Oakford Conservation Area

Located in Mason/Menard County adjacent to the Sangamon River, Oakford Conservation Area is less than 115 acres in size. Cover is mostly abandoned crop ground converted to warm season grasses. There are some willow thickets in old oxbow portions of the area. Almost all of the property is surrounded by a drainage district levee.

The site can be reached from IL. Rt. 97 by turning east to Greenview on Menard County Rd. 1400N at the north edge of Oakford. Going less than 1 mile east, turn north on county road 300E, marked as “Duncheon Street”. Duncheon Street will take you north, winding back to the conservation area parking lot and the drainage district levee. Please do not drive on the levee. Interested parties are advised to be aware of weather conditions, especially when rain is in the forecast. Duncheon Street turns into a one lane dirt road.

All hunting is by statewide regulation and all boundaries are posted.

Public notice of prescribed fire will be included on the IDNR “Closure Listing” seven days prior to burn ignition. Prior to ignition a horn will sound three times to notify any person within the burn unit they have 45 minutes to exit the area. A second horn will sound three times 15 minutes after the first, indicating 30 minutes to exit the area. In addition, notification to the public will be reflected in handouts, hunter fact sheets, hunter windshield card sign-up web page, Sand Ridge State Forest web page, and Sand Ridge telephone answering machine.

For further information, contact Sand Ridge State Forest, P.O. Box 111, Forest City, IL. 61532, phone (309) 597-2212 or go online at [https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx).

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