

Starved Rock State Park Program Request Form



Individuals of all ages, comprising 10 to 30 participants, are welcome to engage in an educational session led by a park naturalist. Groups may select one option from this form. All programs offered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are provided at no cost, but groups of 20 or more are required to pay an Activity Permit Fee of \$25 to the IDNR.

Geology

Journey Through Time: Starved Rock's 460 Million-Year Geology

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| ☐ Council Overhang, Ottawa and Kaskaskia Canyons
<i>1-hour, 1-mile hike. *</i> | ☐ St. Louis Canyon, 1.5-hour, 1.3-mile hike. * |
| ☐ French and Wildcat Canyons, 2-hour, 2-mile hike. | ☐ French Canyon, 1-hour, .8-mile hike. |

Please note those options with an asterisk () cannot support bus parking.*

History

Connecting with the Past: The History of Our Local Park

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| ☐ Starved Rock, 1-hour, .6-mile hike | ☐ Starved Rock and French Canyon 1.5 hour, .8-mile hike |
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Ecology

Living Trails: Interpretation, Education, and Discovery at Starved Rock State Park.

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| ☐ Wild Clues Along the Trail: Animal Tracks and Scat!
<i>1-hour, 1-mile hike.</i> | ☐ The Bold, Bald, and Beautiful: Bald Eagles
<i>1-hour, .6-mile hike. January-February only.</i> |
| ☐ Wildflowers and Waterfalls: Nature's Perfect Harmony, 1-hour, 1-mile hike. Late April to May only. | ☐ Tree Talk: Secrets Behind the Leaves.
<i>1.5-hour, 1.5-mile hike. Spring, Summer, and Fall.</i> |

Low Impact & ADA Compliant Trail Walks

Hikes will interpret the area's history, geology, and ecology (not offered in the winter).

Low Impact, a custom hike of .6 to 1-mile.

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| ☐ Starved Rock, 2 staircases, and paved. | ☐ ADA Compliant Trail, paved .4-mile path, and ramp from Matthiessen Lake Shelter above Lake Falls with views of Matthiessen Lake. * |
| ☐ St. Louis Canyon, 2 staircases, and not paved. * | |
| ☐ Ottawa and Kaskaskia Canyons, natural and not paved. | |

*Uneven surfaces and mud in spring. **

Indoor On or Off-Site Programs

Each program lasts between 30 minutes and 1 hour.

Off-site program venues must be located within a 30-mile radius of the park.

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| ☐ On-Site. |
| ☐ Off-Site. |

Please provide a brief description of the topic or theme you would like one of our naturalists to present.

Examples: Mammals, Birds, History of the Park, Geology....

Please email the completed form to the Natural Resource Coordinator, Lisa Sons, at lisa.sons@illinois.gov.

Contact Person Name: _____

Email Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Phone #: _____

Total # of Participants: _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Age Range _____

Date of program/hike requested (Please give 3 options): 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Start time of Program (Please check the best time option for your group):

☐ 9:30 am ☐ 10 am ☐ 10:30 pm ☐ 12:30 pm ☐ 1 pm ☐ 1:30 pm ☐ 2 pm

Special Needs or Requirements? _____

Will your group require use of the Eagle's Roost Cabin (**for youth and school groups only**)? Other picnic shelters and tables are on a first-come, first-served basis at either park. The Visitor Center and cabin open at 9 a.m. and close at or shortly before 4 p.m.

YES ☐ NO ☐ Please list the timeframe you will need to use the cabin. _____ to _____

-----Office Use Only-----

The Natural Resources Coordinator has reviewed and accepted the circled date, program, and timeframe.

Date reviewed _____ Date accepted/rejected _____

Natural Resource Coordinator Signature

Notes from the Natural Resources Coordinator: _____

Once the Natural Resources Coordinator has reviewed your program request, you will receive a confirmation email detailing the date and time of the scheduled program or visit. If your group consists of more than 20 participants, you must complete the following:

- Activity Permit
- Release of Liability Waiver/Proof of Insurance
- Activity Permit Fee of \$25



For further information and instructions, please visit the IDNR website by scanning the QR code above.