



The Ultimate Homeschool Field Trip Checklist

The flexibility to take field trips is one of the greatest gifts of homeschooling. Follow this checklist to plan your next outing to ensure it's an unforgettable learning journey for both parents and children.

Before You Go

- Preview exhibits, tours, or special programs
- Plan meals/snacks and check rules
- Prep students with books, lessons, or activities
- Buy tickets in advance
- Organize logistics (map, carpool, group roles)
- Research hours, admission, parking, and available discounts

What to Pack

- Tickets or membership cards
- Journals, clipboards, and pencils
- Weather gear (jackets, hats, sunscreen, umbrellas)
- Water bottles, snacks, and lunch
- Hand sanitizer, wipes, and a first aid kit
- Optional: camera, binoculars, backpack for each child

During the Trip

- Encourage questions and exploration
- Use scavenger hunts or activity sheets
- Take breaks as needed
- Capture photos for memory-keeping

After the Trip

- Journal, scrapbook, or discuss highlights
- Extend learning with related activities
- Write thank-you notes, if appropriate