



# alaska

## parks for kids



### Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

#### 1. Kenai Fjords National Park

Take a boat tour or kayak to the fjord and look for whales! Hike the Exit Glacier area and listen to the glaciers, try dog sledding, snowshoeing, or snowmobiling!

#### 2. Sitka National Historic Park

Kayak in Glacier Bay. Learn about the history of Sitka at the Visitor Center, catch a glimpse of migratory salmon and totem poles on a hike or explore Battle Walk to learn about the Battle of 1904!

#### 3. Denali National Park & Preserve

Become a Junior Ranger! Snowmobile, snowshoe, and watch the Aurora Borealis while you camp out. See a sled dog demo or hike with a ranger. Hop on a bus to explore the wilderness and follow in the footsteps of the pioneers.

#### 4. Totem Bright State Historical Park

Walk the self-guided Interpretive Trail to learn about Native American culture in Southeast Alaska or explore a Northern rainforest habitat.

#### 5. Chugach State Park

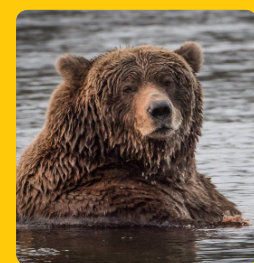
Take a short trail to see the 200 foot Thunder Bird Falls. Visit the Eagle River Nature Center to learn about park wildlife and geology. Hike along the Eagle River then have a picnic at the Eagle River Campground. Bike along the Turnagain Arm to catch a spectacular sunset.

#### 6. Alaska Botanical Garden

Try your luck at spotting a moose or bear by hiking the Lowenfels Family Nature Trail. In the summer look for birds while exploring the garden, during winter traverse the forest on cross country skis.

#### 7. Kincaid Park

Checkout the Kincaid Sand Dunes. Enjoy a family picnic, go on a hike to Mt. Susitna across Cook Inlet. Bike along the biking trails and be sure to catch the sunset.



- Alaska's state flower is the forget-me-not. The blue and gold colors of the flower are on the state flag!
- Dog mushing is the official sport of Alaska. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race covers 1,150 miles!
- The state of Rhode Island could fit into Alaska 425 times!
- "Alyeska" means "great land" in Aleut, a language spoken by Eskimo. This is how the state was named.



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