

Walt Disney World®

– Items You Can't Take Into The Park With You (And A Few Surprising Things You Can)

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When the long-awaited day to head out to Disney World finally arrives, it might be helpful to know what items are not allowed in the park. A little planning will go a long way to keeping those smiles on your family's faces when you arrive at “the happiest place on Earth!”

You cannot enter the park on your wagon, skateboard, scooter, inline skates, or wheelies. If you bring a stroller, it must be smaller than 36” x 52”. And, if for some reason, you bring along any type of luggage, it must be smaller than 24” long x 15” wide x 18” high. These dimensions also hold true for backpacks and coolers.

Of course, wheelchairs are allowed, but they must have at least three wheels and be able to stand upright when not occupied. Trailers, whether pushed or towed, of any kind are prohibited.

Unless your pet is a certified service animal, he or she will not be participating in the family activities. Fortunately, there is an exceptionally nice (though I would imagine pricey) boarding kennel on property. I know my fur kids would prefer staying home or heading over to Grandma's house for the day.

While we are on the subject of animals, please note that balloons and straws are not permitted in Animal Kingdom for the safety of the beautiful wildlife that call it their home.

I was surprised that folding chairs are on the list of banned items. I first envisioned sitting by a fountain, relaxing, and watching the whirlwind of

distinction, but I can't think of one.

If you are visiting the park to celebrate a special occasion, be advised that a wrapped gift will be unwrapped at the Security Check Point as the officer must be able to examine the contents in the box or bag. The solution to this situation would most likely be to bring the paper and tape with you and wrap it once you are inside the park.

You might as well leave the toys at home since drones and remote-controlled devices are not allowed. It would be upsetting, to say the least, to have them confiscated and it is typically a long walk back to the car to store them.

Glass containers are prohibited, with the exception of baby food and perfume bottles. So if you are bringing a refillable water bottle, be sure it is made of steel or plastic.

Obviously, alcohol and firearms won't pass the security test. Alcohol is sold on site and there would be no reason to be armed.

One last surprising note: Disney does allow you to bring in outside food and non-alcoholic beverages. As long as your cooler is smaller than the dimensions noted above, this would be a nice way to save some money and to be able to spend every minute of this special day experiencing the adventure.