



# Inside Illinois DNR

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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 is proud to be a part of the celebration of Illinois' Bicentennial as we look forward to our state's 200th birthday on December 3, 2018. The Bicentennial provides us with a chance to celebrate Illinois' history, people and communities.

To commemorate the start of the year-long celebration, Bicentennial flags were raised at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield, the Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site, and at landmarks in communities throughout the state.

To help celebrate our state's history, people, and culture, the Illinois State Museum hosted an open house on Statehood Day providing a behind-the-scenes look at some of the Illinois Legacy Collection – artifacts that help tell the story of Illinois, many of them dating to Illinois' prehistory. The Museum will provide interesting programs, exhibits and online resources in the coming months that will help Illinoisans, and visitors to our state, gain a greater appreciation of what Illinois is all about.

Speaking of history, our Illinois State Museum system and Illinois State Historic Sites managed by the IDNR will help bring to life not just 200 years of Illinois history, but more than 2,000 years. From the Cahokia Mounds Historic Site in southwest Illinois, to the Dickson Mounds Museum in central Illinois, visitors can learn the stories and sense the culture of those who lived here long before Illinois was a state.

From Colonial times, to the Illinois Territory, to statehood in 1818, state historic sites like Fort De Chartres, Fort Kaskaskia, the Kaskaskia Bell Memorial, the Governor Bond Memorial, and the Pierre Menard Home take visitors back in time to when Illinois was new.

As we manage the natural resources of our state – for the benefit of Illinois residents today, and for generations to come – the IDNR will help tell stories of conservation and of our natural heritage in Illinois through online storytelling that will be a part of our Bicentennial celebration. Like our Facebook page and watch for many of those stories.

Birthdays are definitely worth celebrating, and we are proud to be part of the Illinois Bicentennial party. #Illinois200 #IllinoisProud

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## DNR in the news

**C. Herron New  
100 Mile World  
Record Holder**

**New Off Road  
Vehicle Trail  
System**

**A look inside the  
Dana Thomas  
House**

**Rare Alligator  
Snapping Turtle  
Found**

Statewide Offices

**Springfield, IL  
217-782-6302**

**Bartlett, IL  
847-608-3100**

**Benton, IL  
618-435-8138**

**Chicago, IL  
312-814-2070**

**Clinton, IL  
217-935-6860**

## Highlights



### **IDNR Warns Landowners to Check the Value of Their Trees**

With high market prices for hardwood logs and lumber, timber sellers need to exercise caution. Illinois forest landowners stand to be paid record-high prices for their mature forest trees and logs on farm and forest holdings, thanks to outstanding market prices for hardwood logs and lumber. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Division of Forest Resources is urging forest landowners to consult with a professional forester before agreeing to sell. [For more information click here](#)



### **IDNR Conservation Police Announce Results of Western Illinois Deer Hunting Enforcement Detail**

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police have issued more than 50 citations and warnings for illegal deer hunting and related offenses in November. The illegal activity was discovered during enforcement details in Pike and Adams counties on Nov. 8-9. [For more information click here](#)



### **Let's Go Turkey Hunting - IRAP Taking Applications Now for Spring**

The Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) is encouraging youth and adult hunters to plan now to enjoy spring turkey hunting during the 2018 Illinois Spring Turkey Season, with access to excellent turkey habitat available through IRAP. Youth Hunters Apply by February 23 for Youth Season and Hunters Apply by March 18 for Seasons 3 and 4. [For more information click here](#)



### **IDNR Seeking Applicants for Conservation Police Officer Trainee**

IDNR is seeking applicants for the position of Conservation Police Officer Trainee. While the Department is not yet hiring, the selection process will begin with a written exam in January with the intent to hire up to 20 officers in 2018. [For more information click here](#)

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



# TORSTENSON YOUTH CONSER- VATION EDUCATION CENTER

The ICF is excited to present the short version of our new promotional video **"Turning Screen Time into Green Time"**.

Take a look at the clip to see the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center and some of the many activities we are making available to the youth of Illinois.

**Visit ICF**

(217) 785-2003

## Highlights



### Winter Family Fun Day; December 16, 1 PM – 4 PM at The Illinois State Museum

Bring the whole family to the Museum for an afternoon of fun and games

inspired by the "Toy Box: Inspiration through Play" art exhibition. Visitors will enjoy playful crafts, a photo scavenger hunt in the Museum, building block challenges, board games, and more. [For more information click here](#)



### Register Now for Central Illinois Youth Goose Hunt

Youth interested in participating in the annual Central Illinois Youth Goose Hunt, sponsored by the IDNR, may register now for the hunt scheduled for January 14-15, 2018. To register for a drawing to participate in the hunt, youth hunters must phone in to the IDNR at 217-785-8060 by the registration deadline of Friday, December 29. [For more information click here](#)



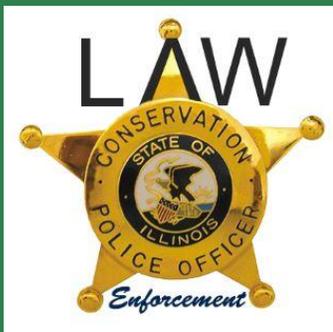
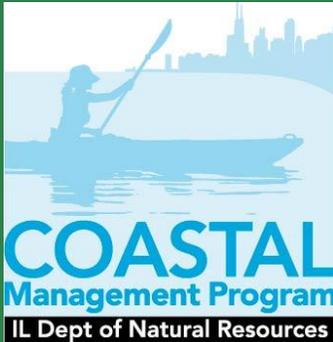
### Applications Being Accepted for 2018 Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grants

Teachers and home-schooling educators of grades prekindergarten through 12 in Illinois may apply. Take learning to life with an Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant. The application deadline is January 31, 2018. All funds for this program are donated. [For more information click here.](#)

### Illinois Firearm Season Preliminary Harvest Totals 80,021 Deer



Hunters harvested a preliminary total of 80,021 deer during the seven-day Illinois Firearm Deer Season that concluded on Sunday, Dec. 3. The 2017 preliminary harvest total compares to the final total of 79,559 deer harvested during the firearm season in 2016. [For more information click here](#)



### Controlled Pheasant Hunting Hunter Quotas Increased at Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA

IDNR has announced that the daily hunter quotas have been increased on the Controlled Pheasant Hunting Unit at the Jim

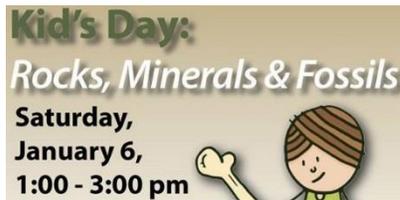
Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area in Cass Co. through the close of the hunting season on Sunday, January 14. Additional pheasants will be released at the site as a result of the hunter quota increase.

[For more information click here](#)



### 32nd Annual Holiday Open House at Bryant Cottage; December 9, 5 PM – 7 PM

Come enjoy holiday traditions in the 19th Century style as Bryant Cottage State Historic Site celebrates its 32nd Annual Holiday Open House. This evening event provides a rare opportunity to enjoy the cottage as it is lit only by candles and lamplight. Period appropriate decorations and a large Christmas tree decked with handmade ornaments will be on display. Visitors will also get an opportunity to take a carriage ride around the park, which will be decorated with luminaries and the town's gorgeous Christmas tree in the center of the park. [For more information click here](#)



### Kid's Day: Rocks, Minerals & Fossils; Hosted by Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds January 6, 1 PM - 3 PM

Learn about a variety of rocks, minerals, and fossils through viewing collections from area experts and representatives of local clubs. Specimens from the Illinois State Museum Collections will be on view. Hands-on activities and crafts to take home. Kid's day programs are for kids ages 5 years and older with an adult. Registration is not required. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. [For more information click here](#)

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

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