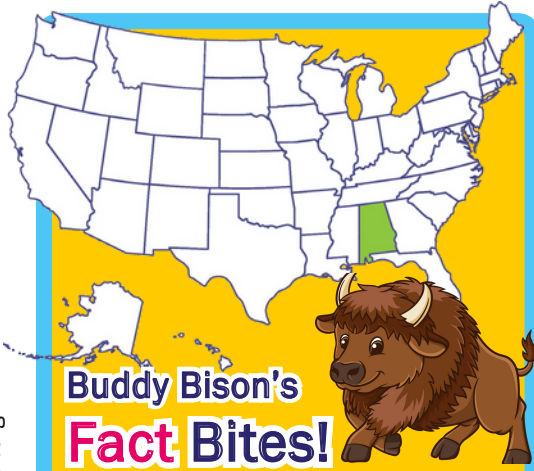# alabama
parks for kids

Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- **Horseshoe Bend is home to 354 different kinds of creatures and 901 different kinds of plants.**

- **The Monarch butterfly is Alabama's official insect.**

- **The word "Alabama" is believed to originate from Native American Choctaw Dialect.**

- **Huntsville, nicknamed "The Rocket City" launched America's first satellite into orbit and currently maintains a NASA development center. Stop by for neat exhibits and artifacts!**

1. Horseshoe Bend National Military Park

Canoe the Tallapoosa River or go fishing at the Miller Bridge Boat Ramp. Explore nature and look for new plants and animals.

2. Little River Canyon National Preserve

Bird watch! Take a look over Little River Falls. Go on a hike to the bottom of the canyon or ride a horse.

3. Gulf State Park

Go swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, take a segway tour, go parasailing, camp out and roast s'mores. Go fishing off the longest fishing pier in the Gulf of Mexico! Stop by the Nature Center to learn about local ecology..

4. DeSoto State Park

Explore for endangered plants and rare rock formations! Swim in the Olympic-size pool or drive to the 100-foot high DeSoto Falls. Visit the Doyle Benefield Interpretive Center to see live snakes and learn about DeSoto history.

5. Cheaha Mountain State Park

Visit Alabama's highest point and climb the observation tower. Hike the Mountain Laurel Trail or swim and sun on the beach of Cheaha Lake. Go for a ride on the Cheaha Mountain Express Bike Trail.

6. Fort Morgan State Park

Lean about the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay and see history through their living history program! Spend some time observing wildlife and hike a beach trail.

7. Moundville Archeological Park

Learn about what life was like one thousand years ago in this historic location while camping with your family or hiking the nature trail. Visit during festival season to take in Native American culture.

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