



# 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 Conservation Foundation does a wonderful job supporting and promoting programs that aim to spark an interest in the outdoors among young people. The mission of the ICF is to inspire youth by providing quality outdoor education and programs that instill interest in conservation, ecology and sustainability.

That mission – and those goals – were on full display at the recent ICF “Shoot for the Stars” Gala, held on the banks of the Fox River in Geneva. The fundraising banquet was a great success, thanks to donors, friends and supporters from all corners of the state who share the ICF commitment to making sure today’s youth can become tomorrow’s conservation leaders.

Recent inductees to the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame were recognized at the gala, and each of them has a track record of supporting youth engagement in the outdoors.

Chicago area businessmen Jim Grandt and Jim Scheer have each worked for decades on programs promoting youth involvement in conservation, and have been tireless fundraisers for youth outdoor recreation opportunities.

Hall of Fame inductee Bob Becker of Brighton was at the banquet, a day after his 88th birthday, working to get kids outdoors through programs like the Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources’ Outdoor Youth Skills Camp. Mick Wanless of Springfield established the Friends of the Outdoors organization to provide youth recreation, including a new BB gun range for the IDNR Safety Education Program.

Glenda Zanders of Evansville has dedicated much of her time, money, and behind-the-scenes efforts to promoting youth recreation, including the IDNR Wingshooting Clinic program and ICF youth hunts. And Dave Nelson of Barrington has helped provide funding for open space expansion and youth programs throughout northeast Illinois.

Thanks to the leadership of these Hall of Famers, the ICF Board, and ICF Executive Director Eric Schenck, getting kids outdoors and involved in conservation stewardship activities will continue to be at the forefront for the Illinois Conservation Foundation.

For more information on how you can help, go to [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org).

## DNR in the news

**Groene Honored**

**Changes for 2018  
Boat Registration**

**Pere Marquette  
SP pond  
dedication is  
Oct. 6**

**Fall establishment  
of prairie habitat  
Statewide Offices**

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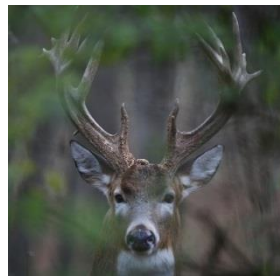
## Highlights



Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. [For more information click here](#)

### **Bryant Cottage State Historic Site Added to National Register of Historic Places**

Bryant Cottage State Historic Site is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which recognizes historic places worthy of preservation. The site is recognized both as a well-maintained “hall and parlor” type middle class home of the 1850s, and as the site of a historic meeting between Abraham



[For more information click here](#)

### **New State Law Allows All Hunters in Illinois to Use Crossbows During Archery Seasons**

Hunters in Illinois may use crossbows during archery hunting seasons, including the Illinois Archery Deer Season and the Illinois Fall Turkey Archery Season which began on Oct. 1. Governor Bruce Rauner signed into law House Bill 2893, which amended the Illinois Wildlife Code to repeal restrictions on the use of crossbows during archery hunting seasons in Illinois.



### **New Law Results in Changes in Illinois Bobcat Hunting and Trapping Season**

A new state law will allow hunters and trappers to harvest up to 350 bobcats during the 2017-18 Illinois Bobcat Hunting and Trapping Season which opens on Nov. 10. The legislation making changes in the bobcat season, House Bill 3399, was signed into law on Sept. 22. [For more information click here](#)



### **State and Federal Sites to be Open for 2017-18 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Seasons**

A number of Illinois state parks, fish and wildlife areas, conservation areas and recreation areas will be open to youth waterfowl hunting during the 2017 North Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, South Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt and South Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt. Federal sites that fall under the IDNR waterfowl administrative rule that will be open are also available. [For more information click here](#)

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Register today  
for the 2017  
Director's Hunt  
Fundraiser.

Held at Wayne  
Fitzgerrell State  
Recreation Area  
on  
November  
20 & 21

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two guided  
hunts, two boxes  
of steel shot  
shells, guide &  
dog. Lunch on  
Monday,  
banquet Monday  
night, breakfast  
Tuesday  
morning.

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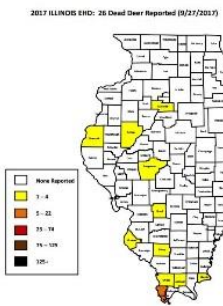
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### Illinois Youth Firearm Deer Hunt is

**October 7-9** The 2017 Illinois Youth Firearm Deer Hunt is Oct. 7-9 for those hunters with a valid Youth Deer Permit who have not reached their 18th birthday by the first day of the hunt. Youth Deer Permits are available over-the-counter at license vendors throughout the state. Hunters may purchase only one permit (either-sex) for one of the open counties. Hunters that are 16 years of age or older must also have a Habitat Stamp. [For more information click here](#)



### Hunters and Landowners Encouraged to Report Suspected Cases of EHD

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has received reports of 26 suspected cases of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) so far in 2017 (as of 9/27/17). Scattered reports from the southern two-thirds of the state involving a few animals suggests that EHD has been very light this year, to date. However, recent unseasonably warm temperatures coupled with prolonged dry conditions throughout the state suggest that EHD may increase this fall.

[For more information click here](#)



### Park Enhancement Recommendations project for William W. Powers State Recreation Area

IDNR is grateful to the nearly 1,200 community members and other stakeholders who provided input and feedback during the planning process as a survey taker and/or public open house participant. We are pleased to share the Fall 2017 Progress Report. It summarizes the great headway IDNR and our partners have made at Wm Powers in the past 12 months. [For more information click here.](#)

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