Field Trip Curriculum for 1st - 3rd Grade Students

Time for a Field Trip!

Pre-Field Trip Warm Up________________________
IDNR Educational Trunks:
Mammal Trunk-Furs, Tracks, Curriculum, and Storybooks:
https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/default.aspx

Group Permit Form (to be completed prior to visit)
https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Activity/Pages/StarvedRock.aspx

Starved Rock Animal Habitats and Tracks: Matching Games
Pages 2 & 3
“Starved Rock History” story with coloring pages
Pages 4-8

Day of Field Trip Activities________________________
1.5 –2 hours
Hike to Starved Rock and French Canyon .8 miles roundtrip
Map: https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Parks/Pages/StarvedRock.aspx
   Nature Scavenger Hunt
   Page 9
   Tour the Visitor Center exhibits
Smokey the Bear Film/Starved Rock Orientation Film
   9 minutes each

POST-VISIT ACTIVITIES

• Write your own Starved Rock Story:
  “My Day at Starved Rock State Park”
  Template Page 10

Thank you for your interest in Starved Rock State Park. The following is a packet of materials intended to assist teachers in using the site for field trips. For your convenience, we have assembled a list of activities that can be incorporated into the classroom and daily lesson plans in conjunction with a field trip to Starved Rock State Park.
Habitat Match Up

(please draw a line from the habitat on left to the animal(s) that live in that habitat on the right)

1. FOREST
   - Beaver

2. POND
   - Earthworm

3. SOIL
   - Honeybee

4. PRAIRIE-GRASSLAND
   - White Tailed Deer

Answer Key: 1d, 2a, 3b, 4c
Animal Track Matching Game

Animal Tracks are evidence of life that you may see in the park even if you don’t see the animal. Match the animal picture to the name; then match the name to the animal’s track. Remember to always observe wildlife from a distance and never feed them.

Answer Key: 1b, 2c, 3e, 4a, 5d
The Kaskaskia people were a band of Illinois Native Americans that once lived along the Illinois River across from Starved Rock.

They lived in wigwams along the river. Wigwams were built from young trees tied together to form a small round hut then covered in mats made from plants called reeds, tree bark, and animal furs or skins.
In 1673, the Kaskaskia were greeted by French explorers traveling along the river. One man was a priest named Pere Jacques Marquette. The other was an explorer by the name of Louis Jolliet who was exploring the land and rivers for France and Canada. Louis Jolliet noticed the large sandstone rock he called Le Rocher or the “Rock” across from the village and thought it would be a great place to build a French fort one day.
Ten years later Fort St. Louis was built on top of Starved Rock by two Frenchmen, Henry Tonti and Robert LaSalle.

The fort housed French soldiers who protected both the land and the Native Americans living in the area from other invading tribes like the Iroquois.

The French and Native Americans traded animal furs at the fort such as beaver, deer, and bison as well as metal pots, tools, guns, and knives.

North American Beaver
The Kaskaskia people moved with the French further south by the 1700’s and eventually became part of the Peoria Tribe that settled in Oklahoma by the time Illinois became a state.
Starved Rock became a state park in 1911, two hundred years after the Kaskaskia moved south. There are 13 mile of trails, 18 canyons, and 7 overlooks as well as wildlife for visitors to enjoy today.
### Scavenger Hunt - Nature Walk
Can you find all 20?

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My Starved Rock Storyboard

Name: ____________________________

Date:     /      /      /

In each box below write a short 3 part story or draw a picture of your field trip at Starved Rock State Park.