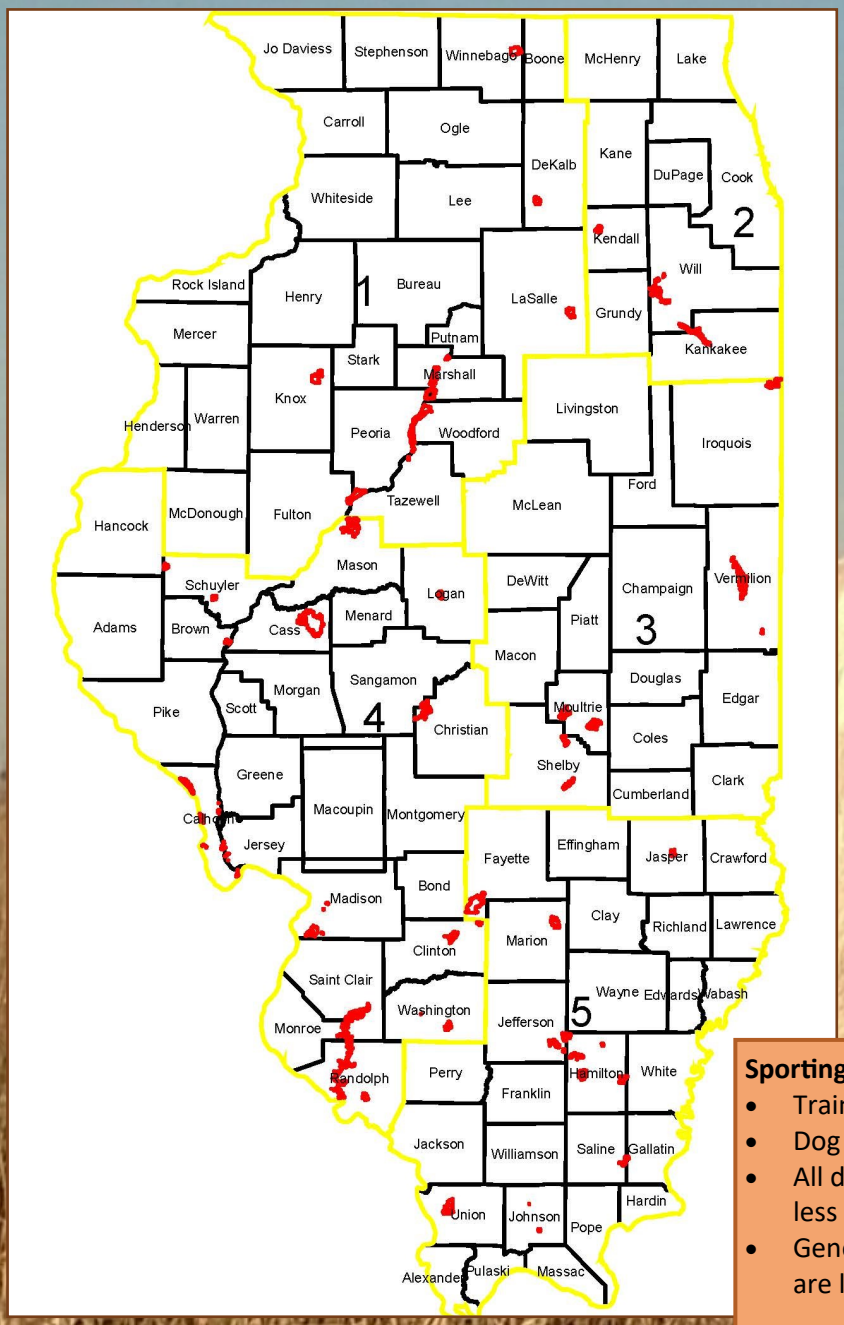
Office of Land Management
Sporting Dog Training

Sporting Dog Training is available on IDNR sites throughout Illinois

See the Hunting and Trapping Digest for more details

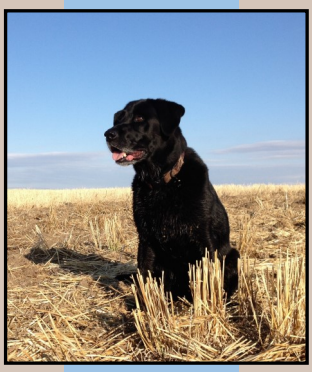
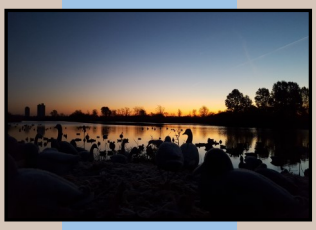
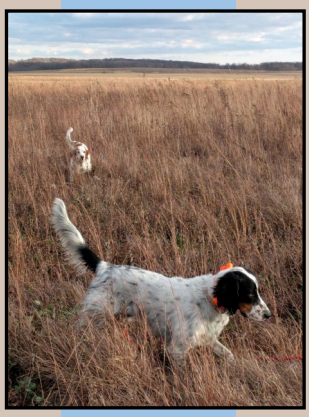


Sporting Dog Training Opportunities and Requirements

- Training is available on IDNR sites by Windshield Card Permits
- Dog training only allowed in designated areas within each site
- All dogs outside of the training areas must be kept on a 10' or less leash
- General season is September 1—March 31 annually (Exceptions are listed in the table on reverse side)

IDNR Website: www.dnr.illinois.gov

For more information, go to:

https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/pages/sporting-dog-training.aspx

Site Name	Windshield Card	Season Exceptions/Additional Restrictions
Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area	Site Office	Training allowed year around except that it is closed 7 days before and through the end of waterfowl season
Carlyle Lake Lands & Waters	Site Office	
Clinton Lake State Recreation Area	Online	
Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area	Online	Training allowed year around except that it is closed during upland game season
Eagle Creek State Recreation Area	Online	
Edward Madigan State Park	Online	
Eldon Hazlet State Park	Online	January 1 - March 31, except north of Allen Branch open per statewide regulations
Hamilton County Conservation Area	Site Office	
Hidden Springs State Forest	Site Office	
Horseshoe Lake State Park-Madison	Site Office	Closed during dove and archery deer seasons, except training is permitted on Mondays and Tuesdays during the controlled pheasant hunting season
Horseshoe Lake State Park - Gabaret, Mosenthein and Chouteau Island Unit	Site Office	
Iroquois County State Wildlife Area	Site Office	
Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area	Site Office	Water dog training only is open all year; during the controlled pheasant hunting season training is permitted on Mondays and Tuesdays on the Controlled Pheasant Hunting Unit only
Kankakee River State Park	Site Office	
Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area	Site Office	Water dog training only is open all year
Kickapoo State Park	Online	
Lake Shelbyville - Eagle Creek State Park and Wildlife Management Area	Site Office	
Lake Shelbyville Kaskaskia and West Okaw Wildlife Management Areas	Site Office	
Marseilles Wildlife Area	Site Office	Closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during September, October and March
Marshall State Fish & Wildlife Area	Online	
Middlefork State Wildlife Area	Online	
Mississippi River Fish & Wildlife Management Areas (Pools 25 & 26)	Site Office	Training allowed year around
Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area	Site Office	West and South subunits only; water dog training only is open all year
Randolph County Conservation Area	Site Office	Training allowed year around
Rock Cut State Park	Site Office	Training allowed year around
Saline County Conservation Area	Site Office	
Sam Parr State Park	Site Office	
Sand Ridge State Forest	Site Office	During Controlled Pheasant season, training is permitted on Mondays and Tuesdays
Sangchris Lake State Park	Site Office	Waterdog training is open all year
Shabbona Lake State Park	Site Office	Closed during archery deer season
Shelbyville State Fish & Wildlife Area	Online	
Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area	Online	
Skinner Farm (I-24) State Habitat Area	Online	Area south and west of I-24 open only October - March
Snakeden Hollow State Fish & Wildlife Area	Site Office	Closed October through the Central Zone Goose Hunting Season
Stephen A. Forbes State Fish & Wildlife Area	Online	
Ten Mile Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area	Site Office	
Trail of Tears State Forest	Site Office	
Washington County Conservation Area	Online	
Weinberg King State Park	Site Office	
Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area	Online