

washington, d.c.

parks for kids



Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!



- **George Washington is the name-sake of the city. The “Columbia” in “District of Columbia” stands for Christopher Columbus.**
- **Piscataway Native Americans used to inhabit the Washington, D.C. area.**
- **The design of the District’s flag is influenced by the coat of arms of George Washington’s family.**
- **Stop by the National Zoo and check out thousands of animals from all over the world, for free!**



1. Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park

Become a Junior Ranger! Take a living history canal boat ride then bike along the canal. Enjoy a picnic or rent a canoe or kayak. Go hiking and be sure to check out the Billy Goat Trail.

2. National Mall and Memorial Parks

Check out the Junior Ranger program! Visit as many monuments as you can, then head over to the Smithsonian for educational free museums. Guided tours are available and you can rent paddle boats at the Jefferson Memorial.

3. United States Botanic Garden and Bartholdi Park

Explore the conservatory jungle, rare plants and orchids. Check out the Children’s Garden and learn about many species of plants! Cross the street to Bartholdi Park, a “secret” D.C. garden and see the historic fountain.

4. Rock Creek Park

Become certified as a Junior Ranger! Visit the nature center and planetarium. Take a cell phone tour or have fun on the playground. Go on a bike ride then enjoy a picnic. Be sure to participate in the educational programs offered here!



5. Kingman and Heritage Islands Park

Go fishing and canoeing, then enjoy a picnic! Bike on the boardwalk between the islands and help with a clean-up or service project.

7. Piscataway Park

Visit the National Colonial Farm then hike the boardwalk over the marsh. Go swimming, fishing and search for bald eagles!

8. U.S. National Arboretum

Visit the largest collection of bonsai plants in the U.S. or hike Fern Valley and explore what the city looked like a long time ago. It’s one of D.C.’s best kept secrets.