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IDNR Careers

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources offers a wide array of professional careers in the conservation and natural resource arena. Click [here](#) to see what jobs openings are available.

A Message from Director Wayne Rosenthal



The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has just launched a new online tool that will allow landowners, producers and chemical applicators to see the locations of sensitive natural resources in the state.

The new “Natural Resources Awareness Tool for Applicators” is available on the IDNR website at the link posted below.

By providing this additional information, we want to help farmers and applicators better comply with rules and statutes governing the use of herbicides.

This spring and summer, the IDNR will be working with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) and other partner organizations to monitor natural areas and assist IDOA with reports of suspected herbicide damage to trees and other plants.

The online tool was designed to complement the multi-state DRIFTWATCH program, which allows farmers and applicators to identify sensitive crop areas. Producers access the DRIFTWATCH site and enter the location of their fields, and applicators can register to see the location of sensitive crops in the area, plus get email alerts when new fields are added.

Those planning to apply any of the three dicamba products approved for over-the-top applications on soybeans and cotton in 2018 are required to adhere to all label requirements, including completion of a training program. Information regarding the required training can be found on the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association website.

We are committed to working together with our partner agencies and organizations to promote the proper and safe use of herbicides – and to increase awareness of sensitive natural areas, including Illinois Nature Preserves, state parks, and other sites.

To access the new Natural Resources Awareness Tool for Applicators, go to the IDNR website at: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/Pages/Chemical-Drift-Awareness-Areas.aspx>

More information is also available at the Illinois Department of Agriculture pesticide information page at this link: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/default.aspx>

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Springfield, IL
217-782-6302

Bartlett, IL
847-608-3100

Benton, IL
618-435-8138

Chicago, IL
312-814-2070

Highlights



Hunters and Trappers Harvested 318 Bobcats During 2017-18 Season

Hunters and trappers in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 318 bobcats during the 2017-18 Illinois Bobcat Hunting and Trapping Season. Permit holders salvaged another 40 roadkill bobcats during the season. The 2017-18 Illinois bobcat season was open from Nov. 10, 2017 until Feb. 15, 2018, and 1,000 permits were issued to hunters and trappers for the season. [For more information click here](#)

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Butterfly Monitoring Training at Cache River State Natural Area on April 8

Join the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network for this workshop open to anyone who would like to help monitor butterfly populations in Illinois and make a contribution to butterfly conservation. Training includes how to collect and submit data, butterfly identification and field instruction. The training is sponsored by the Chicago Academy of Sciences, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Professional Development Hours are available for teachers. The program is free and open to the public. Bring your own lunch. Sunday, April 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., at Cache River State Natural Area. [For more information click here](#)

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Educational Resources Trunks and Packs for Loan

Resources trunks/packs from the IDNR's Division of Education are Illinois-specific units on 12 topics. Available for loan statewide, they are filled with items for hands-on learning. Teachers, homeschooling educators, scout and youth group leaders, nature center personnel, librarians, day care center staff and families are among the people who can successfully

use these resources. A two-week loan period is suggested. There is no charge to borrow the trunks/packs, although a refundable deposit may be requested. [For more information click here](#)



Hunter and Boating Safety Education Courses:

Register now for Hunter Safety Education and Boating Safety Education courses from the IDNR. Spring classes are being scheduled.

[For more information click here](#)

Check out these amazing time-lapse videos of Illinois' [Great State Parks](#)



Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Great Sushi, Great Conversation, and to support a Great Cause

The Illinois Conservation Foundation!

**April 20
7-9 pm**

Shakou Restaurant,
121 W. Main Street,
Barrington, IL

All proceeds will go towards ICF youth conservation education programs at the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center!

Visit ICF

(217) 785-2003

Highlights



2018 Wingshooting Schedule

IDNR, working with a variety of partners, sponsors wingshooting clinics at sites geographically distributed throughout Illinois. The clinics are conducted on weekends during the spring through early fall of each year. There are two types of clinics offered: Youth/Women's Clinics - designed to teach participants basic firearm and hunter safety, wingshooting fundamentals, as well as practical wingshooting; and, Hunters Clinics - designed to enhance the wingshooting skills of hunters, and impart sound wingshooting practice techniques. [For more information click here](#)



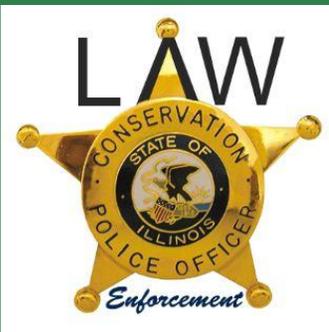
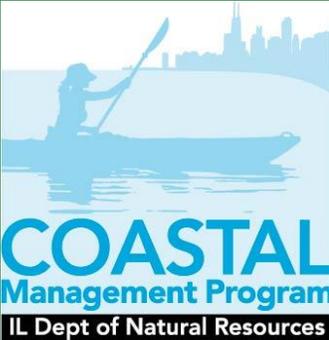
Gardeners' BIG Day 2018 is April 14 at Dickson Mounds

Attendees will hear speakers, visit vendors, and see gardening displays. This is the Nineteenth year for this event. Partnering sponsors include: University of Illinois Extension Fulton and Mason County Master Gardeners & Master Naturalists, Spoon River Garden Club, Dickson Mounds Museum, and U of I Extension Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit. Event requires a fee and registration. [For more information click here](#)



Great Lakes Water Safety Conference

The Great Lakes Water Safety Conference unites first responders, community leaders, park rangers, research scientists, lifeguards, meteorologists, survivors, loved ones, and other water safety advocates to end drowning in the Great Lakes through education, prevention, and intervention. Join in on April 26-27 at the Evanston Civic Center to learn how you can prevent drownings. [For more information click here.](#)



Volunteer Workdays at the Dickson Mounds Museum

Help with spring cleanup at Dickson Mounds Museum. Work will include flowerbed and grounds cleanup, springtime maintenance, planting, and invasive species removal. Sign-up for one day, two days, or the whole series. [For more information click here](#)



Recycled Play Day at the Illinois State Museum is April 7

The green fun returns to the Illinois State Museum. Kick off Earth Month with engaging activities centered on reducing, reusing, and recycling. Participants will work together to build a giant playhouse out of repurposed cardboard boxes.

Children will also enjoy environmental games and recycled art projects. You won't want to miss this great family event. Activities are free with Museum admission and recommended for children ages 5 and up with an adult. For additional information, please contact events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or (217) 558-6696. [For more information click here](#)

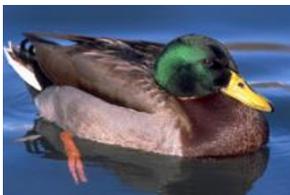


Earth Day Celebration at Jubilee College State Park April 21 & 22

Join Jubilee College State Park in Brimfield for the first annual Earth Day Celebration for education on Earth Day. A free family event with educational activities and

entertainment. [For more information click here](#)

2016-2017 Waterfowl Hunter Report



A total of 1,931 (43% response rate) Illinois waterfowl hunters returned usable questionnaires to the 2016-17 Illinois Waterfowl Hunter Survey. An estimated 41,242 adult waterfowl hunters spent 1 day or more afield during 2016-17, an increase of 2.8% from the

40,104 hunters in 2015-16. Waterfowl hunters spent 870,721 days afield, an increase of 9.5% from the 795,289 days devoted during the 2015-16 license year [For more information click here](#)



Catchable



Trout Program

Illinois Spring Trout Fishing Season Opens April 7

The 2018 Illinois Spring Trout fishing season is just a few days away. Anglers will need both a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp to participate, unless they are under the age of 16, blind, disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. Licenses and trout stamps are available for purchase on the Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) website and at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops,

sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. [For more information click here](#)



Indian Market Days at Cahokia Mounds Museum April 27, 28 & 29

Attend this Native American shopping event held at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. Artists will present for sale Native American arts and crafts from around the country. Many tribal affiliations are represented. Many types of media will be available. [For more information click here](#)

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Learn to Hunt

The Hunter Recruitment Program provides FREE education and training workshops to teach ADULT

participants how to hunt deer, turkey, squirrels, pheasants, ducks, geese and other game. Waterfowl and terrestrial game workshops are open to individuals who have not hunted those species before. Advanced registration is REQUIRED to participate. [For more information click here](#)

[For more information check out our monthly calendar of events!](#)

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