Vermont parks for kids



- The capital of Vermont,
 Montpelier, is the smallest state
 capital in the United States with
 a population of fewer than 8,000.
- Vermont was the first state admitted to the Union after the thirteen original colonies.
- It is the United States' largest maple syrup producer, generating about 5.5 percent of the global supply.
- Forests cover more than threefourths of the state--that's a lot of maple trees!

1. Grand Isle State Park

Visit the nature center then have fun on the playground or play horseshoes! Go swimming or enjoy a picnic. Spend the night camping.

2. Smugglers Notch State Park

Ride the Stowe Mountain Resort gondola, then visit Big Spring for a picnic. Explore the Barnes Camp Visitor Center, stroll along the wetlands boardwalk, then hike out to Bingham Falls. Watch out for peregrine falcons and the carnivorous butterwort plant!

3. Button Bay State Park

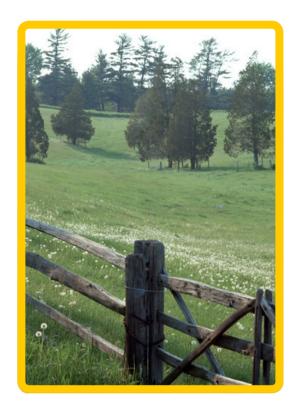
Hike the nature trail to Button Point then visit the nature center to learn about geologic history in the area. Go fishing, swimming or rent a boat. Look for fossilized sea snails and camp overnight.

4. Half Moon Pond State Park

Hike to High Pond then go fishing, swimming or rent a boat. Camp overnight here and go stargazing!

5. Jamaica State Park

Trek the Overlook Trail, then go swimming in Salmon Hole. Enjoy a picnic and have fun on the playground! End the day camping.



6. Battery Park

Hike to the tallest point to enjoy the view of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack mountains. Explore the War of 1812 and Native American monuments. Come back in the winter for ice skating.

7. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

Become a Junior Ranger! Go kayaking, canoeing or paddleboarding, then check out a family backpack and go on a self-guided quest! Learn about American history at the Billings Farm and Museum and explore the Cornish colony.

