



Inside Illinois DNR

July 2019

Volume 7, Number 7

In This Issue

- *OSLAD, LWCF and Boat Access Grant Programs*
- *New Illinois State Museum Director*
- *Illinois State Parks Guide*
- *Short Film Festival*

Find Out More

DNR Home Page
Natural Resources
Parks and Recreation
Mines and Minerals
Hunting and Trapping
Fishing
Education/Outreach
Safety and Rules
Online Services

IDNR Careers

IDNR offers a wide array of professional careers in the conservation and natural resource arena. [Click here](#) to see the job openings available.

A Message from Director Colleen Callahan



Have you ever wanted to travel back in time to take a closer look at your favorite era, get to know a historical figure you admire or learn more about an important event? Believe it or not, time travel is possible in Illinois and the IDNR is just the agency to help make it happen — over and over again this summer!

For a spontaneous daytrip or a weekend adventure, consider visiting some of Illinois' fascinating state historic sites. Families looking for a place to take the kids back in time without boring them to tears will find plenty to like.

Take them back more than 1,000 years to the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville. Cahokia Mounds is a World Heritage Site that was once home to thousands of Native Americans. The 2,200-acre site features more than 70 prehistoric mounds and a must-see museum and interpretive center. Better yet, energetic kids will enjoy a hike to the top of Monk's Mound, the ceremonial center of the site.

While in southwest Illinois, families also can take in the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, or head south along the Mississippi River to experience Illinois' French colonial history at Fort de Chartres and the Fort Kaskaskia site high on the Mississippi River bluff near Chester.

In east central Illinois, history buffs and Lincoln admirers will find the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site south of Charleston, which preserves the last home and farm of Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother.

But Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site isn't the only place to get your fill of the nation's 16th president. The Springfield area proves the point with nearly a dozen historic sites and additional Lincoln landmarks — from the only home the Lincolns owned, to their final resting place within the Lincoln Tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Other state historic sites in the Springfield area include the reconstructed Old State Capitol, which served as Illinois' seat of government from 1839 to 1876, and Lincoln's New Salem, the log cabin village about 20 miles northwest of Springfield, where young Lincoln lived in the 1830s.

The story of an important Lincoln friend and confidante is preserved at the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site in Bloomington; General Ulysses S. Grant's home in Galena in far northwest Illinois is also a state historic site.

For a tour of genealogical history, Illinois' Swedish American history comes to life in north-central Illinois at the Bishop Hill State Historic Site in Henry County.

In all, there are more than 50 state historic sites in all parts of Illinois managed by the IDNR, giving families a multitude of summer staycation opportunities. Get out a map, plot your journey, load the kids in the car and head out for a summer adventure immersed in Illinois history — before the school bells ring again.

DNR in the News

**Grass Carp and
the Great Lakes**

**Otey-Grisley
Nature Preserve**

**Mowing on the
Farm: Guidelines
for Protecting
Pollinators**

**Conserving the
Illinois River
Legacy**

Statewide Offices

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

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

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

Highlights

Illinois State Museum Welcomes New Director



The IDNR has announced the appointment of Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko as the new director of the Illinois State Museum. The appointment is the result of a nationwide search by a special committee of the State Museum Board. “We’re extremely excited to have Cinnamon on board as the new director of the Illinois State Museum,” said Colleen Callahan, director, IDNR. “She brings with her a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy and we can’t wait for her to take the reins of the Illinois State Museum.” To read more information about the new director, [click here](#).

Leave Fireworks Displays to those Who are Licensed and Trained



The IDNR is reminding organizations and individuals sponsoring fireworks displays in Illinois to be sure their fireworks vendor has the required state licenses and certificates issued by the IDNR and the Office of the State Fire Marshal prior to their fireworks show. [Click here](#) for more information.

IDNR Accepting Applications for OSLAD and LWCF Grant Programs



The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting grant applications through the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) and the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) programs. Applications for both programs are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.

Boat Access Area Development Program



Applications through the IDNR Boat Access Area Development Program are now being accepted. The Boat Access Area program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public boat and canoe access areas in Illinois. Deadline to apply is August 19. For more information, [click here](#).



ICF Membership Program

Become an ICF Member Today

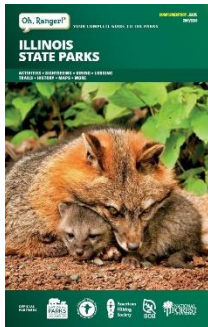
With your help, we are "Turning Screen Time into Green Time."

Join ICF Today

Call (217) 785-2003

Visit ICF

New Illinois State Parks Guide Available



The 2019-2020 Illinois State Parks guide is available in print and online. The booklet is a useful guide to an eventful day in a state park picnic area, a weekend at a state park lodge or campground, a hike in a state forest, a ride on a state trail or hunting and fishing trips to a state fish and wildlife area. To access the PDF version, [click here](#). Copies of the state parks guide **can be ordered** through the IDNR online publications Web page.

Check Your Boat Registration



The IDNR reminds boat owners in Illinois to check their three-year boat registration/decals and renew their registration if it expires in 2019. Renewing watercraft registration can be done online through the IDNR website at

www.dnr.illinois.gov or by phone by calling 1-866-867-3542. New or renewed three-year watercraft registrations will expire on September 30 in the calendar year of expiration. For details on Illinois watercraft registration requirements and fees, [click here](#). Unpowered watercraft, including canoes, kayaks, paddle boats or paddle boards in Illinois are no longer required to have a Water Usage Stamp.

Urban Fishing Clinics



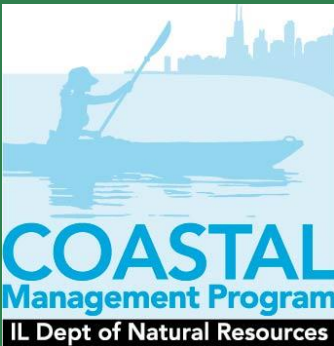
The free IDNR Urban Fishing Program clinics are targeted toward children ages 16 and younger, but anyone interested in learning basic fishing techniques can attend. Urban Fishing Program clinics are presented on weekdays, usually with morning and

afternoon sessions. [Click here](#) to find more information about this program.

Video Podcasts



Video podcasts from the IDNR are available for use as teaching tools and for personal learning as well. Many topics cover basic information, but others show how to teach lessons or how to take part in outdoor activities. Watch a few and see what you can discover! For more information, [click here](#).



Carl Sandburg Songbag Concert



HISTORIC
Preservation
DIVISION

The July 14 Carl Sandburg Songbag Concert Series performance by David Berntson will be in the Sandburg site's barn at 313 East Third Street in Galesburg. The show starts at 4:00 p.m. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. The 2019 Sandburg Songbag concerts are made possible thanks to a grant from the Mark and Celia Godsil Family Fund, a Donor Advised Fund of the Galesburg Community Foundation and the Community Impact Fund at the Galesburg Community Foundation. The concert is presented by the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association and the IDNR.

Kaskaskia River Rough Fish Round Up



The annual Kaskaskia Rough Fish Round Up bowfishing tournament will be held on July 13 at the Wood Duck Marina and Boat Ramp in Baldwin. For details about the event, [click here](#).

The Sweet Potatoes to Perform at Illinois State Museum



The Sweet Potatoes come out of southern California to provide their own blend of country, folk and homespun Americana. They will be performing at the Illinois State Museum's "Music at the Museum" on Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 (\$8 for Museum Members and children under 12 years old). [Click here](#) for more information.

Midwest Waterways Short Film Festival



July 11 and 25, 2019, all day each day

Fee: \$5 per ticket

Illinois State Museum – Lockport Gallery

Whether you are a filmmaker or a film buff, the Midwest Waterways Short Film Festival is a great opportunity to see the storytelling talents of the independent film industry. Come enjoy the event in the Roxy Theater, a newly restored art deco venue in the heart of Lockport's historic downtown. The July 11 subject matter is "Drama," and the July 25 topic is "Comedy." For more information, [click here](#).

Tot Time for July: Happy Birthday America with Ben Franklin



Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown hosts "Happy Birthday America with Ben Franklin" as the Tot Time program on July 4 at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free, and registration is not required. [Click here](#) for additional information.



Volunteer at Lincoln Log Cabin in Lerna



HISTORIC
Preservation
DIVISION

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic site is seeking additional volunteers to assist at the information desk and in the gift shop. Training is provided.

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site re-creates the 19th century home of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln, father and step-mother of the president. The site is eight miles south of Charleston and is open seven days a week for free public tours. To volunteer or for more information, call 217-345-1845.

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

Visit the IDNR on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter!](#)

