

State Park Partial Re-Opening

To allow Illinois residents to engage in outdoor activities at our state parks, we are opening the following sites beginning May 1st, provided that visitors comply with social distancing guidelines and general COVID-19 best practices. We also encourage visitors to bring alcohol-based hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol) and face coverings. Additional guidelines include:

- Practice social distancing by **keeping at least six feet of distance** between yourself and others;
- Please **stay home** if you are sick or feeling any symptoms, such as fever, coughing, troubled breathing, and/or other flu-like symptoms;
- **Visit alone or with members of your household;**
- **Stay local;** visit parks that are closest to where you live;
- If you arrive at a park and crowds are forming, please move to another area or return another time/day to visit;
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper arm/elbow.

Park Activities

Parks will be open from sun-up to sundown. Guests will be allowed to engage in activities such as wildlife observation, hiking, biking, equestrian use and fishing (both from the bank and boats) and mushroom collecting. All visitor centers, campgrounds, playgrounds, shelter reservations, interpretive educational programs, beaches, special events and concessions will remain closed.

Sites Open Starting May 1st

Northwestern Illinois: Jubilee College State Park, Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, Rock Island Trail, Lowden State Park, Argyle Lake State Park, Morrison-Rockwood State Park

Northeastern Illinois: Chain o' Lakes State Park, Illinois and Michigan Canal State Trail (includes Buffalo Rock, Channahon, Gebhard Woods, and William G Stratton), Kankakee River State Park, Moraine Hills State Park, Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park/North Point Marina

East Central Illinois: Kickapoo State Park, Clinton Lake State Recreation Area, Eagle Creek State Park, Wolf Creek State Park

West Central Illinois: Siloam Springs State Park, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Sangchris Lake State Park, Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area, Washington County State Recreation Area

Southern Illinois: Wayne Fitzgerrell State Recreation Area, Giant City State Park, Stephen A Forbes State Recreation Area, Fort Massac State Park

State Parks are monitored by the Illinois Conservation Police and park staff. For assistance, please call the Department of Natural Resources Office of Law Enforcement at 217-785-0075 or you can contact an officer assigned to your park's region. Local officer contact information can be found here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/LawEnforcement/Documents/DistrictCPOPhonesAndEmails.pdf>

For health questions about COVID-19, call the Illinois Department of Public Health hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov.