

September-October

Birds of Prey Live! – September 2

Save 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.*

Autumn Migratory Bird Hike – September 15

Join the park naturalist as we hike to seek out resident birds and greet our fall migrators. 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.*

Buzzing, Beautiful Bees! – September 9/23

The Honeybee: an amazing creature, Merlin and Susan Calhoun will give us a sneak peek into these tiny creatures' amazing lives, including habitat, behavior, and the challenges they face in our world.

Fall Colors Weekend - October 20 & 21

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 10:00 a.m.*

Creatures of the Night – October 27

SOAR will be on hand with several species of owls native to Illinois. See these birds up-close and personal. Learn about these impressive creatures' adaptations and behaviors. *Programs will start at 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. and last one hour. Live birds!*

Haunted Halloween Hike and Storytelling- October 27

Join the park naturalist as we hike the luminary lit trail to the top of Starved Rock and hear about haunted tales of the area. Storytelling is for all ages and will begin at 7 p.m. back at the Visitor Center.

December

All programs listed will take place at the Park's Visitor Center's Kaskaskia Room unless otherwise noted. Special Event hikes will meet directly in front of the Visitor Center.

Holiday Storytelling with Bill Myers- December 30

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.*

Ask about our Junior Ranger Program for Kids!



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STARVED ROCK
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2018 Calendar of Events



All programs are free unless otherwise noted.
Donations are welcome!

Call or visit the
Starved Rock Visitor Center
at 1-815-667-4726

January-February

America's State Park's 1st Day Hike -January 1

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. Hike lasts approximately 1.5 hours. *Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 1:00 p.m.*

Winter Wilderness Weekend – January 20 & 21

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. and 1:00 p.m.*

Eagle Watch Weekend – January 27 & 28

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. *9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day.* www.illinoisaudubon.org.

Winter Drum Circle – February 11

Move to the beat with local musician Kevin Kramer, as he leads an interactive drum circle featuring African Percussion & Native American flutes. It's an experience for all ages and ability levels. Drums provided! Program starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Starved Rock Visitor Center.

Our Outdoor Heritage, Our Region's First Outdoorsmen-February 18th

Stop by the Starved Rock State Park Visitor Center on Sunday, February 18th when park historian and researcher Mark Walczynski will present a program that examines the lives of prehistoric and later historic period Native Americans. Program starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Starved Rock Visitor Center.

March-April

Birds of Prey Live! – March 11

Save 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.*

Tap for Maple Sap! – March 18th

Join our park naturalist Lisa Sons for a presentation on the history of Maple Syrup from Native American methods to Modern Day. Try a piece of maple sugar and head outside to find a maple tree and learn how to tap for sap! *Program begins at 1:30 p.m.*

Earth Day Hike – April 22

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.*

Wildlife Prairie Park presents “Amazing Animals” – April 22

Skunks, turtles, and owls, oh my! Get up close and personal with these native critters, and many more! See what makes them so absolutely amazing. Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 1:30 p.m. **Live animals!**

Annual Wildflower Pilgrimage – April 28 & 29

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-August

Falconry with Rich Escutia

Join local falconer Rich Escutia with his pair of Harris Hawks and female Red Tailed Hawk for an up close and personal educational visit with birds of prey - located by the cabin behind the Starved Rock Visitor Center. *1-3 p.m.: 5/12-13, 5/19-20, 6/2-3, 6/16-17, 7/7-8, 7/28-29, 8/4-5, 8/25-26, 9/8-9, 9/22-23, 10/6-7, and 10/20-21/2018.*

Spring Migratory Bird Hike – May 5

Join the park naturalist as we hike to seek out resident birds and greet our spring migrators. 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.*

Incredible Bats – May 6

In this 1 hour program you will get an overview of the world of bats, as we separate facts from fiction surrounding these nocturnal creatures. With our multi-media presentation and our live Egyptian Fruit and African bats, your view of bats will never be the same again. *Program begins at 1:30 p.m.*

Wildlife Prairie presents

“Reptiles & Amphibians” – May 20

Slime, scales, and mudpuppy tales! Wildlife Prairie Park will be on hand with a few of their friends for a family fun program that will give you a new found respect for our cold blooded friends! Meet at the Starved Rock Visitor Center at 1:30 p.m. **Live animals!**

National Trails Day – June 2

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.*