creek Burger, Boca Burger and, for a big appetite, The Cardiac!
 ♦ Get in touch with Nature when airboating and freshwater fishing at **Seminole Casino Brighton**.
 ♦ Don't miss the Fourth of July pool party and concert at **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa**.

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