

TRAIL TO KASKASKIA CANYON



The lofty cliffs and mysterious natural canyons of Starved Rock State Park were created by the work of winds, rains and earth upheavals of centuries long past upon the St. Peter's sandstone which underlies most of the Park.

Sandstone bluffs, carved out by melting waters of a past glacial age, are the most prominent natural features of Starved Rock State Park.

Did you know that this is one of the only trails in the park that you will see an Illinois Grass called Water Horsetail that the American Indians used as straws for medicine many, many years ago? It is true!!! See a photo below and see if you can find them.

LENGTH FROM THE VISITOR CENTER: 4.0 miles

DIFFICULTY: Hard (from the Visitor Center) Easy (from one of the East Parking Lots)

PARKING: Park at the Lower Park parking lot, the Lodge or and East End Parking Lot

WATERFALL: Yes

TOP VIEW: No

INTERIOR CANYON VIEW: Yes

WILDLIFE: Birdwatching, squirrel, rabbit, white tail deer.

VIEWS: Council Overhang, Canyons and Waterfall

CONNECTING TRAILS: Ottawa Canyon, Council Overhang, Illinois Canyon, Hennepin Canyon, Hennepin Canyon Overlook.



Behind Kaskaskia Icefall

VIEWS FROM THE TRAIL

