



new york parks for kids

1. Niagara Falls State Park

Hike the Gorge and take a scenic trolley ride. Climb to the top of the Observation Tower then down to the Cave of the Winds and get wet on the Hurricane Deck. Take a boat tour and get up close to the breathtaking falls.

2. Taughannock Falls State Park

Trek the Gorge Trail and view Taughannock Falls from both above and below. Go fishing, swimming or make a sand castle on the beach of Cayuga Lake. Spend the night camping by the shore!

3. Letchworth State Park

Tour the William Pryor Letchworth Museum then view the Mount Morris Dam Overlook. See the Middle and Upper Falls or catch people leaving to take a hot air balloon tour. Go fishing, swimming or bird watching and spend the night by the campfire at Highbanks Camping Area.

4. Allegany State Park

View Bridal Falls then hike the Bear Caves Trail. Go biking, horseback riding or even snowshoeing in the winter. Take in the sights from Stone Tower and check out the 220 year-old hemlocks at Big Basin. Go swimming at Quaker Lake!

5. Fire Island National Seashore

Become a Junior Ranger! Attend one of the awesome ranger programs, then take the Sunken Forest tour. See the Fire Island Lighthouse or take a nature walk. Go swimming, fishing or even shelling! Pitch a tent and stargaze at night.

6. Fort Stanwix National Monument

Get certified as a Junior Ranger! "Build Your Own Fort" at the visitor center and learn about Native American and Revolutionary War history through a guided tour of Fort Stanwix.

7. Statue of Liberty National Monument

See the famous Statue of Liberty up close and even go inside it! Take the ferry to Ellis Island and visit the Immigration Museum to hear stories about immigrants from all over the world--maybe even your ancestors.



Buddy Bison's Fact Blites!



- The Adirondack Park is the largest state park in the contiguous United States. Primarily forest preserve, the park spans over 6 million acres.

- In 1885, New York State purchased land near Niagara Falls to establish the United States' first state park!

- America's first railroad ran for 11 miles between Schenectady and Albany, the state capital.



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