Dakota Prairie Grasslands

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands are huge, open spaces in North and South Dakota where kids can explore prairies, wildlife, and big blue skies. These facts keep things simple, fun, and easy to remember.

1. They are really, really big

- The grasslands cover more than **1.2 million acres**—that's bigger than some entire states!

2. They're home to bison and prairie dogs

- Kids might spot **bison**, **prairie dogs**, **pronghorn**, and lots of birds that love wide-open spaces.

3. The land looks like a giant ocean of grass

- Instead of waves of water, the prairie has **waves of tall grass** that move in the wind.

4. Some areas look like the Badlands

- Parts of the grasslands have rocky, colorful hills and cliffs shaped by wind and water over millions of years.

5. People have lived here for thousands of years

- Indigenous peoples have called this land home for **over 11,000 years**, hunting animals and traveling across the prairies.