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.

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**Fact Bites!**

- **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.