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parks for kids

Buddy Bison's
Fact Bites!

- **The oldest existing masonry fort in the United States is in Castillo de San Marcos National Monument.**

- **South Florida is the only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles coexist in the wild.**

- **Benjamin Green, a Miami pharmacist, invented the first suntan lotion: Coppertone.**

- **The telephone area code 321 was assigned to Cape Canaveral and Brevard County in Florida to honor the many spacecraft launched there.**

1. Everglades National Park

Take a sightseeing fan boat or go crabbing and shrimping. Take a nature walk with a naturalist or canoe around the park.

2. Biscayne National Park

Cruise on a glass-bottomed boat or walk to Convoy Point and enjoy a picnic. Rent a canoe and explore the Mangrove Tidal Creeks. Go on a snorkeling tour and look for manatees!
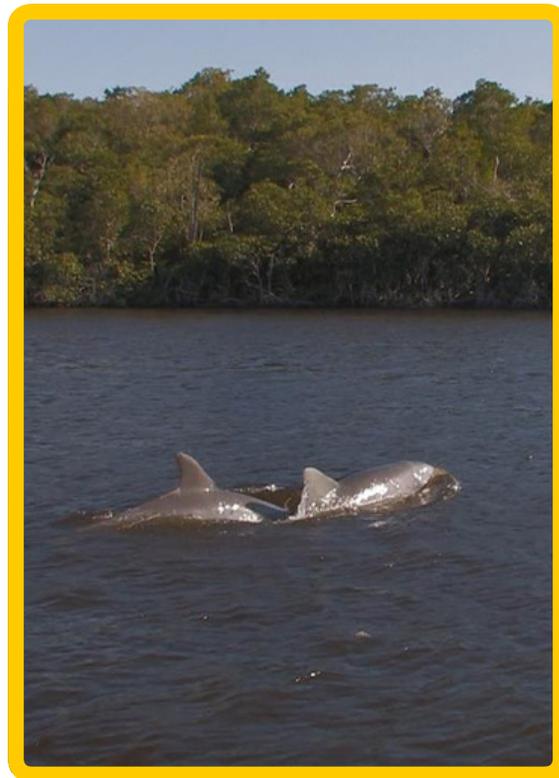
3. Sunken Gardens

Tour the 100 year-old garden to look at more than 50,000 different kinds of plants during a garden tour! Look for butterflies and spy for birds among the trees.

4. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Snorkel on the reef to get an up-close view of the fish. Canoe or kayak on the water trails! Visit the aquarium and go swimming at Cannon Beach.

5. Myakka River State Park

Become a Junior Ranger! Take an airboat tour or a tram safari! Explore the Myakka Canopy Walkway. Ride your bike or walk the Nature Loop.

6. Wekiwa Springs State Park

Camp overnight, go for a swim in the springs or have a picnic. Paddle down Wekiwa Springs Run or take a hike along one of the trails.

7. Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park

Take the Wacohoota Trail to the observation tower to view the local scenery or have a picnic at Lake Wauberg. Camp overnight or go fishing.

8. Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve

Become a Junior Ranger! Visit Fort Caroline to learn about history or climb the Wildlife Observation Platform. Kayak around the marsh or spend a day at the beach.

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