

# MEET THE MASSIVE BISON



Are you ready to be amazed and amused? Keep reading. This book is massively entertaining!

**LOL!**  
What's the difference between a car and a bison?  
A car has only one horn.

This is so a-MOO-sing!



## At a Glance

**Where do they live?**

American bison are found only in the United States and Canada.

**What do they do?**

Bison spend much of their time eating.

**What do they eat?**

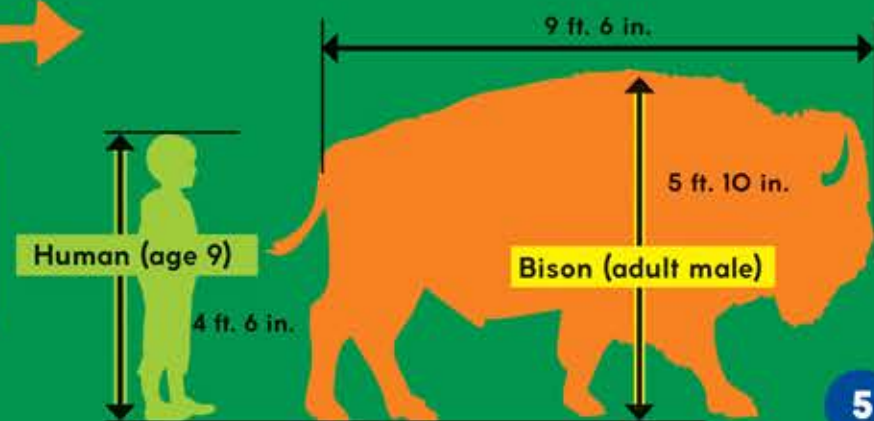
Bison are plant-eaters.

**What do they look like?**

Bison are huge animals with giant heads, horns, and shoulder humps.

**How big are they?**

HINT: You're smaller.  
Check this out:



# A BISON'S BODY

Bison are the largest **mammals** in North America. They are built tough!

## Standing Tall

Male bison can be as big and heavy as a car. Females are slightly smaller.

## Over the Hump

Bison have humps on their backs. The humps are made of muscle.

## Watch Out!

Two sharp horns are used for defense.

## Cool Beard!

Shaggy hair keeps the bison warm in cold weather.

## WACKY FACT:

Bison have poor eyesight, but their senses of hearing and smell are excellent.

MOO-ve along, buddy!

**mammals:** animals that produce milk to feed their young

# The Wild Life

Look at this map of the world. The areas in red show where American bison live today. We want our bison to continue having **habitats** to live in. Otherwise, one day there might not be any red left on this map.



**habitats:** the places where a plant or an animal makes its home

# Bringing the Bison Back

In 1905, there were **fewer than 1,000 bison** in North America. That year, the New York Zoological Society (NYZS) founded the **American Bison Society**.

Keepers at NYZS's Bronx Zoo **cared for and protected** the bison and then **transported them to their natural ranges** in the western United States. These animals helped **repopulate** the small herds living in the wild.



## What Can You Do?

Talk to an adult about supporting the **American Bison Society** or the **Bronx Zoo** directly. You can also **virtually adopt a bison** through organizations such as the **National Wildlife Federation (NWF)** and the **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**.