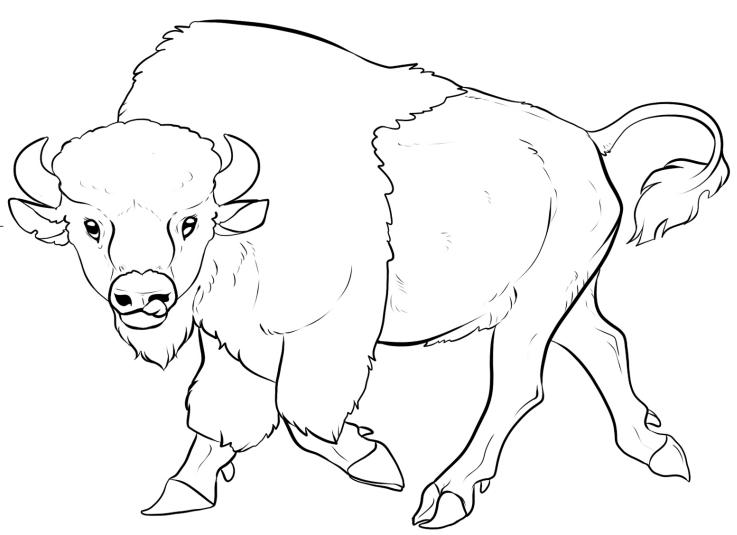
National Trails

Emigrants from the East were very excited to see their first bison, also called American buffalo, as they headed west across Nebraska. The men of the wagon trains like to hunt the buffalo to provide meat for their families as they traveled. They found

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See how the buffalo in this picture is holding its tail? A bison standing with its tail hanging down is relaxed and feeling safe. A bison with its tail partly raised is on the lookout for trouble—something has disturbed it. A bison with its tail held out from its body is excited and deciding whether to run away or to charge, and a buffalo with its tail held straight up is about to charge.

What do you think the buffalo in this picture is doing?



BISON

The buffalo in our parks might seem tame, but they are wild animals and can be dangerous. Never try to pet or feed them, and always stay safely back when taking pictures of them.

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