

west virginia parks for kids

Buddy Bison's
Fact Bltes!



• **The first steamboat was launched by James Rumsey in the Potomac River near Shepherdstown on December 3, 1787.**

• **West Virginia is often considered the northernmost southern state and the southernmost northern state.**

• **It is the only state to be designated to Presidential Proclamation as it was formed from President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.**

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1. Harper's Ferry National Historic Park

Become a Junior Ranger! Hike one of the many esteemed trails or take a guided tour. Take on the 5-trail challenge course at the Adventure Park!

2. Pipestem Resort State Park

Climb up 3,000ft to the top of Bolar Lookout Tower or catch a ride on the aerial tramway for an amazing view! Play horseshoes, archery, golf, or basketball in the recreation area. Have a cookout, tour the Harris homestead, then camp overnight.

3. Blackwater Falls

Visit the Petting Zoo then catch a view of Blackwater Falls. Hike to the Lindy Point Overlook or swim in Pendleton Lake. Go fishing, biking and in the winter cross-country ski or take a toboggan ride! End the trip camping overnight.

4. Canaan Valley Resort

Ride on the Scenic Chairlift then visit the Nature Center. In the summer, go down the Turtle Slide Tube Ride or go swimming. During winter, downhill ski or go ice skating! Spend the night camping.

5. Watoga State Park

Visit the Brooks Memorial Arboretum then hike around Watoga Lake on the Lake Trail. Go bird watching or fishing and keep an eye out for bobcats and black bears! Camp overnight.

6. Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine

Visit the Youth Museum then explore the restored Mining Camp. Go on a Mine Tour!

7. Hawks Nest State Park

Stop by the Nature Center then hike or bike the Hawks Nest Rail Trail and find the old coal mine. Go for a boat ride on the New River!

8. Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park

Hike the Overlook Trail to discover several an old bear den and Civil War trenches. Enjoy the view from the Lookout Tower. Stop by the museum and enjoy a picnic!

