

Open Adoption Visit Ideas in New York City

Adoption STAR is a not-for-profit adoption agency in New York, Ohio and Florida. The agency firmly believes that post adoption contact (open adoption), when appropriate, is what's best for all parties involved, especially the children.

Open adoption visits between adoptive families and birth families should be a time to celebrate the adoption journey and create relationships. These visits can be as simple as a picnic in the park or going swimming at a local pool, to theme parks and adventures. Below you will find an extensive list of open adoption visit ideas that have been suggested by Adoption STAR clients and staff members in the New York City area.

This list can be updated regularly, so if you have any suggestions that you do not see on the list, please email michael@adoptionstar.com with the subject "Open Adoption Visit Project" and we will work to add your idea.

Outdoor

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - o Phone: (718)623-7200
 - o Location: 1000 Washington Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11225
 - o Website: <http://www.ny.com/museums/brooklyn.botanical.html>
- The New York Botanical Garden
 - o Phone: (718)817-8700
 - o Location: 200th St. and Kazimiroff Blvd. Bronx, NY 10458
 - o Website: <http://www.ny.com/museums/new.york.botanical.garden.html>
- Central Park walk/play/picnic
- Prospect Park Zoo
 - o Phone: (718)399-7399
 - o Location: 450 Flatbush Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11225
 - o Website: www.prospectparkzoo.com
- Queens Wildlife Center
 - o Opened 365 days per year
 - o Phone: (718)271-1500
 - o Location: 53-51 111th St. Queens, NY

Museum

- Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History
 - o A planetarium with the largest and most powerful virtual reality simulator in world.
 - o Phone: (212)769-5100
 - o Location: 81st St. (just off Central Park West)
 - o Website: www.amnh.org/rose

- Children's Museum of Manhattan
 - Interactive exhibits that teach children about the arts, cultural diversity, media/communications and more.
 - Phone: (212)721-1234
 - Location: 212 West 83rd St. New York, NY 10024
- Brooklyn Children's Museum
 - The first museum created specifically for kids in 1899. Filled with educational and fun exhibits and activities.
 - Phone: (718)735-4400
 - Location: 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213
 - Website: www.brooklynkids.org
- NY Aquarium
 - Phone: (718)265-3474
 - Location: Surf Avenue and West 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224
 - Website: www.nyaquarium.com
- SONY Wonder Technology Lab
 - Free technology and entertainment and museum. Interactive exhibits inspire creativity and learning.
 - Phone: (212)833-8100
 - Location: Sony Plaza at 56th St and Madison Avenue, New York City

Stores:

- Dylan's Candy Bar
 - Giant candy and chocolate store
 - Phone: (646)735-0078
 - Location: 1011 Third Avenue at 60th St. New York, NY.
 - Website: <http://www.dylanscandybar.com>
- FAO Schwarz
 - One of biggest toy stores in world. Allows kids to play with some of the toys and dance on the "big piano" like Tom Hanks did in the movie "Big"
 - Phone: (800)426-8697
 - Location: 767 5th Ave. and 58th St. New York, NY 10153
 - Website: www.fao.com
- Hershey's Time Square
 - Check out the factory to see how the chocolate is made and have your name displayed on the Hershey message board right outside Times Square.
 - Phone: (212)581-9100
 - Location: 48th and Broadway New York, NY
 - Website: <http://www.thehersheycompany.com/about-hershey/visit-hershey/retail-stores/times-square.aspx>

Theme Parks

- Coney Island Boardwalk
 - Different games and rides for all ages
 - Phone: (718)372-0275
 - Location: 1000 Surf Avenue, New York, NY 11224

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