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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 State Fair has been providing family fun for generations, and the fair's theme this year – "Generations of Fun" – is the perfect match for an invitation to visit us as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources again hosts Conservation World at the fair on August 11-20 in Springfield.

Families have been coming to Conservation World for generations to sample all that we have to offer in the outdoors in Illinois. This year will be no exception.

From the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show to free kids fishing clinics, free Voyageur canoe rides, and other free outdoor recreation activities, Conservation World promises plenty to do and see for generations young and older. Conservation World is a 30-acre park on the northwest corner of the Illinois State Fairgrounds, adjacent to the IDNR headquarters. Once you're on the fairgrounds, free attractions at Conservation World include the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, with plenty of log-splitting, log-rolling excitement.

A new butterfly house will be stocked with native butterflies, and monarch butterflies will be tagged and released at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Saving monarchs and other native pollinators is a focus at the IDNR Education Tent, where the first 5,000 families visiting the tent can take home a packet of native plant seeds for a pollinator garden, and adults and children can take part in an activity to design a pollinator garden.

Other traditional free activities for kids at Conservation World include fishing clinics, with all bait and tackle provided. After the free clinics, kids can head over to the Fisheries tent and sign up for free catch-and-release fishing on the Conservation World pond.

Thanks to our IDNR shooting sports experts and safety education instructors, kids can practice on the BB gun and archery ranges.

Everyone in the family will enjoy interactive displays from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Illinois State Museum, and the IDNR Division of Historic Preservation. Our wildlife, fisheries, and natural heritage biologists, our state forest resources staff, our private lands habitat experts, and volunteers from the Illinois Green Industry Association will on hand to answer questions.

With some of the state fair's favorite food vendors, picnic tables, shade trees, and lots to do, we think Conservation World is one of the best places to spend time on the fairgrounds. Please plan to join us. We'll be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on August 11-20.

DNR in the news

**Endangered terns
found nesting**

**Waukegan Harbor
Grant**

**Bicentennial
Celebration**

**Pheasant at Green
River**

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Highlights



No Silver or Bighead Carps Found as Sampling Concludes in Illinois Waterway

No silver or bighead Asian carp were seen or caught during two-weeks of intensive monitoring initiated by the capture of an adult male silver carp 9 miles from Lake Michigan on June 22. The silver carp was captured by a contracted commercial fisher below the T.J. O'Brien Lock and Dam. The capture triggered the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee's Contingency Response Plan. Contingency response becomes necessary when silver or bighead carps are discovered in unexpected places in the Chicago Area Waterway System. [For more information click here](#)



Historic Preservation Agency Joins Illinois Department of Natural Resources

The IDNR welcomes the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) to the newly created Division of Historic Preservation within the IDNR Office of Land Management. "These two offices will complement and enhance our mission as the agency responsible for protecting our natural and cultural resources in the state of Illinois," said IDNR Director Wayne Rosenthal. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources benefits the economy in every corner of our great state, from state parks to outdoor recreation to regulation and permitting. Activities associated with IDNR support tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic impact annually. [For more information click here](#)



Controlled Pheasant Hunting Reservation Information Now Available Online

Online application period for IDNR-managed sites begins Aug. 7. Controlled pheasant hunting opportunities will be available at 20 IDNR sites during the 2017-18 hunting season. Dates and permit reservation information are now available online. Sixteen of the sites are operated by the IDNR, while four other sites continue to be operated in a public/private partnership arrangement between the IDNR and concessionaire T. Miller, Inc. [For more information click here](#)



Grand American World Trapshooting Championships August 2-12.

The Amateur Trapshooting Association proudly presents the one hundred and eighteenth Grand American World Trapshooting Championships August 2 -12, 2017 at IDNR's World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, IL. [For more information click here](#)

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



The ICF is honoring four Illinoisans for their life-long dedication to promoting and enhancing outdoor recreation and natural resources conservation with induction as the newest members of the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame inductees are recognized each year at a presentation at Conservation World at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, to be held on Aug. 19.
Visit ICF
(217) 785-2003

Highlights



TIMBER
RATTLESNAKE
Photo: Scott Ballard

Snakes and the law in Illinois

The updated snake brochure is available online. Illinois is home to 40 species of snakes. Only 4 of the 40 species are venomous. 11 of the 40 species are listed as endangered or threatened. The brochure also has information on research and regulations for permits.- [For more information click here](#)



100 Day Countdown to the Illinois

Bicentennial Celebration The Governor's Office of the Illinois Bicentennial announced that Kaskaskia Island has been selected as the site to begin the 100 Day Countdown to the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration. Events are being planned for Constitution Day – Aug. 26, 2017 – in front of

the Liberty Bell of the West and along the Kaskaskia/Cahokia trail.
[For more information click here](#)



Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site Hosts Portrayal of Mary Lincoln on August 5

At the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site on Saturday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m., Jessica Michna will present a first-person portrayal of Mary Lincoln as she recalls her early years and education in Lexington, Kentucky. Ms. Michna's performance will take place in the site's visitor center auditorium,

and is free and open to the public. [For more information click here.](#)

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