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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



“Welcome Back!”

That is the theme for the July 2 celebration planned at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield as museum staff will welcome back visitors to learn more about the natural and cultural heritage of Illinois.

From its founding in 1877, to the welcome back celebration of 2016, the Illinois State Museum has focused its collections, research, exhibits and programs toward telling the story of Illinois to the people of Illinois, and to visitors from throughout the world.

As we welcome back visitors to the museum, the guiding principles of the museum continue to include the maintaining of a record of Illinois’ land, life, people and art. Our dedicated museum staff is ready to welcome back visitors to the Illinois State Museum in Springfield and Dickson Mounds Museum near Lewistown through exhibits and educational programs, but also with online resources through which anyone anywhere can connect with Illinois State Museum collections and experts.

Museum curators delight in sharing collections with museum visitors – from prehistoric fossils, to the works of Illinois artisans, to the history of the Illinois prairie. Museum exhibits interpret the glaciers that formed the Illinois landscape, the lives of Native Americans, the agricultural and industrial development of Illinois, and the technological innovations that drive our modern economy.

No matter your interest, the staff at the Illinois State Museum is ready to help you connect with its collections and learn more about Illinois.

Welcome back...to the Illinois State Museum.

[DNR in the news](#)

Monarchs Need Help

Soft-shelled turtle: Built for speed

Cold War Relic

Water Safety Urged

[Statewide Offices](#)

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217-782-6302

Bartlett, IL
847-608-3100

Clinton, IL
217-935-6860

Benton, IL
618-435-8138

Highlights



Summer Urban Fishing Clinics

Learning how to fish is fun, easy and free for youngsters and families throughout Illinois this summer thanks to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Urban Fishing Program. Free fishing clinics are scheduled at 20 sites throughout the state. Clinics provide free instruction and fun for kids. [For more information click here](#)



IDNR Announces Chinook Salmon Stocking Reduction

IDNR, along with partnering fishery management agencies around Lake Michigan, have announced plans for a 62 percent lake-wide reduction in Chinook salmon stocking beginning in 2017. The stocking reduction represents a commitment by fishery managers to maintain a quality and diversified Lake Michigan salmon and trout fishery in the face of a changing ecosystem and record low abundances of prey fish populations, including alewives. [For more information click here](#)



IDNR, State Fire Marshal Urge Public to Leave Fireworks Displays to Those Who Are Licensed and Trained

IDNR and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) are 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 OSFM prior to their fireworks show. [For more](#)

[information click here](#)



Camping Reservations

Summer is a great time for camping in Illinois. Make campsite and shelter reservations for many IDNR sites online through the Reserve America website at www.reserveamerica.com using a credit card. For more information, check the IDNR website at [For more](#)

[information click here](#)

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

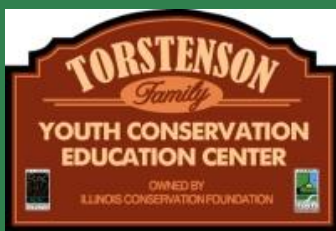


Youth Outdoors Education Visits

We've been busy both at the Torstenson Center this summer, and on the road with our mobile education station.

Check out some of our photos of summer camp and other youth programs by clicking [here](#).

If you'd like to visit the Center or schedule a mobile visit you can visit [here](#) and fill out our informational form to get more info



Highlights



Prairie State Hike App Update

Visitors to Starved Rock, Illinois Beach, Giant City, and Pere Marquette State Parks can now take a guided hike on the parks' most popular trails by downloading a new smartphone app. Download the Prairie State Hike App for 99 cents from iTunes or Google Play. Features of the app include a map, points of interest, audio for each stop, photographs and video. [For more information click here](#)



Visitors to Starved Rock Should Watch for Crowd Updates on Social Media over Holiday Weekend

Travelers planning a trip to Starved Rock State Park near Utica over the Fourth of July weekend are asked to stay informed on park crowds by monitoring Illinois Department of Natural Resources Facebook and Twitter feeds. During the Memorial Day weekend, the park received 94,000 visitors, pushing the park to capacity and causing a temporary closure when parking lots overflowed. [For more information click here](#)

Kids for Conservation® for July: Illinois' Snakes



Kids for Conservation® from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is great for schools, youth groups and families to participate in. The July topic is Illinois' Snakes. Information, teacher resources, Kids in Action, videos, a quiz and upcoming youth events can be found on the Web page. [For more information click here](#).

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

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