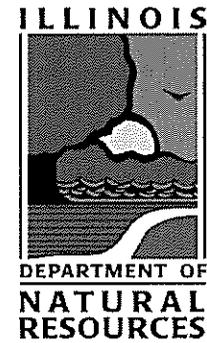
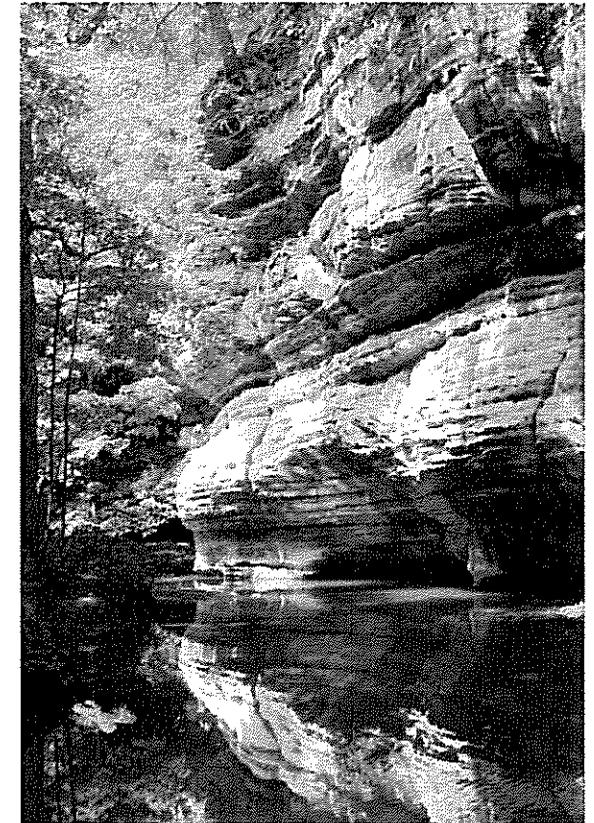
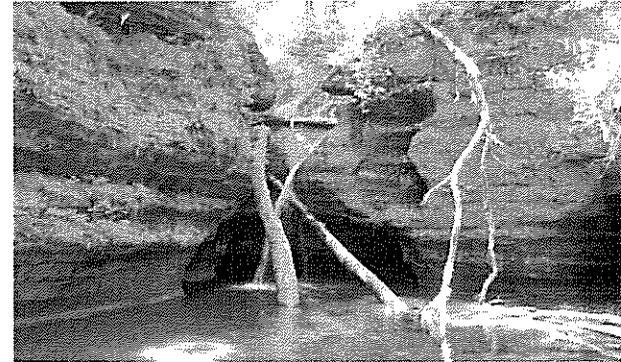


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2016 Calendar of Events



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January

America's State Park's First Day Hike – January 1st

Start the New Year with a hike through Starved Rock State Park! Join the park naturalist as we hike up to the top of Starved Rock and into the bottom of French Canyon. Learn about the history and geology of the park. Bring your binoculars and your camera....you will have a chance to do some eagle viewing from the top of the Rock. Hike lasts approximately 1.5 hours. *Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 1:00 p.m.*

Winter Wilderness Weekend – January 16th & 17th

Join the Starved Rock guides as we hike to see the spectacular icefalls of Starved Rock! Don't forget your binoculars. We'll have a chance to do some eagle viewing from the top of Starved Rock. Learn about the history and geology of the park. *Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.*

Eagle Watch Weekend – January 30th & 31st

Bird of Prey shows and family activities at the Starved Rock Visitor Center, Starved Rock Lodge, and Illinois Waterway Visitor Center. Take a short hike to the top of Starved Rock for live eagle viewing or join the park naturalist for a guided eagle viewing tour. Call for more information. *9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day.* For a full event schedule of events visit www.illinoisaudubon.org.

February

Cross-Country Ski Weekend – February 6th & 7th

Meet at the Matthiessen State Park Dells Area for basic cross-country ski instruction at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. each day. Ski rentals available. No snow? Join us for guided hikes through Matthiessen State Park.

April

Earth Day Hike – April 16th

Celebrate Mother Nature at Starved Rock! Join the park naturalist for a hike to the top of Starved Rock and into French Canyon. Learn about the history and geology of Starved Rock State Park. *Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 11:00 a.m. Hike lasts 1.5 hours.*

Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage – April 23th & 24th

Join the Starved Rock guides as we hike to overlooks and canyons throughout the park enjoying the variety of spring wildflowers and sparkling waterfalls at Starved Rock State Park. Learn about the history and geology of the park. *Guided hikes leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. each day.*

May

Spring Migratory Bird Hike – May 7th

Join the park naturalist and local bird expert, Tom Williams, as we hike to seek out resident birds and greet our spring migrants. Bring your binoculars and your favorite bird guide. Hike lasts approximately 2 hours. *Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 7:30 a.m. Hike lasts 2 hours.*

June

National Trails Day – June 4th

Celebrate National Trails Day by hiking with the park naturalist! Hike to the top of Starved Rock and into the bottom of French Canyon. Learn about the history and geology of the park. Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. *Hike lasts approximately 1.5 hours.*

Kayaking 101 – June 25th

Learn to kayak at Starved Rock with Kayak Morris! Basic instruction followed by paddling along the bluffs at Starved Rock. Meet at Lone Point Shelter at the east end of Starved Rock. \$39.00 rental fee per person. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Registration is required. Register at <http://kayakmorris.com/starved-rock-kayak-tour/>. Registration opens May 1st.

September

Autumn Migratory Bird Hike – September 17th

Join the park naturalist and local bird expert, Tom Williams, as we hike to seek out resident birds and greet our fall migrants. Bring your binoculars and your favorite bird guide. *Hike will leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. Hike lasts 2 hours.*

Birds of Prey Live! – September 3rd

Saving Our American Raptors will be on hand with live birds of prey! See birds of prey such as falcons, owls, and hawks up-close and learn about the impressive adaptations and behaviors of these remarkable birds. *Programs start at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.*

October

Fall Colors Weekend – October 15th & 16th

Join the Starved Rock guides as we hike to overlooks and canyons to view the spectacular colors of fall. Learn about the history and geology of Starved Rock. *Hikes leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.*

Haunted Halloween Night Hikes and Storytelling – October 29th

Join the park naturalist as we hike the luminary lit trail to the top of Starved Rock. Hear “haunted” tales of the park and meet “The Pink Lady”. *Haunted hikes leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Kids crafts 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Storytelling with Bill Myers begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts one hour.*

December

Holiday Storytelling with Bill Myers – December 31st

Bill Myers, local Illinois Valley storyteller, will be spinning his holiday tales at the Starved Rock Visitor Center. Storytelling is great for all ages. *Storytelling will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last one hour.*