



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, Feb. 6, 2023

Contact: jayette.bolinski@illinois.gov

Portions of Illinois Beach State Park to be inaccessible during construction

Erosion mitigation project moving forward

SPRINGFIELD – Access to portions of Illinois Beach State Park North Unit will be limited effective today, Monday, Feb. 6, to accommodate construction of a major erosion mitigation project in Lake Michigan.

The closure, which will be in place until further notice while the project is underway, primarily affects pedestrian walking trails. Signs will be posted to notify visitors. The affected area is east of the Sand Pond pedestrian trail at the intersection of 17th Street. Also, areas east of the Sand Prairie day use area, including the beach trail, will be closed.



The construction is part of a \$73 million project by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Capital Development Board to preserve 2.2 miles of Illinois Beach State Park shoreline from harmful erosion from Lake Michigan. Funding was made possible through the Gov. JB Pritzker's historic Rebuild Illinois capital plan. Learn more about the project at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Pages/State-tackling-harmful-Lake-Michigan-shoreline-erosion-at-Illinois-Beach-State-Park.aspx>.

###