

TRAIL TO OTTAWA CANYON



Starved Rock State Park is best known for its fascinating rock formations. The valley was formed by a series of floods as glacial meltwater broke through moraines, sending torrents of water surging across the land and deeply eroding the sandstone and other sedimentary rocks.



Ottawa Canyon Ice Fall

This particular set of trails, located at the East end of the park, is a great representation of this past historic stamp in time. You can hike from the Visitor Center to get these spectacular views...or leave the south entrance of the park with your vehicle and park at one of the last three Parking areas on the East end of the park for your adventure. Either way, you won't be sorry you visited these trails!

LENGTH FROM THE VISITOR CENTER: 3.9 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: Kaskaskia Canyon, Council Overhand, Illinois Canyon, Hennepin Canyon, Hennepin Canyon Overlook.

VIEW FROM THE TRAIL

