

# 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. Please note that park staff cannot accommodate multiple options in a single day. 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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Council Overhang, Ottawa and Kaskaskia Canyons</b><br>1-mile hike. * | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>St. Louis Canyon, 1.3-mile hike.</b> * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>French and Wildcat Canyons, 2-mile hike.</b>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>French Canyon, .8-mile hike.</b>       |

## History

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>General History of the Park, 1-hour, .8 mile walk to the top of Starved Rock and into French Canyon.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Grand Village of the Inohka, (Illinois Confederation), 1.5 hour, .6-mile hike to the top of Starved Rock.</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>17th Century, French Explorers and Fort St. Louis, 1-hour, .6 mile walk to the top of Starved Rock.</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Civilian Conservation Corps, 1.5-hour, 1-mile hike from French Canyon to the Starved Rock Lodge.</b>              |

## Ecology

*"S" Spring, March-May, "SU" Summer, June-August, "F" Fall, September-November, "W" Winter, December-February.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Animal Signs and Clues, a custom hike of 1-2 miles in distance and 45 minutes to 1.5 hours in timeframe. Year round.</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Beautiful Bald Eagles, 1-hour, .6-mile hike to the top of Starved Rock. Winter.</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wildflowers and Waterfalls, 1-hour, 1-mile hike through Ottawa and Kaskaskia Canyons. Spring *</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>What's That Tree? a custom hike of 1-2 miles in distance and 45 minutes to 1.5 hours in timeframe. Late Spring, Summer, and Fall.</b> |

## Indoor Programming

*Each program has a duration of 30 minutes to 1-hour.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>On-Site.</b> Choose from one of the options listed below. | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Off-Site.</b> Must be within 30 miles of the park. |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Beaks and Feet (Birds)</b>                                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Civilian Conservation Corps</b>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Interesting Insects</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Skulls, Pelts, Tracks, and Scat!</b>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fort St. Louis and the Fur Trade</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Animal Adaptations</b>  |

## Low Impact & ADA Compliant Trail Walks

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Low Impact, a custom hike of .6 to 1-mile.</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ADA Compliant Trail, paved .4-mile path, and ramp from Matthiessen Lake Shelter above Lake Falls with views of Matthiessen Lake. *</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Starved Rock, 2 staircases, and paved.</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>St. Louis Canyon, 2 staircases, and not paved. *</b>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ottawa and Kaskaskia Canyons, natural and not paved. Uneven surfaces and mud in spring. *</b> |  |

Please email the completed form to the Natural Resource Coordinator, Lisa Sons, at [lisa.sons@illinois.gov](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.