Starved Rock State Park

**History**

French Canyon

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IGroup Permits must be submitted for groups of 25 or more attending the park. Please email DNR.StarvedRock@illinois.gov to acquire a permit.

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Pets must be kept on a leash at all times and cannot be in the nature preserves.

Actions in nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember to take only memories, leave only footprints.

Please practice Leave No Trace by carrying out all trash you take in on the trails. Do not leave litter behind.

For more information on state parks in Illinois, hunting, conservation, boating, and more please visit www.dnr.illinois.gov

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moving further away from the lodge or visitor center, and white dots mean you are returning.

Due to the park’s fragile ecosystem, camping is prohibited in unauthorized areas as well as hammocks and ground fires. Please remember rock climbing, rappelling, swimming in waterfalls or the Illinois River, hiking off trail, and carving or painting on the sandstone features are all illegal activities at the park. Biking is not allowed on the hiking trails. For your own safety, you must be off of the trails by sunset if not dark. Alcohol is prohibited on all trails at all times.

**Picnicking**

Developed picnic areas are available to the day visitor, with tables, drinking water, and restroom facilities. Six shelters are available on a first come, first served basis. Alcohol is prohibited January 1st through May 31st in the picnic area.

**Fishing and Boating**

Boats may be launched from the west end of the park. Catfish, bullhead, white bass, sauger, walleye, carp, bluegill, and crappie may be caught in the Illinois River with a valid Illinois fishing license. Boats are not allowed within 600 feet of the dam, as strong currents and powerful undercurrents can be dangerous. Under no circumstances should you attempt to wade in the river, canyons, or from any park shoreline.

Boat rides and Kayak rental are offered at the park from May-October. Boat rides on the Eagle 1 can be reserved through the Starved Rock Lodge at www.starvedrock-lodge.com. Kayak rental can be reserved through Kayak Starved Rock at KAYAKSTARVEDROCK.com. You may bring your own kayaks and canoes and launch from Lone Point shelter at the park along route 71.

**Leave No Trace**

Please practice Leave No Trace when visiting the park by cleaning up all food, fishing items, and trash you have used. Please pack out what you pack in to help keep our park clean for other visitors and wildlife. Please take all recyclables home to recycle.

**Camping**

The campground is located outside of the park off of route 71. There are no trails that connect the campground to the park. Campers are asked to drive in to the park to access the trails.

The campground has 133, Class A premium campsites with electricity, showers, flush toilets, separate youth group camping area, and a children’s playground with a shelter. Each campsite comes complete with a grill, fire pit, and picnic table. Seven campsites are available for people with disabilities. The campground is open all year round. One loop closes during the winter. Reservations are made online at ReserveAmerica.com. Alcohol is prohibited in the campground at all times. To View the campground brochure and map please visit www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/StarvedRock.

**Lodging**

Situated on a high bluff above the Visitor Center and Illinois River across from Starved Rock itself is the stone and log lodge, built in part by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930’s. The lodge has since been refurbished, but still reflects the peaceful atmosphere of yesteryear. The hotel features an indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, and saunas.

The lodge offers 72 luxury hotel rooms and 22 comfortable cabin rooms. The original Great Room is centered around a massive fireplace.

The restaurant is open seven days a week and offers many house specialties. The Veranda is a bar and grill behind the lodge dining area that offers a more relaxed and less formal setting for a bite to eat.

For lodge reservations, call 1-800-868-ROCK (7625) or visit www.starvedrocklodge.com.

**Visitor Center**

Built in 2002 the Starved Rock Visitor Center offers museum quality displays and exhibits for those who wish to learn more about the park’s French and Native American history, geological history, and the flora and fauna found in the park. Movies such as “In the Shadow of the Rock” a brief 15 minute film on the history and scenery of the park are available by request at the front desk of the center.

Trail suggestions and help reading the trail maps and navigating the areas of the park can be attained at the front desk.

Free guided hikes are offered mid-June through the end of November at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sundays.

Visitors can obtain a Calendar of Events and Programs of Starved Rock State Park as well as information on the areas of Ottawa, LaSalle, Peru, Utica, and Oglesby.