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A Message from Director Wayne Rosenthal



If you haven't done so already, check out the new OutdoorIllinois Wildlife Journal.

For decades, Illinois outdoor enthusiasts enjoyed learning about the state's natural resources and recreational activities through the award-winning magazine OutdoorIllinois. Everyone interested in the Prairie State's wildlife resources will be able to access similar articles through the new OutdoorIllinois Wildlife Journal, an online magazine available at the link below.

OutdoorIllinois Wildlife Journal will feature timely, seasonally based stories about the state's wildlife resources and recommended wildlife management practices for the private landowner. The magazine will also include features on recreational activities, including hunting, trapping, wildlife watching and photography, and places to recreate in Illinois.

Each issue will contain a diversity of interesting articles. The current edition has features on a century of migratory bird protection, upland bird monitoring, and the latest deer research.

Among the authors contributing to the magazine are university professionals responsible for much of the current wildlife-based research taking place in Illinois. And, in addition to current IDNR staff, several retired IDNR wildlife and conservation law enforcement professionals, with decades of experiences to share, will be contributing authors.

The magazine will also have contributions from partner natural resource organizations throughout the state.

OutdoorIllinois Wildlife Journal is a collaborative effort led by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, and the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. Funding for OutdoorIllinois Wildlife Journal was made available through Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Project W-147-T.

Point, click, and enjoy the new OutdoorIllinois Wildlife Journal at <https://outdoor.wildlifeillinois.org>.

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Highlights



IDNR Announces 2017-18 Waterfowl Hunting Season Dates

The seasons include 60-day duck seasons in each of the state's four waterfowl hunting zones, along with 107 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the North and Central zones (15 days in September, two days of youth hunting and 90 days of "regular" goose season), 99 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Central Zone, and 87 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Zone. Goose season lengths are shorter in the South Central and South zones to coincide with duck season dates and to match hunter preferences. [For more information click here](#)



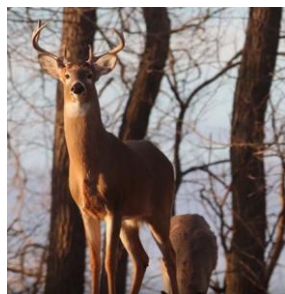
IDNR Presents 2017 Volunteer of the Year Awards

IDNR announced the recipients of the 2017 Outstanding Volunteer of the Year awards, recognizing 10 individuals and two groups for their volunteer service to the IDNR. Volunteers provide outstanding service throughout the year to the people of Illinois and to visitors to our state at our state parks, state museums, state historic sites, programs and activities. [For more information click here](#)



Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame Welcomes Becker, Nelson, Wanless and Zanders

The Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) announced the selections of four longtime Illinois conservationists as the newest members of the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame. C.E. (Bob) Becker, David Nelson, Michael (Mick) Wanless, and Glenda Zanders were selected from among dozens of individuals nominated by Illinois citizens and conservation organizations for induction as the Class of 2017 for the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame. [For more information click here](#)



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](#)

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



Consider attending ICF's annual Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame Gala and fundraising banquet on September 28 in Geneva.

This year's event—always known for its fantastic raffle and auction items—will be at Riverside Receptions overlooking the beautiful Fox River in historic downtown Geneva, IL.

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(217) 785-2003

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IDNR to Conduct Chronic Wasting Disease Public Informational Meetings

IDNR has scheduled a series of public meetings to provide information about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), its effect on future deer populations, and IDNR's efforts to control the disease. IDNR staff will also be available to answer questions about this disease. Landowners, hunters, and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend. CWD is an important issue that will dominate deer management discussions in northern Illinois for many years. [For more information click here](#)



Turas Returns to the Sandburg Songbag Concert Series

Turas, the popular Peoria Celtic band, returns to the Sandburg Songbag Series on Sunday, September 10, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site in Galesburg. The Songbag concerts are now on the second Sunday of each month starting at 4 p.m. [For more information click here](#)



Vachel Lindsay Home to Host Three Poets in the Parlor Events

The public is invited to attend three poetry events in the coming months at the Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site in Springfield. The "Poets in the Parlor" poetry readings on September 17, October 29, and November 29 will provide an opportunity for guests to listen to and discuss poetry in the home of the artist Vachel Lindsay. All programs will begin at 2 p.m. [For more information click here.](#)

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