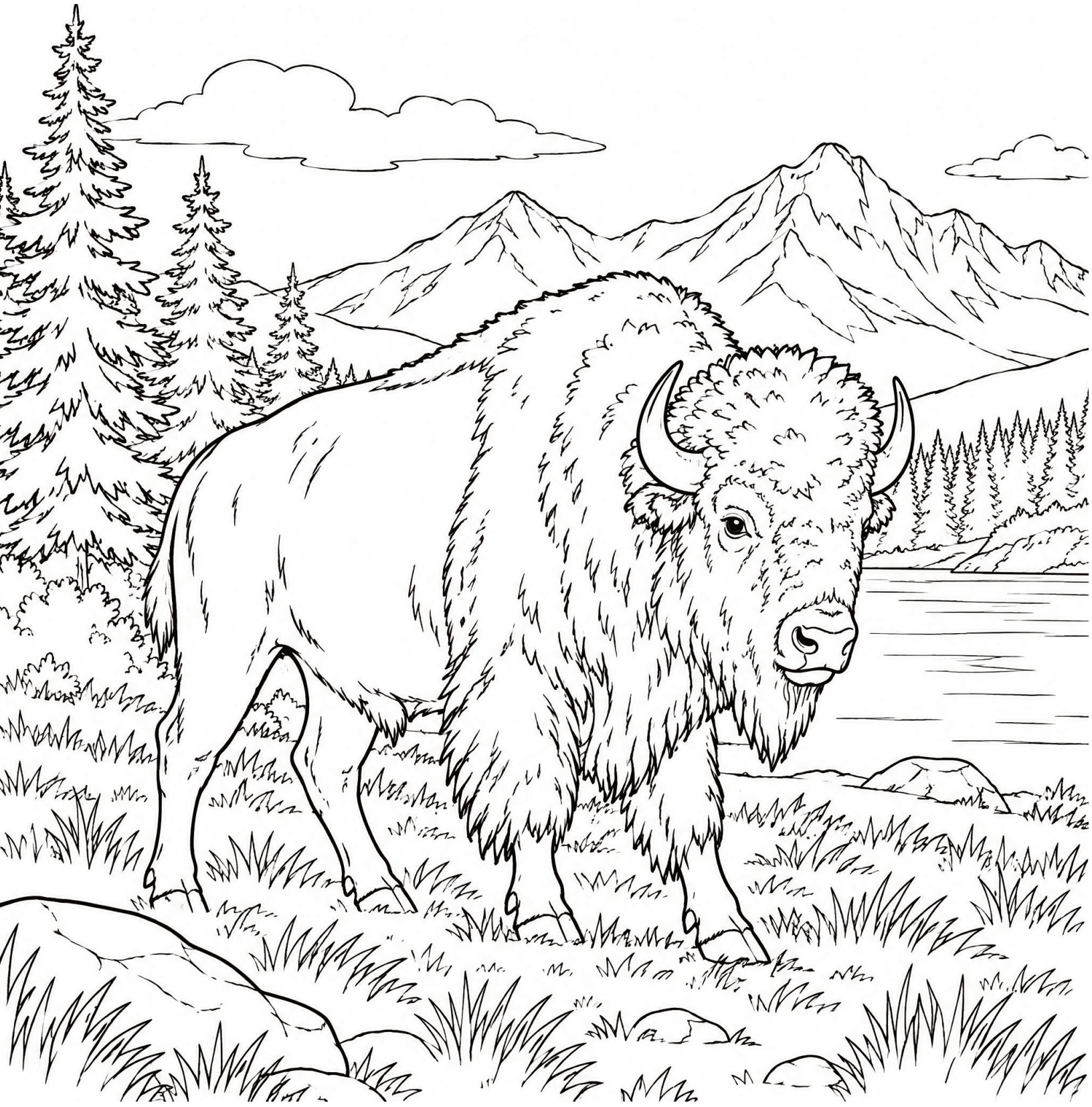


Saplings Colouring Package #55







Did You Know?

Ten Fun Facts About Bison

1. The bison is the largest land mammal in all of North America. An adult male (called a bull) can weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kg)—which is as heavy as a small car!

2. In Canada, you can find two wild subspecies: the plains bison (which have massive heads and shaggy capes) and the wood bison (which are even bigger, with triangular heads and tall shoulder humps).

3. When little bison calves are born in the spring (May or June), their fur is bright reddish-orange. They turn dark brown a few months later.

4. Bison have super thick, shaggy fur that keeps them warm in freezing Canadian winters. It is so well-insulated that snow can sit right on top of their backs without melting.

5. Even though they look very heavy and slow, bison can run up to 55 to 56 km/h. They can also jump high and are great swimmers.

6. When deep snow covers the ground in winter, bison use their massive heads and strong shoulder muscles to push the snow aside and find grass to eat underneath.

7. Bison love to roll around in shallow dirt patches or mud. This helps them scratch itchy bug bites, get rid of ticks, and shed their heavy winter fur.

8. Both male and female bison grow sharp, curved horns. They use them to protect themselves and to show who is boss in the herd.

9. The plains bison is the official provincial mammal of Manitoba and proudly appears right on the province's flag and coat of arms.

10. Bison live together in groups called herds. When danger is near, they work together to protect the youngest and smallest members in the middle of the group.

Now It's Your Turn!

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