

THE MOUSE MOMS

Complete Guide to FastPass+

FastPass+ is Disney's way of reserving your time for the most popular attractions, character meets, parades and fireworks shows! They allow you to skip the original wait and pass to the front of the line. They are also available for priority seating for fireworks and shows. If you are staying on property you can reserve your FastPass+ up to 60 days prior to your stay. If you buy a ticket or annual pass you can reserve yours up to 30 days in advance. FastPass+ for the most popular rides (i.e. Seven Dwarves Mine Train) go VERY fast. If you or your really want to ride a specific ride, I suggest reserving as soon as your window opens!

To reserve your FastPass+ you will need to log on to My Disney Experience, through the website or the Disney App. You will then select what Park you want to go to on which day, which members of your party you are reserving for, and then it will show the rides available, you will choose three and they will offer different available time variations. They allow you and hour window in which to arrive and use your FastPass+. For instance:

You Choose:

Magic Kingdom on mm/dd/yyyy

Seven Dwarves Mine Train

Peter Pan

Splash Mountain

They Return:

Option A-

Seven Dwarves Mine Train- 8-9 am

Peter Pan- 12-1 pm

Splash Mountain- 6-7 pm

7-8 pm

Option B-

Peter Pan- 1-2 pm

Splash Mountain- 3-4 pm

Seven Dwarves Mine Train-

You will get up to three FastPass+ per day. You can choose new FastPass+ after you have used all three or their time has expired- if you didn't use one.

** If you choose, for example- a FastPass+ for Illuminations at EPCOT or another nighttime event, you will not be able to choose any more for that day.

As long as you have your FastPass+ reserved you can always go back and replace or cancel them, try to select different available times or choose new ones. This is when the My Disney Experience App is crucial. I highly suggest having it when you are on your Disney vacation.. it's actually a must if at all possible.

SPECIAL HINTS-

If you plan on getting to any park at Rope Drop, or when they first open, you can go straight to your favorite ride, get on with minimal wait times and avoid using a FastPass+. This would be GREAT if you couldn't get a FastPass+ for a ride, or it would free up a spot for another ride or two! Plus if you get to the parks early you might get to help spread a little pixie dust *wink wink! Likewise about an hour before closing time the lines get shorter.

The majority of attractions will have shorter wait times during Parades or Fireworks shows.

Now that we have learned what a FastPass+ is and how to reserve one, we can move on to which attractions at which parks you may want to choose. This is where I can impart my Disney knowledge and help you make the best decisions for your vacation! I will do each park, and touch on attractions based on age of travelers (i.e. children, teens) and adventurous nature!

I will also include FastPass+ that you can avoid.

Magic Kingdom

**Small children, approximate ages of 0 months 6 years but of course these are for all ages-

Peter Pan's Flight- The line is ALWAYS long for this ride and it's a Disney classic, so it's very popular. Does simulate height so if you or a little one are scared of heights, might reconsider. But I do not foresee this issue.

The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh- Another ride that always has long lines. Has some very dark parts, keep that in consideration.

Buzz Lightyear's Space Ranger Spin- This is a favorite of ours for the ENTIRE family! My husband and I enjoy it as much if not more than the kids. A little friendly competition as you help Buzz defeat Emperor Zurg... with Lasers!

Under the Sea ~ Journey of the Little Mermaid- Neat little ride through the movie! Perfect for all ages, especially little Princesses!

Jungle Cruise- a moving comedy show, it's all about your cruise driver, and it's Walt's original Animal Kingdom. and believe it or not the line is always long!

**Adventurous souls and older kids (considering they meet the height requirements)

Seven Dwarfs Mine Train- The newest addition to Magic Kingdom Fantasyland! FastPass+ runs out FAST for this ride, so reserve as fast as you can!

Space Mountain- Classic Disney rollercoaster and a personal favorite! This ride VERY dark almost pitch black.

Splash Mountain- Be prepared to get a little or a LOT wet, and this one takes your stomach on the BIG drop, although there are a total of seven drops. May not be the best ride for the colder months.

Big Thunder Mountain Railroad- Classic Disney attraction. Perfect rollercoaster for beginner riders!

Goofy's Barnstormer- Great little rollercoaster. (My three year old rode this!)

****Others to Consider- These would be great if you have used all your FastPass+ for the day and are looking to add some on!**

Meet and Greet with Elsa and Anna

Tomorrowland Speedway - Kids get to drive a car on a track. There is a small metal piece on the track in between the wheels that keeps them in their lane. My boys love this ride.

Haunted Mansion - classic Disney ride, but may be too scary for little kids.

Pirates of the Caribbean- Another classic Disney ride, but I do not feel like a FastPass+ is necessary. Wait times are rarely long, and the wait never feels long either.

****DO NOT Waste a FastPass+ on these rides- Waits are extremely, rarely longer than 20 minutes. Save them for the above mentioned rides, and fill your time in between with these in the Stand-by line!**

Dumbo- The new Dumbo has an AWESOME indoor play area where you wait and your kids can play, instead of standing in a line! They give you a buzzer (much like at a restaurant) and when it's your turn to get in line, they buzz you! My kids enjoy the play area as much as the ride. We LOVE Dumbo!

Mad Tea Party- Line isn't long.

Monsters Inc. Laugh Floor - Wait is never long for this funny show, and they have a pre-show, show! It's a wonderful attraction. I highly suggest.

Mickey's PhilharMagic - Cute 3D show, we always do this attraction, and wait times are minimal.

Animal Kingdom

Animal Kingdom is not as confusing as Magic Kingdom, there are less to choose from.

Don't forget AK has many activities that don't offer a FastPass+ such as TriceraTop Spin (a lot like Dumbo with Dinosaurs), Rafiki's Planet Watch, and all of the Disney Animals including Gorillas, Lions, White Rhinos and many more. Walking around and viewing the animals is one of the greatest parts of AK.

****Adventurous souls and older kids (considering they meet the height requirements)**

Kali River Rapids - This ride is a water ride, and you WILL get soaked! This ride would be great for the middle of a hot day, but don't waste a FastPass + if you're going in the colder months.

Expedition Everest - This is AK's rollercoaster, it goes forwards and then backwards while you try to escape the Yeti! Such a fun ride, but definitely for adventurous kiddos!

Primevil Whirl - This ride, strangely enough, has the tallest height requirement of 48", due to the seat restraints. If your child is tall enough this is a really neat ride.

Dinosaur- You ride a motion simulator on a track, this ride is incredibly scary, but unlike any other ride you will experience. I do not recommend for children under the age of at least 8.

****Rides for all ages:**

Kilimanjaro Safari's- This ride is best in the early morning or late afternoon before it gets too hot. You will see lots and lots of animals, so don't forget your camera!

Meet and Greet at Adventurer's Outpost- You will get to meet Mickey, Minnie, Rafiki, Baloo and a few others at this meet and greet location. Great for little kids!

****DO NOT use a FastPass+ on these shows BUT DO PLAN to get to them at least 15 minutes early!**

Festival of the Lion King - Such a cute show and I cry almost every time.

Finding Nemo - The Musical

It's Tough to be a Bug - This show is inside the Tree!

Hollywood Studios

Hollywood Studios does FastPass+ a little different. They give you one selection from Group A - which are the most popular attractions, and two selections from Group B. The most important selections are from Group A so we will start there.

Group A: choose 1 attraction

Toy Story Midway Mania- You need to get a FastPass+ for this as soon as your window opens. This ride is incredibly popular and for good reason! The line is rarely under an hour.

Rock 'N' Rollercoaster- This is a thrill ride, it's definitely a crowd pleaser! Think loud Aerosmith music, 0-57 mph in 3 seconds, corkscrew, and a loop, and it's all inside. Not for small children.

The Great Movie Ride- A ride through the sets of the greatest movies of all time. Classic Disney Ride and an interactive experience! I don't suggest this for a Group A FastPass+ selection.

Beauty and the Beast- Live on Stage- Just what the title proclaims. In and outdoor covered theatre. I wouldn't particularly choose a FastPass+ for this.

Fantasmic!- Nighttime spectacular, it's fireworks, a performance from lots of your favorite Disney characters, and a water show all in a huge amphitheatre. It's a must see, but I wouldn't waste a FastPass+ on this show at all, especially in the Group A category.

Group B: choose 2 attractions I will split these up as I have done before because there are a few more to choose from.

**All Ages and Small children, approximate ages of 0 months 6 years.

Disney Junior Live on Stage- Great for small children who love all the Disney Junior shows like Jake and the Neverland Pirates, Doc McStuffins, and Mickey of course! They can dance, catch gold doubloons, and sing and much more!!

For the First Time in Forever- A Frozen Sing-Along- Just because it's Frozen!

Lights, Motors, Action! Extreme Stunt Show- This awesome show, reveals some of Hollywood's stunt movie secrets with car and jet ski chases, loud cars and a cool set.

Star Wars Presentations (seasonal)- This will show up if it's available for the time you will be there.

**Adventurous souls and older kids (considering they meet the height requirements)

The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror- LOVE this attraction. Lots of drops and lots of fun.

Star Tours 2: The Adventures Continue- New and improved, multiple different ride variations so you may not see the same one twice, depending on how many times you ride.

**DO NOT use a FastPass+ on these due to low wait times, but if you want good seats show up early.

Indiana Jones Epic Stunt Spectacular!- If you get there early you might get to star in the show!

Muppet*Vision 3D- Cute show, but lines are never long. Great for a break in the middle of a hot day!

Voyage of the Little Mermaid- If your little Princess or Prince love Ariel, this is a great show.

EPCOT

EPCOT does FastPass+ the same as Hollywood Studios. They give you one selection from Group A - which are the most popular attractions, and two

selections from Group B. The most important selections are from Group A so we will start there.

Group A: choose 1 attraction

Soarin- This is an amazing ride, you “hang glide” over different parts of America finishing with fireworks at Disneyland. Wait times are rarely ever under an hour. This is a must for a FastPass!

**currently closed for renovation for an around the world experience!
Opening in June 2016.

Test Track- Design your own car and then test it out at high speeds! This ride offers single rider options, with minimal wait, if you don't mind be split from your group.

IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth- Fireworks show uniting all nations. Has a nice narrative and it's a must see. FastPass+ will ensure a great view in prime locations. Although you can see this from anywhere around the lake at EPCOT.

Living with the Land- Do not us a Group A FastPass on this ride.

Group B: choose 2 attractions

**All Ages and Small children, approximate ages of 0 months 6 years.

Spaceship Earth- Take off inside Spaceship Earth (The Big Ball) for a trip back to the beginning of invention.

Turtle Talk with Crush- Have an interactive chat with Crush!

Epcot Character Spot- Meet some of your favorite Characters. Great for the little kids (and little kids at heart)

The Seas with Nemo and Friends- This ride takes you in a “Clamobile” with Nemo straight to the viewing areas of The Seas.

**Adventurous souls and older kids (considering they meet the height requirements)

Mission: SPACE Green- These are the same ride with different degrees of intensity. You spin very fast to allude no gravity. If you have a weak stomach Green is for you.

Mission: SPACE Orange- Provides the spin as the original ride was designed.

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Journey Into Imagination With Figment- Figment takes you on a trip of crazy illusions! Visually spectacular!

**Don't forget there are many many many more attractions at the Disney World theme parks. The ones we have covered here are solely the attractions that provide FastPass+. There is endless fun to have at Disney World!

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