kentucky parks for kids

Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- Both Abraham Lincoln (President of the Union) and Jefferson Davis (President of the Confederacy) were born in Kentucky, less than one hundred miles apart!
- The Kentucky Derby is an esteemed horse race that is hosted annually in Louisville. It is the oldest continuously held horse race in the country.
- Mammoth Cave in central Kentucky is the world's longest cave system. It is over twice as long as the runner up, Sistema Sac Actun in Mexico.

1. Mammoth Cave National Park

Become a Junior Ranger! Take a tour of Mammoth Cave then hike on of the many trails. Ride your bike, go fishing or swimming then spend the night.

2. Abraham Lincoln Birthplace

Check out the Junior Ranger Program! Hike the Big Sink Trail to the picnic area. Visit the Sinking Spring and learn about President Abraham Lincoln.

3. Cumberland Falls State Park

View the falls from the DuPont Lodge then take the Eagle Falls trail for another scenic hike. Spend the night camping!

4. Natural Bridge State Park

Stop by the Activities Center to learn about local plants and animals then hike the Original Trail. See the Red River Gorge Geological Area then rent a canoe. Take the sky lift for a great view!

5. Carter Caves State Park

Take a tour of the X Cave then hike out to the Natural Bridge. Visit the Gem Mine and take home your very own gems. Go fishing or swimming in Smoky Valley Lake then spend the night camping!



6. John James Audubon

Visit the gardens, go bird watching then rent a paddle boat! Visit the Nature Center hike the Scenic Overview Trail. End the day by the campfire.

7. Kentucky Dam Village State Park

Rent a pontoon boat for fishing or a ski boat to water ski! Hike one of the many trails and keep your eyes peeled for eagles. Go swimming then camp overnight.

8. Big Bone Lick State Park

Visit the museum to see brand new paleontology displays and Native American history. Hike along the Discovery Trail to learn about the Ice Age! See a live bison herd and catch some fish.



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