

TRAIL TO TONTY CANYON



This Canyon is A MUST to visit! In a photographer's opinion - it is one of the most beautiful in the park! After heavy rains - Tonty Canyon has a double waterfall. The rock formations are truly AMAZING. Not recommended for small children - the footing can be quite slippery along some of the sandstone walkways. The correct name for this Illinois Canyon is Tonty (named after the American Indian, not after Tonti the explorer). It is just a side trail from the more popular LaSalle Canyon and well worth the trip!

LENGTH FROM THE VISITOR CENTER: 1.9 miles

DIFFICULTY: Hard (from the Visitor Center) Moderate (from the Parkman's Plain parking lot) Not recommended for small children due to the footing.

PARKING: Park at the Lower Park parking lot, the Lodge or at Parkman's Plain parking lot

WATERFALL: Yes

TOP VIEW: No

INTERIOR CANYON VIEW: Yes

WILDLIFE: Birdwatching, squirrel, rabbit, white tail deer, reptiles, waterfowl, amphibians.

VIEWS: Illinois River, Owl Canyon Overlook.

CONNECTING TRAILS: Owl Canyon, Hidden Canyon, LaSalle Canyon, Lonetree Canyon, Sandstone Point Overlook.



Tonty Canyon Icefall

VIEWS FROM THE TRAIL

