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Buc-ee's

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I had heard of a store called Buc-ee's for probably over a decade, but I had never been to one. It is a Texas chain of Texas sized convenience stores that is more like a grocery store of heavy snacks than a quick stop! (no one's stop there is quick!) The first time I got to go to one was in 2020, and that location was not even Texas but rather in Alabama! Since then, I've been to Buc-ee's 8 times to three different locations (the Alabama location was most of the stops). This chain holds two world's records: World's Largest Convenience Store and World's Longest Car Wash. The store in New Braunfels is the largest store at 66,335 square feet. (That's larger than a building 250'x 250'!) The carwash is located in Katy and measures at 255 feet of conveyor. (For comparison, most conveyed carwashes are less than half that length!) Here are the descriptions of each visit.



May 3, 2020 (Robertsdale, AL)



The store was impressive in visual interest and in variety of items.

May 3, 2020 (Robertsdale, AL)

The first Buc-ee's I had been to was east of Mobile in Robertsdale, Alabama called Beach Express. As of May 3, it was the only store outside of Texas. But other locations outside of Texas were already in the works. Dad and I spent about 30 minutes looking around as it was my first time there, and it was quite busy considering that the country was still mostly in lockdown. Buc-ee's is known for having extremely clean bathrooms and having more travel food options than you can ever hope to eat! They even had a full jerky counter like you would see with a deli counter! All of the snack foods were organized by type: nuts, jerky, trail mix, candy, chips, hot food, etc. Each area was extensive. The place was huge, it was at least as big as a decent grocery store! I counted almost 90 gas pumps outside. The only disappointment I had was that this location did not have a carwash because Buc-ee's is also known for their carwashes. There are only five locations that have car washes, and they are located in east Texas.



Besides the jerky counter, there is also a whole wall of bagged jerky.

Talk about competitive wages! These start out double of what minimum wage is!

May 7, 2020 (Robertsdale, AL)

On the way back to Colorado, we stopped again at Buc-ee's in Robertsdale, Alabama. We spent a little more time with this visit, about 45 minutes. Buc-ee's is known for extremely clean bathrooms and for more travel food options than you can possibly eat!



The jerky counter had four lengths of the above section!



Neat old truck full of stuffed Buc-ees!

May 7, 2020 (Robertsdale, AL)



Buc-ee's has no shortage of their own merch... everywhere!

May 23, 2020 (Robertsdale, AL)

On our second trip from Colorado to Florida a few weeks after the first trip, we headed out on a slightly different route until we got to Mississippi. The route from there was nearly the same as a few weeks before. I wanted to stop again. I got a photo this time of their mascot, a buck-toothed beaver, whose name is Buc-ee. All of the stores have this metal sculpture out front of their mascot.



June 4, 2020 (Robertsdale, AL)

We stopped at Buc-ee's again in the late afternoon on the way back from Florida. We stopped as usual for the bathrooms, food, and gas before moving on.

March 20, 2021 (Robertsdale, AL)

On our third trip out to Florida the next year, we stopped again at the Buc-ee's in Robertsdale, Alabama. This Buc-ee's is called the Beach Express and is the same one we stopped at four times between the two trips in 2020. This time, we spent about an hour and half with getting gas, visiting the exceptionally clean bathrooms, and looking around at the snacks and gift items. (And spending way too much money!) in 2020, I bought a small bowl that I liked the design of and wanted to get the other designs and colors similar to that one. However, this particular location did not have them anymore, or at least I could not find them.

March 25, 2021 (St. Augustine, FL)

Part of our trip to Florida was to include a couple of side trips. I wanted to go to St. Augustine. Just a few weeks earlier, a new Buc-ee's opened opposite the entrance to the World Golf Village located just outside of St. Augustine. It was in the works for the past three years with some delays. This location has 100 gas pumps! (Mom knew about it, but she could not believe that it would have 100 gas pumps!) The Buc-ee's locations typically have 60 to 100 pumps at each location. We stopped and looked around, and I found the little bowls I was wanting that I could not find at the Alabama Buc-ee's. Shortly after this visit there, another Buc-ee's opened in Daytona Beach. (There are now locations in Georgia and another location in Alabama.)

March 27, 2021 (Robertsdale, AL)

On our way back from Florida in the mid afternoon, we arrived at the Buc-ee's in Robertsdale. We did not spend very long there with this visit, mainly for gas. I don't recall that I even went inside, since I got the gas while Dad used the bathroom.



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These are the little bowls I found at Buc-ee's. I first bought the green bowl in 2020, then I bought the other colors in 2021, specifically at the St. Augustine location.

August 9, 2021 (Fort Worth, TX)

I went on two trips to Fort Worth in late July, early August. On the second trip, I stopped at the Buc-ee's northwest of Fort Worth on I-35W. I wanted to stop on the first trip a week earlier but did not have enough time. I had mapped a route of activities I wanted to do that day to streamline the driving. The first stop after leaving the hotel was to zip up to Buc-ee's. I got gas and shopped the store getting a few items I liked from previous trips before moving on with the rest of the day.



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