

How To Get the Most Out of this Free Pamphlet

- Print it out and look over the different tips. Mark the ones you want to try.*
- Carry this brochure with you in the parks. It folds nicely and will fit in with your park map.*
- Try out some of the ideas and judge how your experience changes. For better? For worse?*
- Use the chart on the back of the brochure to record which tips worked best.*
- Use the ones that work over and over and have a happy time at one of the happiest places on earth.*

Q: Why did Goofy stare at the label on the orange juice all day?

A: Because the carton said concentrate.

Park Visited: _____

Date visited: _____

Members in group: _____

Happiness scale (1-10): _____

Tips used (#): _____



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Ten Goofy Tips for Getting the Most Enjoyment Out of Your Trip to the Disney Parks



Ten helpful tips from **A Goofy Idea** for a happy time at the Disney Resorts

1) **Happy—not perfect.** The restaurant you want to eat at is full. You couldn't find a good seat for the parade. It's raining. Before you lose your cool and declare the vacation ruined, stop, breathe and look around. No vacation is perfect. But it can still be happy if you look past the missed opportunity to find the one yet to come.

2) **Get everyone in the picture.** It's a bummer to look at pictures and see everyone except the one behind the camera. At the Disney Parks everyone can get in the picture. Simply find a PhotoPass photographer to take your picture. If they take the picture with their camera you get a card and can buy the pictures online up to 30 days after your trip. Or they will take a picture using your camera for free. Either way no one gets left out.

3) **Eat often.** Nothing turns Happy into Grumpy faster than hunger. Even if you don't eat a lot normally remember that you are doing a lot of walking in hot humid weather. Bring snacks with you or buy something tasty and you'll have a more enjoyable time.

4) **Bring enough money.** Disney trips are expensive so plan how much you want to spend and add 10% more. You may not spend it, but nothing takes the happy out of a vacation as letting an unexpected opportunity pass you by for lack of funds.

5) **Find Hidden Mickeys.** Did you know that there are Mickey mouse shapes hidden all over the parks? It's fun to hunt for them and it helps pass the time waiting in lines. How many can you find? If you need help check out the various [Hidden Mickey Field Guides](#) by Steven Barrett.

6) **Remember your routines.** Do you always have a coffee at 10 a.m.? Do your kids always go down for a nap at 1 o'clock sharp? Try to keep some of your routines as you visit the parks. Some things have to give, but you'll notice the difference if you can maintain a few of your habits from home.

7) **Don't Buy That Hat!** I know you laugh every time you put on one of the many outrageous hats that they sell at the parks, but will you be happy when you get it home and have to store it? Take a picture of yourself wearing the hat instead. Still want a hat to wear around the parks? Think EARS! Mickey ears are inexpensive, come in many patterns, and getting your name embroidered for free is a happy plus.

8) **Use the Fastpass system.** Long lines are no fun so why stand in them when you don't have to? Get Fastpass tickets for the ride and then enjoy other parts of the park. You'll see more and be happier. Don't know how to use Fastpass? See the next tip.

9a) **Ask a Cast Member.** Disney employees are called Cast Members and their job is to ensure you have a happy, stress-free visit. So, if you are confused about anything, just ask. They can give you the answer.

9b) **Talk to the Cast Members.** The second part of this tip is remember Cast Members are people too. Say hi as you pass them in line. They all have nametags so why not use their names when interacting with them. We often don't notice people, even those who are being helpful. Add a bit of happiness to your trip by spreading happiness to others. Dumb jokes are always a hit.

10) **Do something different.** Eat a new food, try a new ride. Stay up late. Get up early. Like Alice in Wonderland your trip will be a memorable adventure if you seek out new experiences. Try for at least one a day.

Why did Goofy wear two pairs of pants when he played golf?

In case he got a hole in one.

