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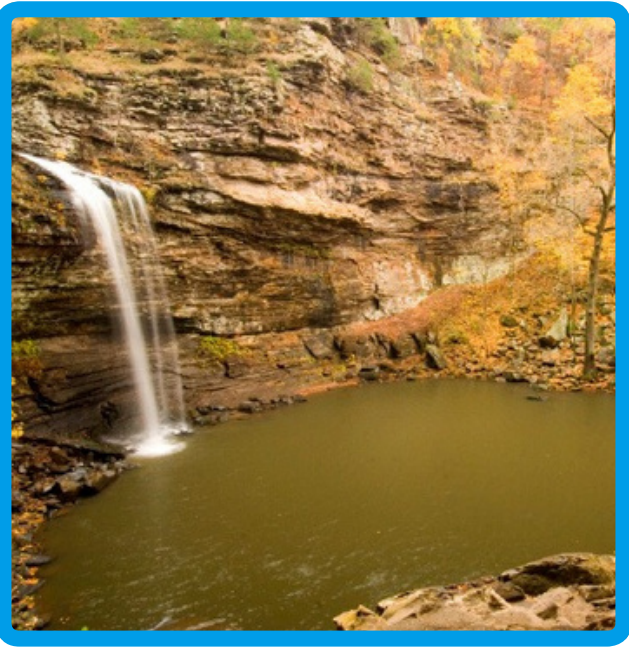
parks for kids



Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- The official state bird is the mockingbird and the state flower is the apple blossom.
- The World's Championship Duck Calling Contest has been held every year in Stuttgart, Arkansas since 1936.
- Arkansas is also known as "The Natural State" and maintains 52 state parks and 7 National Park units.
- The state has more than 600,000 acres of lakes and 9,700 miles of streams and rivers.

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1. Hot Springs National Park

Climb the Hot Springs Mountain Observatory Tower for great views and taste the water straight from the springs. Take a tour of historic Bathhouse Row or look for amphibious animals around the park while you hike the peak!

2. Petit Jean State Park

At Arkansas's first state park, nature has formed sheer bluffs, Cedar Creek Canyon, and the Seven Hollows. You can hike to Cedar Falls, Bear Cave, and Natural Bridge, and explore whimsical formations called turtle rocks and carpet rocks along the way. Go back in time staying in cabins hand-built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, or go camping in a lakeside yurt!

3. Devil's Den State Park

Walk the Yellow Rock Trail and get treated to a sweeping overlook view of the Lee Creek Valley. Bring your mountain bike and helmet and ride the Fossil Flats Trail. Listen for the laughing calls of pileated woodpeckers that echo through the forest, and go camping at night with family.

4. Village Creek State Park

Hike the Big Ben Nature Trail and see tulip poplars, beech trees, and other fauna in this unique forest. Cross a swinging bridge to Lake Dunn then go swimming in Lake Austell! Your family can bring horses or mountain bikes and ride miles of beautiful trails. Go camping and be sure to roast s'mores!

5. Crater of Diamonds State Park

Go camping, splash in the water at Diamond Springs play area, and dig in the dirt for real, "finders-keepers" diamonds and other rocks and minerals.

6. Pinnacle Mountain State Park and Arkansas Arboretum

Climb to the top of Pinnacle Mountain and see a spectacular view, kayak on the Little Maumelle River, mountain bike the easy, 1-mile Rabbit Ridge Trail, or walk among ancient cypress trees on the paved Kingfisher Trail while you look and listen for birds.

7. Blanchard Springs Caverns

Swim in the clear waters of the North Sylamore Creek. Hike in the Ozark woods for an hour or a weekend. Try your luck catching rainbow trout from Mirror Lake, an accessible facility. Tour one of the most beautiful caverns in the United States!

