texas

parks for kids

Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- The slogan, "six flags over Texas" refers to the six countries have had control over some or all of the territory in the past; Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America and the United States.

- The state nickname is the "Lone Star State" signifying the state's independence in the past along with the struggle to separate from Mexico.

- Texas' flag is called the "Lone Star Flag" with three colors; red representing courage, white symbolizing liberty and blue signifying loyalty.

1. Big Bend National Park

Hike the Window Trail then tour the Old Sam Nail Ranch. Float along the Rio Grande River and take a dip in the hot springs! Enjoy a picnic then end the day by the campfire.

2. Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Become a Junior Ranger and attend a ranger led talk! Tour the Frijole Ranch then hike the Smith Spring Loop. Go see El Captain and spend the night camping.
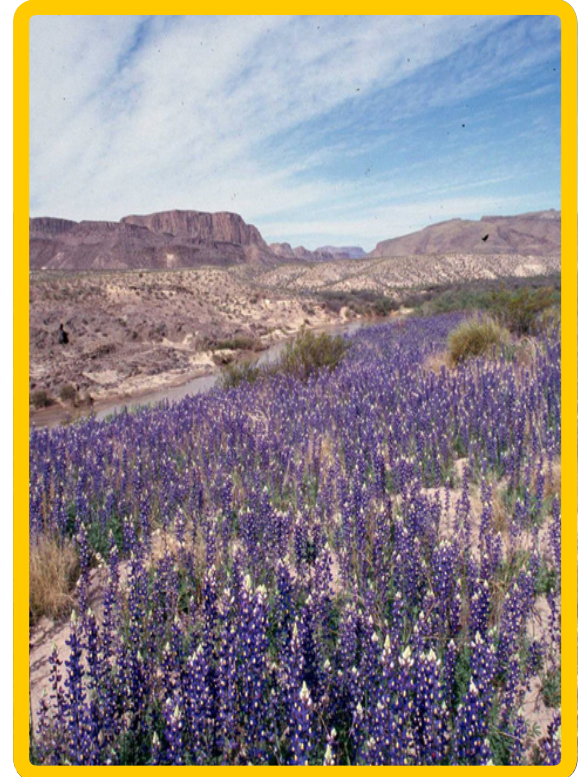
3. Padre Island National Seashore

Time your visit to see a Sea Turtle Hatchling Release. Go fishing or even shelling! Ride your bicycle or hike the trails.

4. Amistad National Recreation Area

Become a Junior Ranger! Visit Amistad Dam then go fishing or swimming. Rent a boat, enjoy a picnic, or go camping.

5. Lake Meredith National Recreation Area

Become a Junior Ranger! Go fishing or swimming then hike along Harbor Bay Trail. End the day camping overnight.

6. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

Hike the Interpretive Loop and look for flora and fauna in the area. Rock climb then camp overnight and star gaze to find the Milky Way!

7. Brazos Bend State Park

Participate in a nature program at the Nature Center then hike the Creekfield Lake Nature Trail. Go fishing or ride your bike. Go camping and check out the George Observatory on Saturday nights!

8. Big Thicket National Preserve

Hike 40 miles of trails that meander through nine different ecosystems, from longleaf pine forest to cypress-lined bayous. Or go conoeing on the Neches River!

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