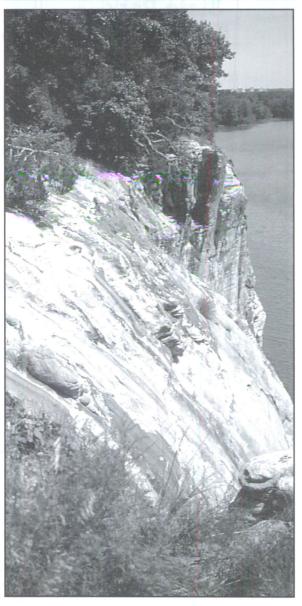
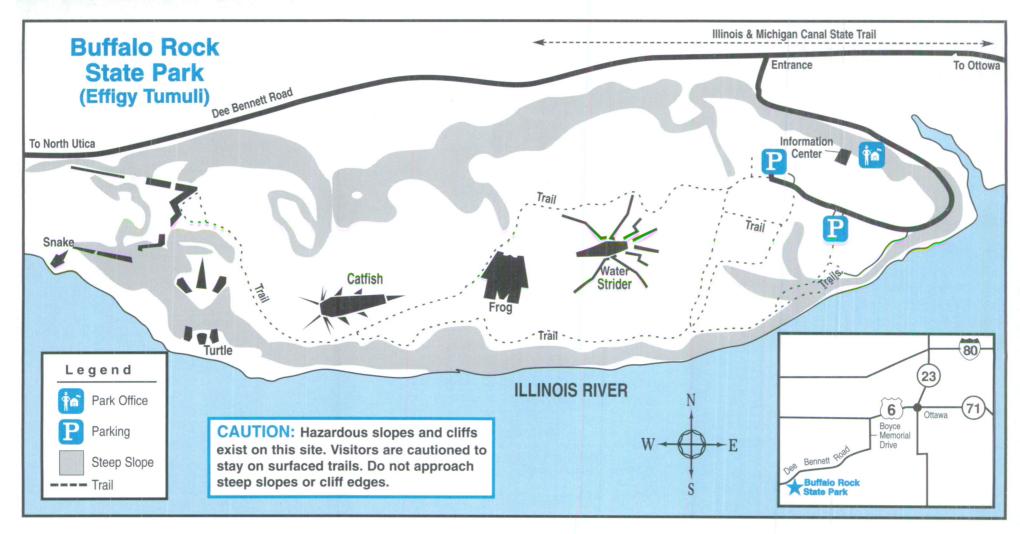
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STATE PARK / EFFIGY TUMULI





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Sweeping vistas of the Illinois River await visitors to Buffalo Rock State Park. From high atop the bluff, a system of trails and scenic overlooks provides views of an area rich in history.

Traveling the Illinois River in 1643, Louis Joliet, a French explorer, and Father Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit missionary priest, found the area to be home to Illinois Indians. Later, the French built a trading and missionary fort at Buffalo Rock and, during the winter of 1682-1683, nearly 4,000 Indian warriors gathered to form a confederation against the Iroquois.

The Chicago-based Crane Company purchased Buffalo Rock in 1912, where a sanatorium was built for employees. On Nov. 15, 1928, the company deeded the property to the state.



Effigy Tumuli

The Effigy Tumuli, one of the more unique attractions in Illinois, can be found at Buffalo Rock State Park. This earthen art exhibit recreates sculptured earthen effigies dating back more than 3,000 years. Effigies were created by native peoples as temple platforms or burial mounds.

A result of a creative coal mining reclamation project on land donated by Ottawa Silica Company, the site contains a 2,070-foot-long snake, a 140-foot-long frog and a 770-foot-long catfish. Also located along the mile-and-a-half-long bluff are a water strider and turtle.



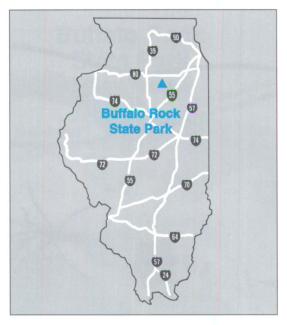
Facilities

Buffalo Rock State Park and Effigy Tumuli offers visitors picnic areas with tables, grills, drinking water and restrooms, as well as a playground. The site contains two shelters, with one available by reservation. Hiking, biking and cross country ski trails wind through the park.

Location

Buffalo Rock State Park and Effigy Tumuli are located two miles west of Ottawa on Dee Bennett Road (County Hwy. 34). For further information, contact Buffalo Rock State Park, P.O. Box 2034, Ottawa, IL 61350, or phone (815) 433-2224.





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R.R. 1, Box 2034 Ottawa, IL 61350, (815) 433-2224

- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, call (217) 782-6302 or visit our website at www.dnr.state.il.us.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
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