

Animal Kingdom Cheat Sheet

Rope Drop: Animal Kingdom usually begins letting guests inside the Park 15 minutes prior to official open. Guests are free to head to the attraction of their choice, but only Kilimanjaro Safaris, Expedition Everest, and TriceraTop Spin usually operate before official open.

General Touring Philosophy: With the fewest number of attractions, touring Animal Kingdom is fairly straightforward. I like to begin at Kilimanjaro Safaris in the upper left hand corner and then work my way right through Asia and then DinoLand. You'll find short to nonexistent waits through lunch if you follow the Ideal Morning below, in addition to minimizing walking. After lunch, relax and visit the low key attractions and stage shows when temperatures and humidity peak. Depending on crowds, plan to arrive 10 to 20 minutes early for Finding Nemo the Musical and Festival of the Lion King. Flights of Wonder is a charming, funny, and informative show that should not be skipped. More so than any other theme park, Animal Kingdom empties out by 4:15pm because there's no nighttime entertainment to keep guests at the Park. Stay through close and you'll find low crowds in the last 60 to 120 minutes of operation.

Characters: Mickey and Minnie in Adventurers Outpost are the only priority and they are FastPass+ enabled. Meet them in the first 30 minutes or last hour of operation to reduce waits or use FastPass+. Russell and Dug next to It's Tough To Be A Bug and Pocahontas on the walkway that connects Africa/Asia are also priorities and see 15 to 30 minute waits.

FastPass+ Priority:

- 1. Kali River Rapids (when highs are 80+ degrees)
- 2. Adventurers Outpost Mickey and Minnie Meet
- 3. Kilimanjaro Safaris
- 4. Expedition Everest
- 5. Kali River Rapids (when highs are less than 80 degrees)
- 6. Primeval Whirl
- 7. DINOSAUR
- 8. Festival of the Lion King
- 9. Finding Nemo the Musical
- 10. It's Tough To Be A Bug

FastPass+ at Animal Kingdom:

It's relatively easy to tour Animal Kingdom without FastPass+ if you tour efficiently in the first or last two hours of operation. Doing so will give you an opportunity to use FastPass+ elsewhere. Here, FastPass+ is best used at Kali River Rapids in the afternoon when waits are longest and temperatures highest. The Adventurers Outpost Meet and Greet has a limited capacity and is another priority. A third use is best at Kilimanjaro Safaris or Expedition Everest. Consider acquiring a 4th or 5th FastPass+ selection at one or both of the shows in the afternoon.

FastPass+ Kiosks:

- All day: Island Mercantile (first store on left w/ Tree of Life ahead)
- Before 2pm: Outside Creature Comforts on walkway to Africa on Discovery Island
- **Before 2pm:** Outside Disney Outfitters across form Flame Tree Barbecue
- **Before 5pm:** Entrance to Asia at Drinkwallah across from Yak & Yeti
- **After 2pm:** Expedition Everest's old FASTPASS machines
- After 2pm: Kilimanjaro Safaris old FASTPASS machines
- After 2pm: Primeval Whirl's old FASTPASS machines
- After 5pm: Kali River Rapids' old FASTPASS machines

Ideal Morning Touring Plan with FastPass+:

Use FastPass+ at the following attractions:

- DINOSAUR: 10am-11am (Ride around 10:30am)
- Adventurers Outpost Mickey/Minnie Meet: 11am 12pm (Meet around 11am)
- Kali River Rapids: 12pm 1pm (Ride around 12:15pm)

The Plan:

- 1. Ride Kilimanjaro Safaris: 8:55am 9:25am
- 2. Ride Expedition Everest: 9:40am 9:55am
- 3. Ride Primeval Whirl: 10:05am 10:15am
- 4. Ride TriceraTop Spin: 10:17am 10:25am
- 5. Ride DINOSAUR with FastPass+: 10:30am 10:50am
- 6. Meet Mickey and Minnie at Adventurers Outpost with FastPass+: 11am 11:15am
- 7. Have lunch. Flame Tree Barbecue and Yak & Yeti are nearby, very good, and a little different. Pizzafari and Restaurantosaurus offer ample air-conditioned seating. Tusker House is a character meal in Africa that offers a wide variety of options, most familiar and a few exotic. It's usually much more relaxed than other character buffets.
- 8. Ride Kali River Rapids with FastPass+: 12:15pm 12:30pm

Ideal Morning Touring Plan without FastPass+:

- 1. Ride Kilimanjaro Safaris: 8:55am 9:25am
- 2. Meet Mickey and Minnie at Adventurers Outpost: 9:35am 9:55am
- 3. Ride Kali River Rapids: 10am 10:20am
- 4. Ride Expedition Everest: 10:30am 10:50am
- 5. Ride Primeval Whirl: 10:55am 11:10am
- 6. Ride TriceraTop Spin: 11:12am 11:25am
- 7. Ride DINOSAUR: 11:30am 12pm
- 8. Have lunch. Restaurantosaurus and Flame Tree Barbecue are nearby.

12:30pm - 3:30pm: Take it easy. Do It's Tough to be a Bug, Wilderness Explorers, Maharajah Jungle Trek, Flights of Wonder, Finding Nemo the Musical, Festival of the Lion King, Rafiki's Planet Watch, and Boneyard.

3:30pm – Park Close: While Animal Kingdom no longer offers a daytime parade, the Park continues to empty as early as 3pm with no nighttime entertainment to keep people sticking around and few people Park hopping. Visit DinoLand with two hours to close and Asia in the final hour of operation to find far shorter waits than the afternoon.

Late Arrival Alternative with 6pm or Later Close:

- 1. Arrive between 10:30am and 11am. Schedule FP+ at Expedition Everest (12:30pm 1:30pm), Adventurers Outpost Mickey and Minnie Meet (1:30pm 2:30pm), and Kali River Rapids (2:30pm 3:30pm)
- 2. Visit Oasis Exhibits until 11:15am
- 3. See It's Tough to be a Bug on Discovery Island: 11:15am 11:30am
- 4. See Finding Nemo the Musical: 11:40m 12:45pm
- 5. Ride Expedition Everest in Asia with FastPass+: 12:50pm 1:05pm
- 6. Have lunch. Yak & Yeti and Flame Tree Barbecue are closest.
- 7. Meet Mickey and Minnie at Adventurers Outpost with FastPass+: 2pm 2:15pm
- 8. Walk Maharajah Jungle Trek in Asia: 2:20pm 2:45pm
- 9. Ride Kali River Rapids with FastPass+: 2:50pm 3:10pm
- 10. Grab a snack carts and kiosks are available all around: 3:20pm 3:40pm
- 11. See Festival of the Lion King in Africa: 3:45pm 4:30pm
- 12. Ride Kilimanjaro Safaris: 4:40pm 5:10pm
- 13. Ride Primeval Whirl in DiniLand: 5:25pm 5:40pm
- 14. Ride DINOSAUR: 5:50pm 6:10pm
- 15. Return to Asia for Expedition Everest or a skipped attraction with a 7pm or later close

With a 5pm close, arrive at 10am and start with DINOSAUR and Primeval Whirl before moving to It's Tough to be a Bug and Finding Nemo the Musical. With a later close, you can push back your arrival by an hour or spend more time re-riding attractions in DinoLand with two hours to close and Asia with one hour to close.

Early Closures: Depending on time of year (particularly November – February), Kilimanjaro Safaris and the animal exhibits may close early due to darkness (usually around 5pm). Check your Times Guide to verify. Most quick services close an hour before close. Restaurantosaurus, Flame Tree Barbecue, and the sit-down restaurants should continue serving through close. Consider a dinner reservation right around Park close at Tusker House, Yak & Yeti, or Rainforest Café and you'll be able to walk out of the Park with very few other people around.

Crowd Level 1 - 2; 5pm or 6pm close

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm
DINOSAUR	10	10	10	15	15	15	10	10	5	5
Expedition Everest	10	10	15	15	20	20	20	15	10	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	10	20	25	30	30	20	15	15	10
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	5	10	15	15	15	15	10	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	10	20	20	20	20	20	15	10	10	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	10	15	15	10	10	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5

Crowd Level 3 - 4

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm
DINOSAUR	10	10	15	20	30	30	20	15	10	10
Expedition Everest	10	15	20	25	25	25	20	15	10	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	15	30	35	40	40	30	30	20	15
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	5	15	15	20	20	15	10	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	15	30	25	25	25	25	20	20	10	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	15	15	15	15	15	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	5	10	15	15	10	10	5	5	5

Crowd Level 5 - 6

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm
DINOSAUR	10	10	20	30	30	30	30	20	10	10
Expedition Everest	10	20	25	30	35	30	25	20	10	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	5	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	15	30	40	50	60	50	40	30	20
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	10	15	20	20	20	15	15	10	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	20	30	40	40	30	30	30	20	10	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	15	15	15	20	15	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	10	10	15	15	15	15	10	5	5

Crowd Leve	l 1 - 2;	7pm or 8	pm close
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	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
DINOSAUR	10	10	10	15	15	15	10	10	10	10	10	10
Expedition Everest	10	10	15	15	20	20	20	20	15	10	5	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	10	20	25	30	30	30	25	20	15	10	5
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	5	10	15	15	15	15	15	10	5	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	10	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	15	10	5	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5

Crowd Level 3 - 4

	9:30am	10am	11 am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
DINOSAUR	10	10	15	20	30	30	20	20	15	10	10	10
Expedition Everest	10	15	20	25	25	25	20	20	15	10	5	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	15	30	35	40	50	40	30	30	20	10	5
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	5	15	15	20	20	15	10	5	5	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	15	30	25	25	25	25	20	20	20	10	5	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	15	15	15	15	15	10	10	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	5	10	15	15	10	10	5	5	5	5	5

Crowd Level 5 - 6

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
DINOSAUR	10	10	25	40	40	40	30	30	20	20	10	10
Expedition Everest	10	20	25	30	30	25	25	25	20	15	10	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	15	30	50	60	70	60	40	30	20	15	5
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	10	15	20	20	20	15	15	10	5	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	20	30	40	45	45	40	40	30	25	20	15	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	20	20	20	20	20	15	10	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	10	10	20	20	15	15	10	10	5	5	5

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DINOSAUR	10	20	40	50	50	50	40	30	30	20	20	10
Expedition Everest	15	25	40	40	50	50	45	40	25	15	10	5
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	5	10	10	15	15	15	15	10	10	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	10	20	40	50	70	70	60	50	40	25	15	5
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	5	15	15	20	20	15	15	10	5	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	20	40	60	60	70	70	60	30	40	25	15	5
Primeval Whirl	10	10	25	25	30	30	20	20	15	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	5	15	20	20	15	15	10	10	5	5	5

Crowd Level 9

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
DINOSAUR	20	30	45	60	60	60	50	40	30	20	20	10
Expedition Everest	25	35	45	50	60	60	45	40	30	25	15	10
It's Tough to be a Bug	5	10	15	15	20	20	20	15	10	10	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	20	20	60	70	80	80	70	50	40	25	15	5
Kali River Rapids (cool)	5	5	15	15	20	20	15	15	10	5	5	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	30	40	60	60	70	80	70	30	40	35	20	10
Primeval Whirl	15	15	25	30	30	30	25	20	20	10	5	5
TriceraTop Spin	5	5	15	20	20	15	15	10	10	5	5	5

Crowd Level 10

	9:30am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm
DINOSAUR	20	30	45	60	70	70	60	40	30	20	20	10
Expedition Everest	35	40	60	60	70	70	60	50	30	25	20	10
It's Tough to be a Bug	10	10	15	15	20	20	20	15	10	10	5	5
Kali River Rapids (hot)	20	30	70	90	100	100	70	60	50	40	30	20
Kali River Rapids (cool)	10	15	20	25	25	20	20	20	15	15	10	5
Kilimanjaro Safaris	30	50	70	80	80	90	70	60	60	50	30	20
Primeval Whirl	15	20	25	35	35	40	35	30	25	20	10	10
TriceraTop Spin	10	10	15	25	25	20	20	20	15	10	10	5