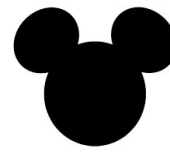


# Disney World Hacks



1. Book FastPasses early (see blog)
2. Use Rider Switch (see blog)
3. Download My Disney Experience App (see blog)
4. Plan visit with an Authorized Disney Vacation Planner (see blog)
5. Take advantage of “Extra Magic Hours” at Parks (see blog)
  6. Buy a cheap stroller on Amazon and have it shipped to your hotel
  7. Bring a phone charger/battery charger to the Parks
  8. Bring Ponchos
  9. Visit during a Marathon (mostly runners vs tourists)
  10. Avoid MK & Epcot on weekends (these days are most crowded)
  11. Buy Disney gift card from Target save 5% with Red Card
  12. Visit in January or September (fewer crowds mild weather)
  13. Bring own food to park (no straws – dangerous for animals)
  14. Bring own notebook and pen for character autographs (Big pen or sharpie)
  15. Bring refillable water bottles (water is free at counter service restaurants)
  16. Sit in the middle of Monorail (won't fight crowds at front or back)
  17. Take a pic of your kids when entering the park (can be used if you lose your child)
  18. Write your cell phone number with a Sharpie on your child's arm (in case they get lost)
  19. Start from the back of the park and work forward (most go front to back)
  20. Always go Left (most go right)
  21. Shop at Disney Character Warehouse (near outlets)
  22. Cheap souvenirs (Pressed Pennies 51cents, Trading Pins)
  23. Have park purchased delivered to your Disney Hotel FREE (avoids carrying them all day)
  24. Cast Members (they grant wishes, give free buttons, help celebrate occasions, give FastPasses)
  25. Ask for free button (birthday, first visit, anniversary, etc.)
  26. Return to Hotel midday for naps
  27. Character meals are cheaper at breakfast
  28. Eat at Disney restaurants for lunch vs dinner (cheaper)
  29. Split meal plates FREE (Disney portions tend to be large)
  30. If you can see the castle, you have a good spot for fireworks (no need to hold special spots)
  31. View fireworks from nearby resorts (less crowded and still great views)
  32. MK: Buzz Lightyear Ride - If you can score 999,999 you get a free button (see web for high score tricks)
  33. MK: Pull sword from the stone at the front of park. If alarm sounds, cast member makes you a prince(ss)
  34. MK: Take boat from MK to Wilderness Lodge at sunset. Stay there for great views of Light Parade
  35. AK: Sit at back of Safari for best viewing
  36. AK: Do Safari ride in the morning. Animals tend to be less active in the afternoon.

***For more details, see the HMM Hot Mess Mama Blog at***

