

# Louisiana parks for kids



## Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- 10 different state flags have been used by Louisiana, the one flown today was adopted in 1912 and features a pelican feeding her young.
- The state dog is the Catahoula Leopard Dog, adopted in 1979. The canine's webbed feet allows them to traverse marshes and swim efficiently.
- Louisiana's Atchafalaya Basin is the largest river swamp in the United States and contains nearly one million acres of wetlands.



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### 1. Jean Lafitte National Historic Park

Check out the Junior Ranger Program! Take a wetlands walk and keep your eyes peeled for alligators, turtles, and more. Visit the Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center to take a boat tour around the Barataria Preserve to learn about the Louisiana wetlands.

### 2. Cane River Creole National Historical Park

Become a Junior Ranger or even a Junior Civil War Historian! Visit the Oakland Plantation Garden and explore the Civil War era plantation.

### 3. Lake Fausse Pointe State Park

Look over the footbridge to Old Bird Island Chute and bird watch! Paddle down a canoe trail but keep an eye out for alligators! Go on a hike then end the night camping.

### 4. Chicot State Park

Hike the Walkers Branch Hiking Trail or rent a canoe and paddle around. In the winter, look for bald eagles and use a campfire to keep warm at night.

### 5. Poverty Point Reservoir State Park

Check out the Visitor Center to learn about important park history. Climb Mound A or hike the trail alongside Bayou Macon. In between March and October be sure to take the tram tour!

### 6. Lake Bistineau State Park

Rent a boat, go bird watching, bike riding or fishing. Bring a frisbee to try disc golf. Hike around the park to see the conjunction of two very different ecosystems! End the day camping.

### 7. The Gardens of American Rose Center

See one of the most splendid rose gardens in the country! Ride the Roseland Express Train and look for butterflies.

