

# April



3rd **Wildlife Prairie Park presents 1:30 p.m.**

## "Amazing Animals"

Skunks, turtles, and owls, oh my! Get up close & personal with these native critters and many more. See what makes them so absolutely amazing! Live animals!

16th **Earth Day Hike**

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

17th **Reptiles & Amphibians**



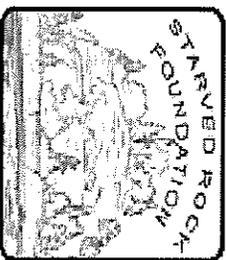
Slime, scales, and mudpuppy tales! Join Wildlife Prairie Park and a few of their reptilian friends such as turtles, salamanders, and snakes for a family fun program that will give you a new found respect for our cold blooded friends!

23rd & 24th **Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage**

Enjoy the great variety of spring wildflowers at Starved Rock. Guided hikes leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. each day. Hikes are free!

## The Starved Rock Foundation

Makes a difference at the park by providing programs, materials, and services for everyone to enjoy! Become a Foundation Member or Volunteer today!



For more information visit the Starved Rock Foundation website at:  
[www.starvedrockfoundation.org](http://www.starvedrockfoundation.org)

or call the Starved Rock Visitor Center at:  
815-667-4726

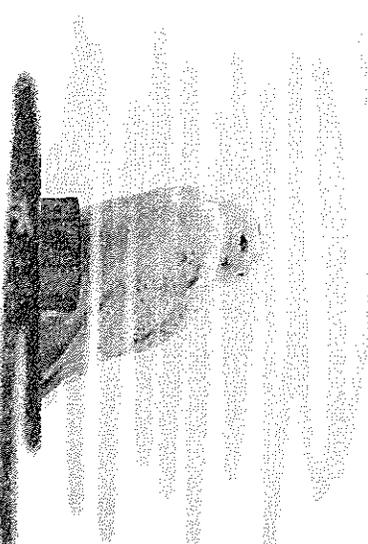


Shop the *Le Rocher Gift Shop*, operated by the volunteers of the Starved Rock Foundation. 100% of profits benefit the park!



Illinois Department of Natural Resources & Starved Rock Foundation Presents

## Winter Programs



at  
**Starved Rock!**  
*2016 Calendar*

Programs held at the Starved Rock Visitor Center most Sundays January - April. Most programs start at 1:30 p.m. and last one hour!

**Programs are free!**

*For information on upcoming park events:*  
**'Like' Us on Facebook at Starved Rock Visitor's Center**

# January

## 1st America's State Parks First Day Hike

Join us for a hike to Starved Rock and French Canyon. Learn about the history and geology of the park. The hike will leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 1:00 p.m. The hike is free! State parks throughout the country will be participating in this "First Day" hike. Join us!



## 10th Winter Storytelling 1:30 p.m.

Bill Myers, well-known storyteller of the Illinois Valley, will be spinning his winter tales at the Starved Rock Visitor Center.



Storytelling is great for all ages and is free!

## 16th & 17th Winter Wilderness Weekend

Bundle up & join the Starved Rock guides as they hike to overlooks & canyons throughout the park. Live Bald Eagle viewing from the top of Starved Rock will be available and if conditions permit, see



spectacular icefalls in canyons! Guided hikes leave from the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. each day.

Hikes are free!

## 30th & 31st Eagle Watch Weekend

Enjoy live Bald Eagle viewing from the top of Starved Rock. Live bird of prey shows & various family activities at the Starved Rock Lodge, Illinois Waterway Visitor Center, and Starved Rock Visitor Center.

# February

## 6th & 7th Cross-Country Ski Weekend

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

## 14th Winter Drum Circle 1:30 p.m.

Move to the beat with local musician Dave Peterson, as he leads an interactive drum circle featuring African Percussion & Native American flutes. It's an experience for all ages and ability levels! An energetic and fun way to create "in the moment" music with percussion instruments. Drums provided!

## 21st Art & History of Falconry 1:30 p.m.

Join local falconer Rich Escuita, as he discusses the art and history of falconry. Live hawks! Program will start at 12:30 and last one hour.

## 28th Joliet Vs. LaSalle: 1:30 p.m.

A Rivalry for the Establishment of Trade & Colonization in the IL Country.

Louis Jolliet & Rene-Robert Cavelier, also known as La Salle were two ambitious 17th Century rivals who sought to establish the first European settlements in today's Illinois. Historian, educator, and author Mark Walczynski will examine the extend of this rivalry, showing how far both men were willing to stretch the truth in order to be the first to establish a French settlement, trade and commerce in the region.

# March

## 6th - Cyclothem 1:30 p.m.

Whats a cyclothem? Learn about the cyclical environmental issues that led to the State of Illinois having 16 layers of coal.

## 13th Maple Syruping 1:30 p.m.

How many gallons of tree sap does it take to make just one gallon of syrup? You'll learn the answer to this question and much more! Join former summer interpreter Lisa Sons as she discusses the history behind how Native Americans turned tree sap into syrup!



## 20th Starved Rock Between the Years 1778-1840 1:30 p.m.

What happened at Starved Rock between 1778 and 1840? Historian, educator, and author Mark Walczynski will present a program that will reveal what happened at and around the famous rock during this mysterious and obscure period of Illinois history.

## 27th Birds of Prey Live! 1:30 p.m.

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. f prey

