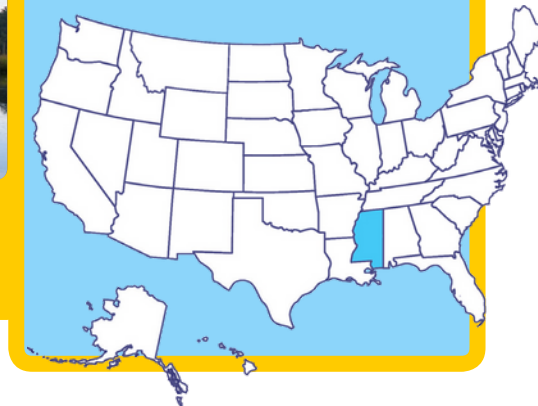


mississippi parks for kids



Buddy Bison's Fact Bltes!

- **Jackson has been the only state capital of Mississippi since 1822.**
- **The state and river name derives from Native American folklore in which the name roughly means "Father of Waters".**
- **President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt refused to shoot a captured bear while hunting in Sharkey County in 1902. Retailers used the popular story to market the "Teddy Bear".**



1. Tishomingo State Park

Bring a frisbee for disc golf. Hike the Bear Creek Outcroppings Trail and take a gander at Jean's Overhang. Canoe down Bear Creek or go fishing and swimming. Spend the night camping.

2. Winterville Mounds State Park

Scope out Temple Mound then hike to the top for a fantastic view! Be sure to stop by the museum.

3. Natchez State Park

Paddle around the artificial Natchez Lake and go fishing but keep an eye out for gators! Hike the nature trail and bring some snacks for a picnic.

4. Lake Lincoln State Park

Hike along the nature trail then have some fun playing volleyball or swimming. Try out water or jet skiing. End the day by the campfire.

5. Percy Quin State Park

Trek the nature trail then view Lake Tangipahoa. Go swimming, fishing or have fun on one of the playgrounds. Go bird watching and search for wildflowers.

6. Mississippi Petrified Forest

Start at the museum to learn about petrified wood then hike along the nature trail or enjoy a picnic. Search for gems in the mining flume and camp overnight!

7. Roosevelt State Park

Hike the Lakeview Nature Trail then play on the playground. Go fishing, swimming, enjoy a picnic then some yummy s'mores while camping.

8. Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge

Take a hike and witness the most diverse ecosystem on the planet, second only to the tropical rain forest! Go on a ranger-guided tour to see the growing crane population and find carnivorous plants.