

kansas

parks for kids

Buddy Bison's Fact Blites!



- The Arkansas River changes pronunciation through state borders. In Kansas, it is called the “Ahr-KAN-zuhs”. In Colorado and Oklahoma, it is the “Ahr-kan-saw”.
- The geographical center of the contiguous United States is located in Lebanon. A marker was set near the location in 1940.
- Cawker City is Home to the World’s Largest Ball of Twine! Stop by to see the 20,000 pound monstrosity and even add some twine.



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1. Fort Larned National Historic Site

Become a Junior Ranger! Experience a living history museum or hike the nature trail with some snacks for a picnic! Pick fresh vegetables to take home at the Heritage Garden.

2. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Complete the Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt then hike Bottomland Nature Trail or go fishing! Check out the Junior Ranger Program!

3. Lake Scott State Park

Visit the El Cuartelejo Pueblo Ruins then hike along the Big Springs Nature Trail. Fish in Lake Scott or go for a swim. Spend the night camping!

4. Prairie Dog State Park

Hike the nature trail to learn about local wildlife. Go to the Prairie Dog Creek and take a picture next to the giant prairie dog statue! Check out nearly 300 prairie dogs living in the park then visit the Adobe Homestead. Go fishing and camp overnight.

5. Clinton State Park

Go to the Interpretive Center to see a fully-sized woolly mammoth! Tour the fossil beds and check out Goose Island. Hike the Prairieview Natural Trail and play on the 11-hole disc golf course.

6. Elk City State Park

View the Osage Questas Bluffs. Take a hike along the Post Oak self-guided nature trail and the Table Mound Hiking Trail that overlooks the Elk City Reservoir!

7. Turtle Creek State Park

Go swimming, fishing or play volleyball and horseshoe. Ride around the park on your bike and enjoy a picnic. Hike the Western Heritage Trail then end the day camping overnight.