the park. Each is complete with tables, outdoor stoves and toilets. Pick up items you might have forgotten at the concession stand in the boat launch area.

Barrier-Free Facilities

Several features make Rock Cut State Park accessible to disabled individuals. Two fishing piers are available, including a covered pier at the Lions Club day-use area. The area, which is totally accessible, features paved walkways, toilets, water and a picnic shelter with electricity. The park’s campground area has flush toilets and showers that are barrier free. Handicap parking spaces are located in all the day-use areas.

Winter Sports

Take to the trails in the winter. A windsing system of cross-country ski trails lets you take in the park’s natural beauty. But there’s more winter fun—ice fishing is a great Rock Cut pastime.

Recreational Trails Program

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Exotic Species

Plants and animals not native to Illinois are exotic species. Most of them are harmless to our state; however, some can be very invasive to native plant communities and can overwhelm or wipe out native species. Prevention and control of exotic, invasive species requires tremendous cooperation between managers and all users of parks, natural areas, and privately owned land.

To learn more about exotic and invasive species and how you can help prevent their spread, visit the IDNR Exotic Species Website at: http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/education/ExoticSpecies/exoticspintro.htm.

Enjoy Your visit

Please abide by park rules during your visit. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the park. Do not pick any flowers, and keep your pet leashed at all times.

For more information contact Rock Cut State Park, 7318 Harlem Road, Loves Park, IL 61111, phone (815) 885-3311.

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