

ohio

parks for kids



Buddy Bison's Fact Bites!



- Seven presidents were born in Ohio; Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft and Warren G. Harding.
- Glacial Grooves State Park on Kelleys Island is a display of glacial striation; gouges cut into bedrock by glaciers thousands of years ago.
- Ohio's nickname is the "Buckeye State" because of the trees that once throughout the state. The name is derived from the American Indian word "hetuck" which literally means "buck eye" as the nut resembles the eye of a deer.



1. Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Become a Junior Ranger! Learn about the park at the Visitor Center then ride the Scenic Railroad. Look around Ice Box Cave or find Brandywine Falls and climb to the top. In the winter, snowshoe, cross-country ski or go sledding and snow tubing!

2. Hocking Hills State Park

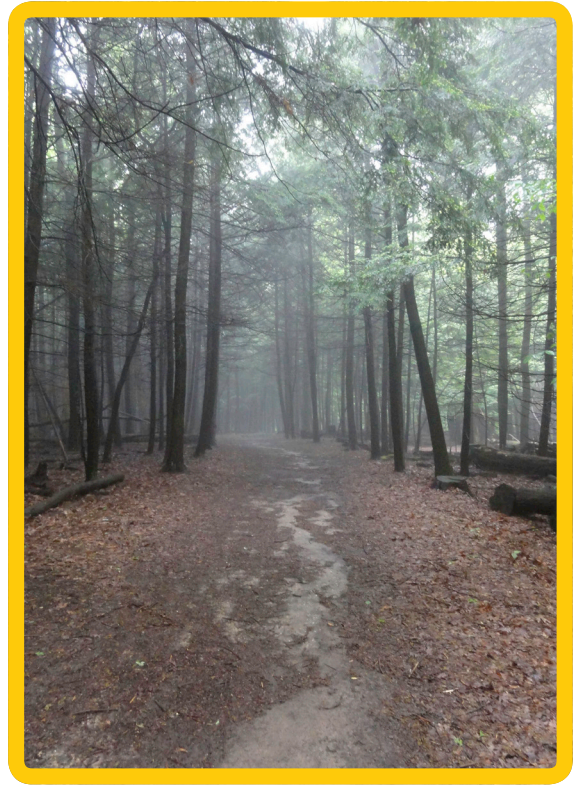
Test your aim at the archery range, hike the trail out to Ash Cave. Look for wildflowers in Conkles Hollow then find Rock House Cave. Go fishing or swimming in Rose Lake, ride your bike and camp overnight. In the winter, try ice fishing!

3. Hueston Woods State Park

Bring a frisbee to try the 36-hole disc golf course. Trek the Cedar Falls Trail or go fishing off the pier. Dig up a fossil and take it home as a souvenir! Take a dip swimming or rent boat and paddle around. Spend the night camping..

4. Kellys Island State Park

Learn about local plants from a naturalist or ride your bike to Inscription Rock and check out the petroglyphs. Search for coral and animal fossils, go swimming or camp overnight!



5. Maumee Bay State Park

Hike the Boardwalk Trail then see the monarch butterfly exhibit at the Trautman Nature Center. Go swimming or fishing in Lake Erie and go camping.

6. East Harbor State Park

Attend a nature program then hike the Blackberry Trail. Go fishing or swimming in Lake Erie or go bird watching. During the winter, cross-country ski the Channel Dunes Loop. Camp overnight.

7. Mohican State Park

Hike the Pleasant Hill Trail for beautiful lake views then climb the Fire Tower for a great view. Enjoy a picnic or go fishing. End the day around the campfire with s'mores!