1. **Tishomingo State Park**
   Bring a frisbee for disc golf. Hike the Bear Creek Outcroppings Trail and take a gander at Jean’s Overhang. Canoe down Bear Creek or go fishing and swimming. Spend the night camping.

2. **Winterville Mounds State Park**
   Scope out Temple Mound then hike to the top for a fantastic view! Be sure to stop by the museum.

3. **Natchez State Park**
   Paddle around the artificial Nachez Lake and go fishing but keep an eye out for gators! Hike the nature trail and bring some snacks for a picnic.

4. **Lake Lincoln State Park**
   Hike along the nature trail then have some fun playing volleyball or swimming. Try out water or jet skiing. End the day by the campfire.

5. **Percy Quin State Park**
   Trek the nature trail then view Lake Tangipahoa. Go swimming, fishing or have fun on one of the playgrounds. Go bird watching and search for wildflowers.

6. **Mississippi Petrified Forest**
   Start at the museum to learn about petrified wood then hike along the nature trail or enjoy a picnic. Search for gems in the mining flume and camp overnight!

7. **Roosevelt State Park**
   Hike the Lakeview Nature Trail then play on the playground. Go fishing, swimming, enjoy a picnic then some yummy s’mores while camping.

8. **Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge**
   Take a hike and witness the most diverse ecosystem on the planet, second only to the tropical rain forest! Go on a ranger-guided tour to see the growing crane population and find carnivorous plants.

**Fact Bites!**

- **Jackson** has been the only state capital of Mississippi since 1822.
- The state and river name derives from Native American folklore in which the name roughly means “Father of Waters”.
- President Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt refused to shoot a captured bear while hunting in Sharkey County in 1902. Retailers used the popular story to market the “Teddy Bear”.

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