

# Starved Rock State Park

Saturday, September 20, 2014



Sandstone Canyon



Belle of the Rock paddle wheeler

Can there really be canyons in the Prairie State?  
Yes! Come with us and see for yourself on this fall Saturday excursion. Starved Rock State Park, 100 miles southwest of Chicago, has 18 canyons plus history in its 2,630 acres along the Illinois River. Discover why it was voted the #1 attraction in the Prairie State.

People have been visiting the area for thousands of years. Native Americans came for shelter in the sandstone canyons and for happy hunting. The Kaskaskia tribe had a permanent village on the river's north shore.

The area gets its name from a local legend. Around 1770, a small band of Illini were trapped atop the large sandstone butte on the south shore by Ottawa and Potawatomi warriors. Rather than surrender, the Illini starved to death.

Marquette and Joliet explored the river in 1673, finding it a shortcut back to Lake Michigan. In 1848 the Illinois and Michigan Canal opened the river link between Lake Michigan and the Gulf of Mexico.

The area's natural beauty began drawing tourists, first by boat, then on the Chicago, Ottawa and Peoria interurban railway. Between 1905 and 1908 over 160,000 people rode the river ferry from the train station to the Starved Rock resort hotel, natural pool and dance hall.

The state of Illinois bought the land in 1911. The next year the new park welcomed 75,000 visitors. The interurban is gone now, but modern highways allowed visitor counts to reach 2.1 million in 2010.

Our charter motorcoach takes you to Starved Rock with ease and comfort to see this geological wonderland of Illinois. Join us at the Mount Prospect or LaGrange Metra stations, or at Chicago Union Station.

At the park, embark on the *Belle of the Rock* to see the area as the Indians and explorers did...from the river.

After an hour-long, scenic cruise on this authentic paddle wheel boat, head to a full lunch at the Starved Rock Lodge. The Lodge with its Great Hall was built of unhewn logs, field stones and wood shingles starting in 1933. Lodge construction, as well as park trails and shelters, was done by the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps. In recognition, the Lodge made the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

To see waterfall laced canyons, sandstone bluffs and colorful forests, board a scenic trolley for a narrated tour of the park. Our motorcoach returns early in the evening.

Visit [www.starvedrockstatepark.org](http://www.starvedrockstatepark.org) for more information.

**Trip price includes motorcoach transportation, river cruise, lunch and guided park trolley tour.**



Starved Rock Lodge and trolley

**TRIP 14-I**

September 20, 2014

\$119 per person

**Full Payment Due: Aug. 20**

# 20th Century Railroad Club

# Order Form

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Phone: 312-829-4500  
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## Starved Rock State Park – Trip 14-I

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014**

➤ FULL names of ALL persons in your party \_\_\_\_\_

Number of travelers age 62 and over \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

(evening) \_\_\_\_\_

*REQUIRED so we can contact you quickly with questions and/or itinerary changes*

Email \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON(S)		PER PERSON	TOTAL
	x	\$119.00 =	

Boarding at \_\_\_ Mount Prospect \_\_\_ Chicago (Union Station) \_\_\_ LaGrange Road

>>> Last Day to Receive Order – August 20 <<<

PAYMENT METHOD: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ Discover  
— make check or money order payable to “TCRC”—

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's signature x \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL ORDER TO:** Trip 14-I • 20th Century Railroad Club • PO Box 247 • Arlington Heights, IL 60006

*We will mail your trip information on September 6<sup>th</sup>*

**NOTICE:** Your trip order is subject to the “General Information, Terms and Conditions” attached.

## General Information, Terms and Conditions

**ORDERING:** Please mail your orders to us, on the original form mailed to you, or the one you printed from the PDF file on our Web site.

**CHANGES:** To avoid misunderstandings, requests for changes to any tour reservation must be made in writing, mailed to "Trip Manager," PO Box 247, Arlington Heights IL 60006-0247.

**PRICES & DEPOSITS:** All tours are priced per person as based on double occupancy of one hotel room, if applicable.

A tour price includes: All common carrier transportation, admissions and meals listed in the itinerary as being included, (CB=continental breakfast, B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), hotel accommodations, luggage handling for one suitcase, services of a tour escort, and all taxes for included features. Tips for tour guides and drivers are standard industry practice and are encouraged.

Tour prices and/or departure dates are subject to change at any time. Fuel surcharges added by common carriers, taxes added by governments, or other fees not included at time of printing will be added to the final balance as they are imposed, unless final payment has already been received.

All travel booked through 20th Century is priced at special group fares. No additional discounts of any kind are applicable, except for children ages 2–15, via Amtrak,

If you're looking for a roommate, write us a note, and we'll notify you if anyone else is looking.

A deposit per person (amount specified on trip order form) is due with a completed reservation form, unless stated otherwise. Final payment is due upon the date specified on the trip order form.

If you pay by MasterCard, VISA, or Discover please enter all 16 digits of your account number, and the expiration date, and your signature. We may call you for the three-digit security code on the back of your card. We'll mail a receipt to you.

Trip documents, including instructions, baggage tags, etc., will arrive by mail 10 to 12 days before departure.

**NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:** Items of a personal nature, meals and admissions not listed in the itinerary, and customary gratuities for the tour escort and motorcoach driver. Guidelines for gratuities are provided with tour tickets.

**ENTRY INTO CANADA or OUTSIDE of the UNITED STATES:** A passport, or passport card, valid six months after tour return date, is required for all tour travelers going to/from Canada. For application information, call 877-487-2778, or visit [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport). Give yourself enough time before departure!

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you choose to cancel your trip reservation, you must notify 20th Century Railroad Club in writing — either by mail (Trip Manager, PO Box 247, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0247). or by email ([trips@20thcentury.org](mailto:trips@20thcentury.org)). Your cancellation will be effective on the postmark date of your letter or the date of your email.

**REFUNDS:** Each trip description page has a "final payment due" date and on the trip order form. If you cancel before the due date, 20th Century will retain \$25.00 per person and refund your remaining collected balance. Some trips may charge a higher cancellation fee.

If you cancel after the final payment date, there will be no refund.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip insurance, available on selected trips. Please call our office at 312-829-4500 for details.

**LUGGAGE:** Each trip member is allowed one large suitcase (weighing less than 50 pounds) and one small carry-on bag that fits in the overhead rack. Please attach the supplied baggage tag before departure. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Railroad Club does not assume any liability for loss of or damage to your luggage or any other personal property.

**SMOKING:** Unless you specify otherwise on your order form, all hotel rooms are non-smoking. Every effort will be made to reserve a smoking room if you so request, however most facilities are entirely non-smoking. Smoking is not allowed on board any train, plane or motorcoach.

**SLEEPING CARS:** Sleeping accommodations aboard Amtrak trains are an extra cost option, priced separately going and returning. All Amtrak rooms accommodate one or two persons (in upper and lower berths) and are priced per room. Meals in the diner are included in the cost of an Amtrak sleeping accommodation.

**DELUXE MOTORCOACH:** Many of our trips include travel on a deluxe motorcoach, in addition to train(s) or plane(s). A deluxe motorcoach is a large, comfortable, restroom-equipped bus designed to transport travelers and their luggage over long distances — it is not a city transit bus or a school bus.

**MOBILITY:** All of our trips involve some degree of walking and stair-climbing. If your mobility is limited in any way, please consult us before you reserve space.

**CONDITIONS:** The 20th Century Railroad Club reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a passenger on any of our trips. We reserve the right to alter a published itinerary if conditions beyond our control require such alterations.

We also reserve the right to cancel a trip prior to departure, in which case your entire payment to us will be refunded without further obligation on our part.

Some of the trips in this Catalog are arranged through professional tour operators which are in turn booking agents for various travel vendors. No liability shall be incurred by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Railroad Club, its agents or tour operators because of personal injury or sickness, death, loss of or damage to property, delay, inconvenience or other irregularity experienced by trip members.

## **What You Need To Know about traveling with "The Century"**

WHAT WE ARE... If you enjoy trains and travel, we have a lot to offer you! The 20th Century Railroad Club is an educational and historical organization (incorporated not-for-profit) dedicated to promoting the advantages — and celebrating the history — of travel by rail.

WHAT WE DO... Since 1971, the 20th Century Railroad Club has specialized in planning unique rail-oriented trips for its members, their guests and the public. Most of our trips include at least one ride on a train or trolley.

In recent years, 20th Century has teamed up with tour providers for some of our trips, to offer superbly structured tours all around the U.S., with professional escorts.

Some of our trips are loosely-structured to allow our passengers to choose exactly how and where they will spend their time at a destination, In such cases we will provide information on available destination options.

You should think of traveling with “the Century” as an adventure — a unique experience that may not be entirely predictable, but is nearly always much more fun than you'd have on your own! WHO CAN GO? YOU CAN! Unless a trip is marked “for Club members only,” anyone may travel with us. Of course, our members receive advance notice of all our trips in our monthly newsletter, THE FAST MAIL, and are always first in line for the limited space available. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to sample our public trips and our members meetings before deciding to join our Club.

TYPES OF TRIPS... We offer five categories.

First are One-Day Adventures by various modes.

Second are Getaway trips: These are two to four-day trips via Amtrak and/or other carriers. They usually span weekends and are open to the public.

Third are “Vacations with the Century”: These special five- to ten-day trips, which are open to the public, are the most elaborate we offer. While the ideas come from our Trip Committee, all travel and lodging arrangements are made by a professional tour operator with special expertise in group travel by rail and other carriers. These vacation packages are among the finest available to the train-oriented traveler, and are designed to offer the highest value for your travel dollar.

Fourth are chartered trains, which are open to the public and usually travel to destinations not accessible by regularly scheduled service.

Fifth, we may offer trips available only to our members. Other trips may not be listed in this Catalog, and instead will be advertised in our monthly newsletter for members, THE FAST MAIL, or posted to our website.

Sixth are Private Varnish (PV) tours. What are they? Travel on special or historic railcars, rebuilt and upgraded to ride the rails in wood paneled luxury, complete with first class accommodations. Vista domes, observation cars, and meals cooked on board fit for royalty. Best of all, upon reaching your destination city the train itself is your hotel, centrally located for touring. Our PV train sets are quite possibly the finest rail passenger cars to ride American rails. Absolute elegance! We have taken the service, and rail cars of the past and upgraded everything to today's far higher standards ... for you!

WHY WE DO IT: There is still a special magic to traveling by train. It's a chance to travel in comfort and style; to slow down, settle back, watch the scenery and enjoy a journey the carefree, car-free way.

As Agatha Christie wrote, “Trains are wonderful... To travel by train is to see nature and human beings, towns and churches and rivers...in fact, to see life.”

So, come on along for a ride on the railroad — it's the most civilized form of land transportation.