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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



I had the honor recently of meeting and congratulating dozens of people from all corners of the state who volunteer their time at state parks, fish and wildlife areas, safety education classes and the Illinois State Museum. From helping researchers learn more about the natural and cultural history of the state, to clearing trails, to hosting youth hunts at our state parks, volunteers provide tens of thousands of hours of their time to help our staff and those who visit our IDNR sites.

Each year during the Illinois State Fair, the IDNR presents Outstanding Volunteer of the Year awards to individuals and organizations to spotlight the important contributions volunteers make every day.

Our volunteers really are outstanding.

Members of the Sangchris Lake Waterfowl Association conduct hunter drawings each day during the waterfowl season, build and place nesting structures at Sangchris Lake, and coordinate the site's annual youth waterfowl hunt.

Springfield-area residents Russ McClellan and Steve Kapple both provide a huge help to curators in organizing and cataloging artifacts and records at the state museum's Research and Collections Center.

Susie Johnson of Morris has been a member and officer of the Goose Lake Prairie Partners for nearly 20 years, active in every project and committee the group has had at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area in northeast Illinois.

The Friends of Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area have raised funds and installed improvements to the site's trap range and have worked on habitat restoration.

Jan Sundberg of Carbondale has dedicated thousands of hours to assisting staff and visitors at Giant City State Park in southern Illinois, including taking hundreds of photos of the park, which are on display at the visitor center and in a wildflower and plant book about Giant City.

Barb and Randy Wlaskolich and Dean Mathias of Milan literally cut their way through brush and vines to reopen a 1.5-mile section of the Hennepin Canal trail in the Quad Cities that had become overgrown.

Robert Musgrave of Decatur helps in the campground and with fall hunting programs at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area.

The Fulton County Hunter Safety Education Team has 25 volunteer instructors who have helped train more than 4,200 young hunters over the past 40 years.

All of these great volunteers received Outstanding Volunteer of the Year awards. And the word "Outstanding" fits them in each and every case.

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Stopping Asian
Carp

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Highlights



Governor Rauner Signs Sportsmen Bills Aimed at Conservation and Investing in Young Hunters

Governor Bruce Rauner signed four bills as part of Conservation Day at the Illinois State Fair. Each bill makes common sense adjustments to the law to allow the Illinois

Department of Natural Resources to more efficiently do their job of protecting Illinois' lands and wildlife. In addition, SB 2410 extends the youth licenses program to further invest in our young people who are passionate about the great outdoors. [For more information click here](#)



Late-Winter and Special CWD Deer Hunting Seasons

Late-Winter Antlerless-only Deer Hunting Season will be open in 24 counties, while the state's Special CWD Deer Hunting Season will be open in 14 counties for 2016-17. The Late-Winter season provides additional hunting opportunities in counties with surplus deer, while the Special CWD season allows hunters to help combat the

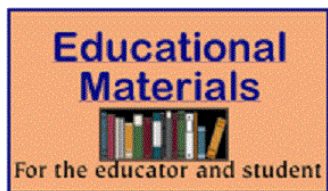
spread of chronic wasting disease in Illinois' white-tailed deer herd. [For more information click here](#)



Pere Marquette Rendezvous Sept. 10 & 11

Visitors are invited to step back in time to the days when frontier fur trappers met with fur traders and buyers in a reenactment at the fourth annual festival at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton. The event is a pre-1840 Rendezvous, with buckskinned reenactors portraying primitive traders and campers. There will be period

demonstrations, black powder and longbow shoots, camp music, and food common of the days on the Illinois frontier. [For more information click here](#)



ENTICE Workshops for Educators - Professional Development and More

Native bees, pollinators, wild mammals and urban wildlife are just some of the topics being offered this fall through the ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) program from the Illinois

Department of Natural Resources. These professional development workshops for educators provide background information, networking opportunities, hands-on lessons, supplemental resources on the topic and the opportunity to work with resources professionals. [For more information click here](#)

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



ICF Summer Programs?

It was a busy spring and summer not only at the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center, but also on the road with our programs.

Click [here](#) to see some great photo albums of what we do.

Click [here](#) to see a great story about our program near Mt. Vernon!

Director's Hunt Registration is now open for this fall's Director's Hunt at Rend Lake on November 28th and 29th.

Register [here](#)
Space is limited.



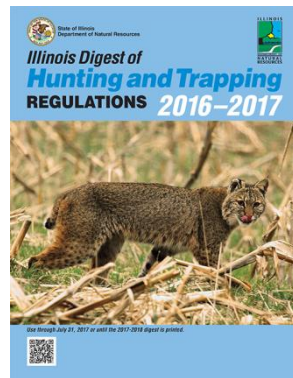
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food or other items should pack out those items when leaving the park as trash barrels are generally not available on trails. Diapers and other waste should be disposed of properly. [For more information click here](#)

Help Protect Our Illinois State Parks

IDNR is appealing to Illinois State Park visitors to help park staff keep our parks clean and protect their unique natural features. Illinois State Parks receive millions of visits each year, and those visitors can tax the natural resources found within our parks and stretch park staff to the limit. Park visitors carrying water bottles, drink cups,



Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2016-2017

The Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2016-2017 edition is now available through the IDNR website. [For more information click here](#)



Bobcat Hunting and Trapping in Illinois

Hunters and trappers must possess a Bobcat Hunting and Trapping Permit BEFORE taking or attempting to take a bobcat. Applications will be available online only during September 1-30. [For more information click](#)

[here.](#)

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

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