

The Bison



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Why the Bison?



❧ American Heritage

❧ Save them!

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Save them?



- ❧ Blooming Population
- ❧ Endangered!
- ❧ Breeding today



Where?



☞ Prairie

- ☞ Canada
- ☞ US
- ☞ Mexico

☞ Wild = National Parks , Refugees, Ranches, Zoos

- ☞ Yellowstone National Park
- ☞ National Bison Range
- ☞ Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge

Fun Things



- Manmade Geyser –
- People love it



Fun Facts



Scientific name :

❧ *Bison Bison*

Life expectancy:

❧ Varies 15-25 Years

Other Animals?

❧ Elk

❧ NO SHEEP!

Offspring (1 mating event):

❧ Female Breed at 2 years

❧ First calf at 3 years

❧ 1 calf per mating event/per year

Mating Season:

July-September

Bison Needs



Food:

- ❧ 5 times a day
- ❧ Grazer = GRASS!
- ❧ Winter, uses hooves to move snow
- ❧ Food (amount and cost)-
- ❧ Water - 10-12 gallons a day

Vet/Shots

- ❧ Yearly vaccinations for worms/flys
- ❧ Tuberculosis shot if needed (TB)

Possible Diseases:

- ❧ Malignant Catarrhal Fever
- ❧ Brucellosis

Enclosure

- About 1.8 acres per Bison
- (Encourage you all buy 5)
- = 9 acres needed
- 40 Bison per herd
 - Get
- Grass more important than Space
- LOTS OF GRASS
- Type: Switchgrass (native)
- Water holes



Enclosure Cont

Gate:

- Metal
- About 3 feet high
- Stop kids/people

- ⌘ Chain link fence
- ⌘ About 8 ft. high
- ⌘ Secure Bison



Enclosure:

- Steep decline
- Not too deep
- Stop/discourage Bison

Costs Summary

Medical:



- ❧ Yearly vaccinations for worms/flyes
- ❧ Bison squeeze chute system
- ❧ Tuberculosis shot (TB)
- ❧ Brucellosis (bangs) worm and fly meds
- ❧ Vitamins



Cost Summary Cont.

Enclosure



- ❧ Land: 9 acres - \$3,330,000
- ❧ Switchgrass : \$8-12/lb seeds around 8 lbs/acre. = \$100.80 - \$151.20
- ❧ Fence:
 - ❧ Chain Link: 8ft* 50ft - \$322.97 *3065 =\$989,903.05
 - ❧ Wood Viewing: \$7-10/foot * 65 = \$455-\$650
- ❧ Sign:
- ❧ Water: 30 gallons a day (10 Bison)
- ❧ Food:

Advertising



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In Conclusion...



1. Save heritage/ Bison
2. People like them
3. Not a lot of maintenance

The Bison thank you for your
time

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