

# rhode island

## parks for kids



### Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!



- The state's official name is the **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**.
- Rhode Island is the **smallest among the 50 states** and is nicknamed the **"Ocean State"**.
- Rhode Island was the first of the **Thirteen Colonies to declare independence from Britain, two months before any other colony**.
- **Nine Men's Misery** is a monument in Cumberland for nine colonial soldiers who were captured by American Indians during King Philip's War. Built in 1676, it is supposedly the oldest veterans memorial in the United States.



### 1. Roger Williams National Memorial

Become a Junior Ranger! Visit the Roger Williams Spring or relax under a tree. Run around "Big Bowl" and bring some snacks for a picnic! Walk around the park to learn about Providence History.

### 2. Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park

Tour Slater's Mill, America's first water-powered cotton spinning mill, visit the Kelly House Museum, then explore Ashton Mill Village. Ride your bike on the Blackstone River Bikeway, paddle down the river, and enjoy a picnic under the trees.

### 3. Fort Adams State Park

Take a Listening Tunnel Tour then learn about American history in the fort! Rent a sailboat or windsurfer and have some fun in the bay.

### 4. Beavertail State Park

Explore the Lighthouse Museum then find the ruins of the old lighthouse! Look for granite blocks lost by the H.F. Payton when it shipwrecked or take a naturalist walk. Go on an aquarium scavenger hunt.



### 5. Colt State Park

Ride your bike around the farm, tour the stone barn or take a summer program!

### 6. Goddard Memorial

Hike one of the many trails or hangout by the beach and make a sand castle! Go swimming or ride your bike.

### 7. Lincoln Woods State Park

Go swimming or play on the beach. Ride your bicycle or go hiking. During the winter go ice skating!