

nebraska

parks for kids



Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- The state used to be known as the “Tree Planter’s State” but the nickname was changed in 1945 to the “Cornhusker State”.
- The Nebraska National Forest is the largest hand-planted forest in the United States and spans 141,549 acres.
- Hebron is home to the World’s Largest Porch Swing. The 32 feet long seat can hold nearly 25 people!
- The very first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska City. About 1 million trees were planted!



1. Agate Fossil Bed National Monument

Become a Junior Ranger! Stop by the Visitor Center. Hike the Daemonelix Trail and look over the Agate Springs Ranch and have a picnic. Examine the tipis nearby!

6. Homestead National Monument

Become a Junior Ranger! Explore the Palmer-Epard Cabin and the Freeman School then hike the Woodland Loop Walking Trail.

2. Fort Robinson State Park

Learn about history in the Adobe Officer’s Quarters and the Fort Robinson Museum. Go fishing, biking or hike some of the many trails. Watch for bison and spend the night camping.

3. Lake McConaughy State Park

Explore the historical exhibits at the park. Go bird watching, fishing or swimming and build sand castles. Camp overnight.



4. Arbor Lodge

Go to the monument and check out the Suarez’s Whispering Bench where you can whisper to someone 50 feet away! Visit the Arboretum, tour the Arbor Lodge and check out the horse-drawn carriages in the barn.

7. Indian Cave State Park

Go hiking and look for woodland birds, flying squirrels and wildflowers. Enjoy a picnic or have fun on the playground. Participate in living history exhibits.