

THE 7220 TRAVEL DISNEYLAND LIGHTNING LANE GUIDE

MAKE THE SYSTEM WORK FOR YOUR FAMILY

Understand Multi Pass, Single Pass and Premier Pass - then spend less time staring at your phone and more time enjoying the parks.

LIGHTNING LANE MADE SIMPLE

THE 7220 TRAVEL APPROACH

Plan the experiences that matter. Leave enough margin in the day for your family to actually enjoy them.

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CURRENT 2026 SYSTEM

Three Products - Three Different Jobs

Lightning Lane is paid access to shorter attraction queues. It can reduce waiting, but each product solves a different problem. Availability, attractions and pricing can change.

PRODUCT	WHAT IT DOES	BEST FIT
Multi Pass	Choose one eligible attraction at a time with an arrival window. Make the first selection after entering a park. After redeeming it - or 2 hours after making the selection - choose another, subject to availability.	Families who want to reduce waits across several eligible attractions.
Single Pass	Separate paid access for select high-demand attractions. Current choices are Star Wars: Rise of the Resistance and Radiator Springs Racers.	Families with one specific high-demand attraction they do not want to leave to chance.
Premier Pass	One-time Lightning Lane access to each available Lightning Lane attraction in both parks for one day, without scheduling arrival windows.	Families prioritizing convenience and flexibility over price.

DAVE'S LIGHTNING LANE RULE

Start with your family's must-do attractions, not an internet ranking. If Lightning Lane saves meaningful waiting on what matters to you, it is doing its job.

MULTI PASS RHYTHM

One Selection at a Time

At Disneyland, Multi Pass does not work like Walt Disney World's advance-selection system. Your first attraction selection begins after you enter a theme park.

STEP	WHAT TO DO
1. Enter	Scan into your reserved first park. Open the Disneyland app and choose the next available arrival window for an eligible Multi Pass attraction.
2. Ride or wait	Redeem that selection. If the return time is later, Disney also allows another selection after 2 hours have passed since the prior selection was made.
3. Choose again	As soon as the app shows you are eligible, pick the next attraction that fits your priorities and location.
4. Modify	If plans change, use the app to modify eligible selections rather than automatically canceling and starting over.
5. Repeat	Continue one selection at a time. With Park Hopper admission, Multi Pass can be used at eligible attractions in both parks after you have entered them according to current park-hopping rules.

PHONE BOUNDARY

Choose the next Lightning Lane, then put the phone away. A trip becomes exhausting when every five minutes turns into a wait-time audit.

WHAT TO PRIORITIZE

Build Around Scarcity, Not FOMO

The “best” Lightning Lane strategy depends on what your family actually wants to ride. Use this priority framework rather than a fixed list that becomes outdated.

PRIORITY A: MUST-DO + LONG WAITS

If an eligible ride is in your family's Top 3 and commonly builds a long standby line, give it an early selection.

PRIORITY B: LOCATION FIT

A perfect return time on the other side of the park can cost more energy than it saves. Pair selections with where you already plan to be.

PRIORITY C: LIMITED AVAILABILITY

If the app shows later return windows disappearing, move that attraction up - if your family truly cares about it.

PRIORITY D: EASY STANDBY

Do not use paid access just because it exists. If standby is short and convenient, ride it and save your selection for something harder.

Currently listed Multi Pass attractions include

- Disneyland Park examples: Space Mountain, Indiana Jones Adventure, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, Haunted Mansion, Mickey & Minnie's Runaway Railway, Tiana's Bayou Adventure, Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run and more.
- Disney California Adventure examples: Guardians of the Galaxy - Mission: BREAKOUT!, Incredicoaster, Soarin', Toy Story Midway Mania!, WEB SLINGERS, Grizzly River Run and more.
- Attraction participation can change by date. Always confirm the live list in the Disneyland app.

SINGLE & PREMIER

Know When the Upgrade Solves a Real Problem

Single Pass and Premier Pass are easier to understand than Multi Pass, but the value is extremely family-specific.

QUESTION	IF YES	IF NO
Is Rise of the Resistance or Radiator Springs Racers a top trip priority?	Consider Single Pass if standby time would meaningfully disrupt the day.	Do not buy it just because the attraction is popular.
Do you hate scheduling arrival windows?	Premier Pass may reduce planning friction if the price fits your budget.	Multi Pass can deliver plenty of value with more active planning.
Are you using Park Hopper?	Multi Pass and Premier Pass can work in both parks with valid Hopper admission.	You can still use the product in the single park you visit.
Do photos matter?	Multi Pass and Premier Pass currently include select PhotoPass digital photo downloads from the day.	Do not treat the photo benefit as value if your family will not use it.

PRICES CHANGE

This guide intentionally does not print Lightning Lane prices. Disney varies pricing by date and demand, so use the app for the current price before deciding.

MISTAKES TO AVOID

Five Ways Families Make Lightning Lane Harder Than It Needs to Be

- [] Do not forget that the first Multi Pass selection is made after entering a theme park.
- [] Do not select an attraction just because the return time is soon. Check whether it helps your actual park route.
- [] Do not let one person make changes without the rest of the group understanding the plan.
- [] Do not chase every "optimal" selection if it means skipping meals, breaks or the experiences your kids are enjoying now.
- [] Do not assume every attraction is included. Single Pass attractions are separate from Multi Pass.
- [] Do not forget to check the app after redeeming a selection or when the 2-hour eligibility window arrives.
- [] Do not ignore height requirements and rider needs before paying for a product.

THE GOAL

Lightning Lane should buy back time and flexibility. If it makes your family more stressed, simplify the strategy.

QUICK REFERENCE

Your Lightning Lane Game Plan

- [] Our top 3 Lightning Lane priorities: _____
- [] First park: _____ Park Hopper? YES / NO
- [] Who manages the app for the group? _____
- [] Single Pass worth considering for us? Rise / Racers / Neither
- [] Our "phone away" rule after each booking: _____
- [] Our planned midday break / reset: _____

READY TO MAKE DISNEYLAND YOURS?

A good Disneyland plan should feel personal, realistic and easier than doing all the research alone. 7220 Travel can help you match the hotel, tickets, park days and priorities to your family.

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Planning sources

Disneyland Resort official Lightning Lane Passes page - Multi Pass, Single Pass, Premier Pass, attraction lists and current eligibility rules.

Disneyland Resort Lightning Lane FAQ - valid admission / park reservation requirements and Park Hopper use.

Disneyland Resort PhotoPass guidance - current photo benefits included with eligible Lightning Lane products.

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