

Maryland Parks for Kids



1. Assateague State Park

Stop by the nature center to learn about local species and even look for wild horses roaming in the park! Go swimming, fishing, bird watching or even enjoy a nature program. Spend the night camping, then catch the sunrise on the beach.

2. Gunpowder Falls State Park

Hike the North Trail in Hereford to see Raven Falls, then go for a swim by the Hammerman Area. Ride your bike or enjoy a picnic. End the day by the campfire or stay at the Mill Pond Cottage.

3. Swallow Falls State Park

Hike the Canyon Trail and be sure to make your way to Muddy Creek Falls. Go swimming or even rent a boat. Rent camping gear for free and spend the night on one of their many campgrounds.

4. Patuxent Research Refuge

Take a tram tour to learn about the refuge, then learn about wildlife research and explore the Pollinator Garden at the visitor center! Traverse the Forest of Patuxent Discovery Hike, then follow Cash Lake Trail to see an active beaver lodge.

5. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Visit the butterfly garden then go fishing or even crabbing! Hike the Marsh Edge Trail or canoe the water trail. Keep an eye out for raptors and fox squirrels!

6. Fort McHenry National Monument

Check out the Junior Ranger program! Travel into the past with a living history program and by walking the Star-Spangled Banner Historic Trail. Explore a real fort from the 1800s!

7. Catoclin Mountain Park

Hike to Wolf Rock and Chimney Rock, or take the Nature Trails to Cunningham falls. Spend the night camping under the stars or in a historic cabin!

Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!



- **The Baltimore Oriole was recognized as the state bird in 1947. It received its name due to the male's colors matching Lord Baltimore's coat-of-arms.**
- **Through the Treaty of Paris, Annapolis became the first peacetime capital of the United States. It was the capital from 1783-1784.**
- **The national anthem was written by Marylander Francis Scott Key. He based it upon his experience aboard a British ship during the Battle of Baltimore.**

