

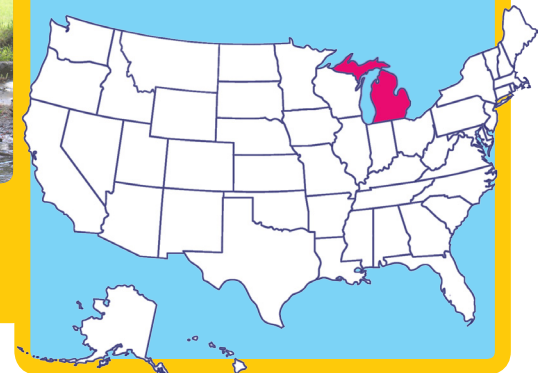
michigan

parks for kids



Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!

- The name Michigan derives from the Indian word “mishigama” which means “large water” or “large lake”.
- The “Great Lake State” is the only state that touches four of the five Great Lakes. Anywhere in Michigan is located within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes.
- One of the state mottoes in Latin reads, “Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice”. It means “If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you.”



www.parktrust.org

Photos courtesy of Hill Art Group



1. Isle Royale National Park

Take a guided tour from a park ranger! Stop by the Visitor Center then explore the Daisy Farm Area. Go backpacking, pick blueberries and look for moose.

2. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Visit the Coast Guard Museum then go swimming or try canoeing! See the South Manitou Island Lighthouse, climb the dunes and enjoy a nice picnic. Camp overnight at one of the many campsites that overlook Lake Michigan.

3. Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

Swim in Lake Superior and build a sand castle. Ride your bike or go backpacking and look for a waterfall. Test your skills at cross-country skiing during the winter then build a campfire to stay warm overnight.

4. Mackinac Island State Park

Visit the Mission Church and the Benjamin Blacksmith Shop. Take a stroll and head up to Fort Mackinac.

5. Porcupine Mountains State Park

Stop by the Visitor Center to learn about local ecology and geology then head over to Mirror Lake and the Lake of the Clouds! Go swimming, mountain biking, hiking, or fishing. During the winter traverse the forest cross-country skiing.

6. Fort Wilkins State Park

Hike the Nature Trail to view Lake Superior and Lake Fanny Hooe. Take a gander at Copper Harbour Lighthouse then spend the night camping. Get up early to catch some fish!

7. P. J. Hoffmaster State Park

Make your way to the top of the Dune Climb Stairway for an overlook of Lake Michigan. Go swimming then play at the beach or go for a bike ride. End the day by the campfire!