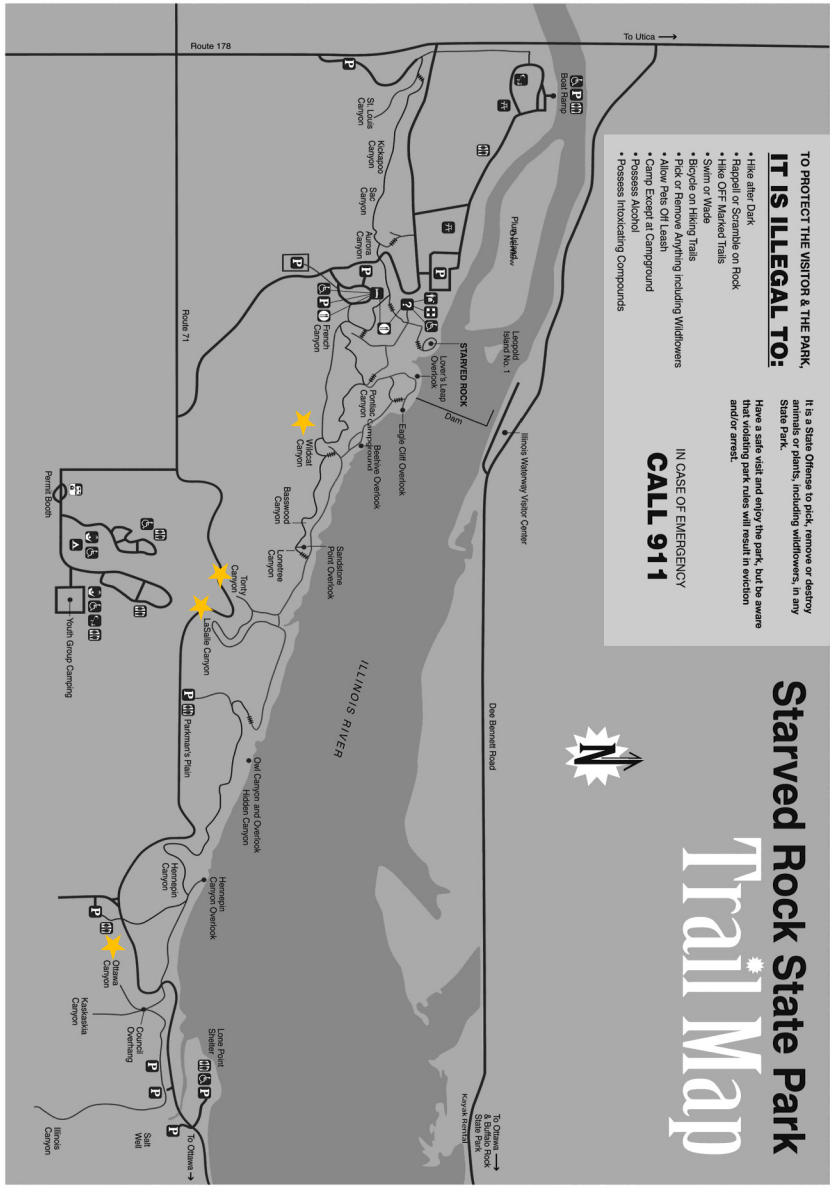
Practice Leave No Trace at all Times please

- Sign in and out every time you climb.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Minimize impact on vegetation, climb around it.
- Look for durable surfaces to stage on.
- Pack out your trash or trash you find.
- Avoid moving loose rock.
- Avoid tying your rope directly to sandstone or trees.
- Do not use fixed bolts or anchors in any sandstone or park structures—ice only.
- Do not use chip holds in sandstone -ice only.
- Please do not disturb wildlife.
- Do not block the trail or icefall from other visitors to the park.
- Do not create dangerous situations/ice chips/ice chunks falling on other visitors/users of the trail and canyon area.
- Do not use crampons on sandstone or wood deck surfaces. Ice only.
- Instruction of "how to ice climb" for other visitors is **not allowed** at the park.
- Experienced ice climbers, climbing for recreational sport only.



Starved Rock State Park

Ice Climbing

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Climable Canyons

Welcome to Starved Rock State Park.
We hope you enjoy your time
ice climbing in Illinois!

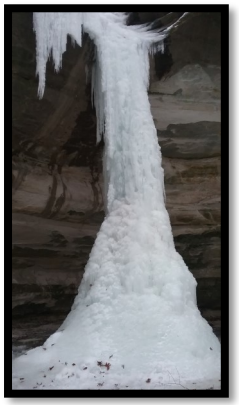
Climbers need to sign in & out at the front of the Park Maintenance Building across from the Visitor Center

Climbing is only allowed in 4 canyons at the park.

- Those climbing outside of these 4 canyons will be ticketed/fined. Please respect the rules and regulations set forth by park staff, and pass along to all fellow climbers so this recreational sport may continue at the state park.

Wildcat Canyon – Chandelier, height of 90+ ft
(pictured on front of brochure)

LaSalle Canyon Bridal veil height of 20+ft



Ottawa Canyon Chandelier height of 35+ft.

Safety First

Climbing and related activities are inherently dangerous.

- Ice climbers climb at their own risk.
- Ice climbing is only allowed between 7 a.m. and dusk at the park, **all climbers must be off of the trail <u>before dark</u>.**
- It is up to the climbers themselves to check the ice for climbing suitability.
- Climbers must bring their own equipment and have experience ice climbing.
- Please note only experienced climbers are allowed to climb at the park and only with a partner or group, never alone.

The natural resources of the park canyons such as the fragile sandstone must be protected.

- Climbers cannot impact the sandstone with riggings, ice cleats, crampons, ice picks, rope, or other harmful climbing equipment. All equipment must touch the ice/ice falls only.
- No rock climbing or scaling the rock walls or formations!

<u>In the event of an emergency call 911.</u> The nearest hospitals are located in Peru (Illinois Valley Community Hospital) and Ottawa (St. Francis OSF Hospital).

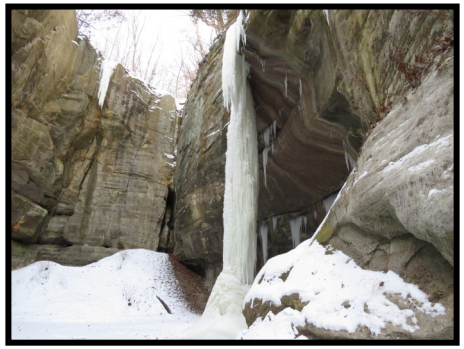
Information

Please visit the following Facebook page for information on icefall status and climbing during the season: DO NOT CALL THE PARK OFFICE for conditions.

- **Midwest Ice Conditions**
- It is not up to the DNR park staff or state to test the suitability for ice climbing. It is up to each individual ice climber.
- Look for Utica/Oglesby Illinois on your weather app/phone for up to date weather information at the park.
- Icefalls are weather dependent but usually form in the months of January into late February.

Maps and trail information can be found:

- IDNR online at www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/StarvedRock.aspx or
- Starved Rock Visitor Center
- Sign in location at Park Maintenance
- Every trail head and parking lot in the park



Tonti Canyon Chandelier height of 60+ ft. Dual icefalls.