

alaska

parks for kids

Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!



- Alaska's state flower is the forget-me-not. The blue and gold colors of the flower are on the state flag!
- Dog mushing is the official sport of Alaska. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race covers 1,150 miles!
- The state of Rhode Island could fit into Alaska 425 times!
- "Alyeska" means "great land" in Aleut, a language spoken by Eskimo. This is how the state was named.

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1. Kenai Fjords National Park

Take a boat tour or kayak to the fjord and look for whales! Hike the Exit Glacier area and listen to the glaciers, try dog sledding, snowshoeing, or snowmobiling!

2. Sitka National Historic Park

Kayak in Glacier Bay. Learn about the history of Sitka at the Visitor Center, catch a glimpse of migratory salmon and totem poles on a hike or explore Battle Walk to learn about the Battle of 1904!

3. Denali National Park & Preserve

Become a Junior Ranger! Snowmobile, snowshoe, and watch the Aurora Borealis while you camp out. See a sled dog demo or hike with a ranger. Hop on a bus to explore the wilderness and follow in the footsteps of the pioneers.

4. Totem Bright State Historical Park

Walk the self-guided Interpretive Trail to learn about Native American culture in Southeast Alaska or explore a Northern rainforest habitat.

5. Chugach State Park

Take a short trail to see the 200 foot Thunder Bird Falls. Visit the Eagle River Nature Center to learn about park wildlife and geology. Hike along the Eagle River then have a picnic at the Eagle River Campground. Bike along the Turnagain Arm to catch a spectacular sunset.

6. Alaska Botanical Garden

Try your luck at spotting a moose or bear by hiking the Lowenfels Family Nature Trail. In the summer look for birds while exploring the garden, during winter traverse the forest on cross country skis.

7. Kincaid Park

Checkout the Kincaid Sand Dunes. Enjoy a family picnic, go on a hike to Mt. Susitna across Cook Inlet. Bike along the biking trails and be sure to catch the sunset.

