

Starved Rock State Park Trail Map

Length of Trails

All distances are measured one way from the Visitors Center

St. Louis Canyon	1.5 mi.	Tonty Canyon	1.9 mi.
Starved Rock	0.3 mi.	LaSalle Canyon	2.0 mi.
French Canyon	0.4 mi.	Parkman's Plain	2.5 mi.
Lover's Leap	0.7 mi.	Hennepin Canyon	3.1 mi.
Eagle Cliff	0.8 mi.	Ottawa Canyon	3.9 mi.
Beehive Overlook	0.9 mi.	Council Overhang	4.0 mi.
Wildcat Canyon	1.0 mi.	Kaskaskia Canyon	4.0 mi.
Sandstone Point	1.3 mi.	Illinois Canyon	4.7 mi.

Total Distance of Hiking Trails: 12.3 miles

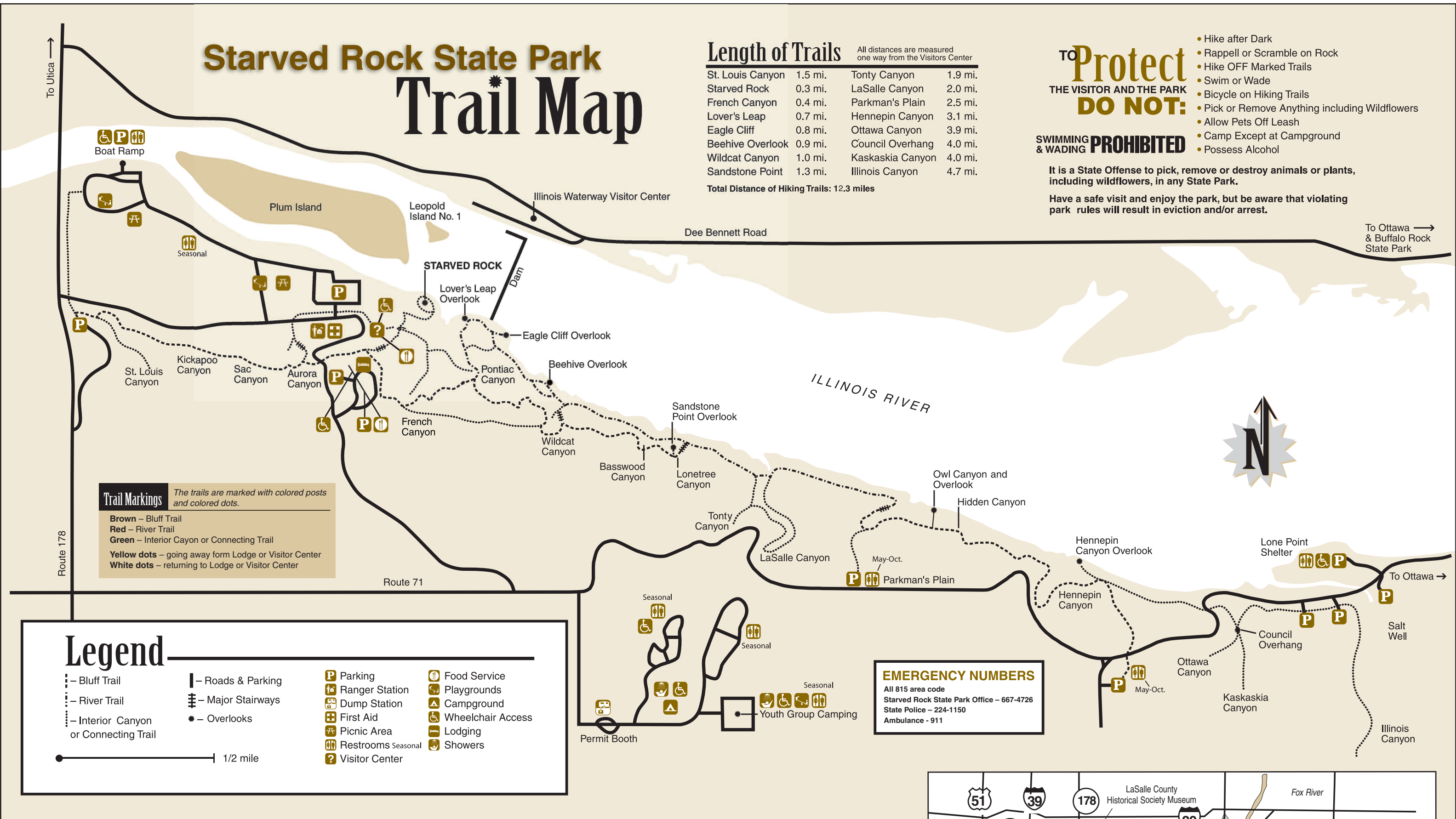
TO Protect THE VISITOR AND THE PARK DO NOT:

SWIMMING & WADING PROHIBITED

It is a State Offense to pick, remove or destroy animals or plants, including wildflowers, in any State Park.

Have a safe visit and enjoy the park, but be aware that violating park rules will result in eviction and/or arrest.

- Hike after Dark
- Rappel or Scramble on Rock
- Hike OFF Marked Trails
- Swim or Wade
- Bicycle on Hiking Trails
- Pick or Remove Anything including Wildflowers
- Allow Pets Off Leash
- Camp Except at Campground
- Possess Alcohol



Trail Markings The trails are marked with colored posts and colored dots.

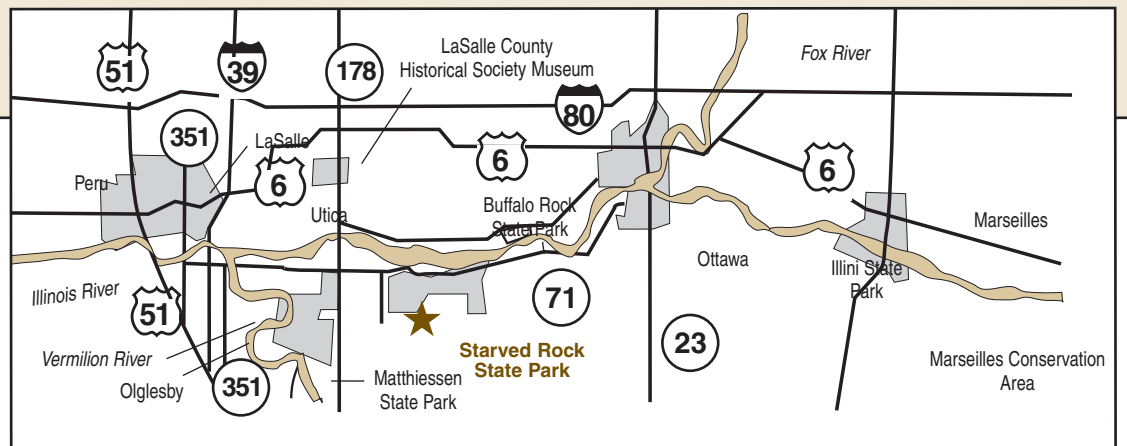
- Brown** – Bluff Trail
- Red** – River Trail
- Green** – Interior Canyon or Connecting Trail
- Yellow dots** – going away from Lodge or Visitor Center
- White dots** – returning to Lodge or Visitor Center

Legend

— Bluff Trail	— Roads & Parking	P Parking	Food Service
— River Trail	— Major Stairways	Ranger Station	Playgrounds
— Interior Canyon or Connecting Trail	• Overlooks	Dump Station	Campground
— 1/2 mile		First Aid	Wheelchair Access
		Picnic Area	Lodging
		Restrooms Seasonal	Showers
		Visitor Center	

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

All 815 area code
 Starved Rock State Park Office – 667-4726
 State Police – 224-1150
 Ambulance - 911



Due to the park's fragile ecosystem, camping is prohibited in unauthorized areas and all rock climbing, rappelling or scrambling off trails is prohibited. **Biking is not allowed on the hiking trails.** For your own safety, you must be off the trails by dark. **Alcohol is prohibited on all trails.**

Fishing and Boating

Boats may be launched from the west end of the park. A paddlewheel boat ride and canoe rental is available May through October. Catfish, bullhead, white bass, sauger, walleye, carp and crappie may be caught in the Illinois River. Boats are not allowed within 600 feet of the dam, as strong currents and powerful undertows can be dangerous. Under no circumstances should you attempt to wade or swim in the river, canyons or from any park shoreline.

Winter Activities

Cross-country skiing can be enjoyed at nearby Matthiessen State Park. Cross-country ski rentals are available at Matthiessen Dells Area on weekends December through March. Eagle viewing is a popular winter activity enjoyed by many. Two places to see the eagles are the top of Starved Rock and the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center.

Snowmobiling is not allowed anywhere at Starved Rock, but is allowed at the I & M Canal one mile to the north in Utica.

Picnicking

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

Camping

The campground has 133 Class A premium campsites with electricity, showers and flush toilets, a separate youth group camping area and a children's playground. Seven campsites are accessible for people with disabilities. Reservations are accepted all year through reserveamerica.com. **Alcohol is prohibited in the campground.**

Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) monies are funded through the Federal Motor Fuel Tax and administered through the National Recreational Trails Fund Act. Trail projects are supported by the federal government, which provides up to 80% reimbursement of cost. State funds provide the balance of the funding for the projects. The trails program encourages trails management practices to serve a wide variety of trail users. The program is administered in Illinois by the Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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>.

For more information, contact Starved Rock State Park, P.O. Box 509, Utica, IL 61373, phone (815) 667-4726.

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