

PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFICE OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Region I

Illinois State Parks and other Natural Areas – Northwest Region

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LOCATION

VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

674 N. IL 100 Hwy
Astoria, IL 61501
Contact: [Scott Schuleter](#), Site Superintendent
(309)759-4484 or email scott.schuleter@illinois.gov

Campground host program - April - December

Apple River Canyon State Park

8763 E. Canyon Road
Apple River, IL 61001
Contact: [Jay Nottrott](#), Site Superintendent
(815)745-3302 or email jay.nottrott@illinois.gov

Blue Bird Trail Monitoring by Natural Area Guardians – April– Oct.
Thompson Cemetery cleanup - June

Argyle Lake State Park

640 Argyle Park Rd
Colchester, IL 62326
Contact: [Robin Hinchee](#), Site Superintendent
Or [Bridget Hinchee](#), Site Interpreter
(309)776-3422
Or email robin.hinchee@illinois.gov or
Bridget.hinchee@illinois.gov

Join Friends of Argyle Lake Foundation – view Website at: <http://www.friendsofargyle.org>
Campground Hosts – April - Oct..
Interpretive programs (Speakers) May - Oct.
Paint tables and barrels - Jan. - Dec.
Litter pick-up –March - Oct.
Maintain Arboretum March - Nov.
Maple Syrup Demonstration Jan -. Feb.
Lake Cleanup Days Jan. – Dec.
Trail maintenance program – Jan.-Dec.

Big River State Forest

RR 1 Box 118
Keithsburg, IL 61442
Contact: [Tony Newton](#), Site Superintendent
(309)374-2496
Or email tony.newton@illinois.gov

Campground host program
Equestrian trail maintenance trail projects by Trail Riders Club – ongoing
Litter cleanup – on going
Snowmobile/cross country trail projects by Clubs–on going
Special events - on going
Construction of bird feeders/houses – Fall

Castle Rock State Park

1365 W. Castle Rock Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Contact: [Grant Afflerbaugh](#), Site Superintendent
(815)732-7329
Or email grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov

Assist with deer firearm hunter registration- November - December
Bluebird nesting survey - April - October
Litter pickup - April – November
Trail work/patrolling

Delabar State Park

R.R. 2, Box 2
Oquawka, IL 61469
Contact: [Tony Newton](#), Site Superintendent
(309)374-2496
Or email tony.newton@illinois.gov

Campground host program

Donnelley/DePue State Fish & Wildlife Area

1001 W. 4th Street

DePue, IL 61322

Contact: Mike Resetich, Site Superintendent

(815)447-2353

Or email mike.resetich@illinois.gov

Fish congregators - January - April

Wood duck box projects- all year

Goose nest platform - all year

Wood duck trapping program - July - September

Pump installation and removal - September – December

Wood duck and dove banding

Franklin Creek State Natural Area Join the Franklin Creek Preservation Area Committee – view Website at: <http://www.franklincreekgristmill.com/>

1872 Twist Road

Franklin Grove, IL 61031

Contact: Jolyn Wise, Site Superintendent

(815)456-2878

or email jolyn.wise@illinois.gov

Rock River Trail & Horseman's Assn. erosion correction assistance – on going

Grist Mill operation by Franklin Creek PAC - on going

Green River State Wildlife Area

375 Game Rd., Harmon, IL 61042

Contact: Mike Resetich, Site Superintendent

(815)379-2324

Spring and fall controlled burns - spring - fall

Maintenance & monitor 200+ bluebird houses – spring

Hand collection of forbs & prairie grass - fall

Bird counts - January - August

Or email mike.resetich@illinois.gov Butterfly monitoring - August

Henderson County Conservation Area

R.R. 1, Keithsburg, IL 61442

Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent

(309)374-2496 or email tony.newton@illinois.gov

Campground Host Program

Hennepin Canal Parkway/Mautino SFWA

16006 - 875 "E" Street

Sheffield, IL 61361

Contact: Tom Vandemore, Site Superintendent

(815)454-2328

Or email tom.vandemore@illinois.gov

Join Friends of the Hennepin Canal – view website at: <http://www.friends-hennepin-canal.org/>

Adopt-a-trail program by the Friends of the Hennepin Canal -ongoing

Lake Sinissippi cleanup by the RRDA (Rock River Development Authority) and local

Ducks Unlimited chapter - September

Buoy Sinissippi channels by the RRDA & boaters - April

Archery deer drawing by the local Whitetails Unlimited chapter - August

Replace or install wood duck houses by local Boy Scout Troops – December thru

February

Rehabilitate a small portion of an existing prairie by a local Girl Scout troop – ongoing

Towpath bank & trail cleanup projects by scout groups, RRDA, Friends of Hennepin

Canal, Big Island Conservancy District, and Rock Island Conservation Club -

ongoing

Canal cleanup by the Rock Falls Canal Trailblazer's – December thru February

Bench placement along bike trail - ongoing

Illini State Park

2660 E. 2350th Rd.

Marseilles, IL 61341

Contact: Tom Jackson, Site Superintendent

(815)795-2448

Or email tom.jackson@illinois.gov

Campground host program - April - October

OakLawn Bike Psychos events - May – Aug

Audubon Surveys – Jan – Dec.

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area

28616 Sauk Trail Rd.

Kewanee, IL 61443

Contact: Kim Meyers, Site Superintendent Round Barn tours by Friends of Johnson's Park – May-

(O3c0t9)853-5589

Or email

kim.meyers@illinois.gov

Join the Friends of Johnson Park Foundation

Eagle Scout projects -on going

Round Barn Annual cleaning - April

Smokey Bear flower bed maintenance – April – Oct.

Campground host program - April - October

Jubilee College State Park

13921 W. Rte. 150
Brimfield, IL 61517
Contact: [Joe Bassetti](mailto:Joe.Bassetti@illinois.gov), Site

Assist with DOO hunting programs
Campground host program
Assist with spring/fall burns - Jan. - Dec.
Cleaning bird houses - April - Oct.

Superintendent (309)446-3758 Garlic mustard control - April - October

Or email joe.bassetti@illinois.gov Litter pickup of area and trails - Jan. - Dec.

Exotic removal from prairie - Jan. - Dec.
Assist with Disabled Hunting Program - September - January
Natural area stewardship - Jan. - Dec.
Assistance in Educational programs

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park

8542 N. Lake Rd.
Lena, IL 61048
Contact: [Jamie Dowdall](mailto:Jamie.Dowdall@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(815)369-4282
Or email Jamie.dowdall@illinois.gov

Campground host program -ongoing
Trail construction by Volunteer Trail Crew – on going

LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

2660 E. 2350th Rd.
Marseilles, IL 61341
Contact: [Tom Jackson](mailto:Tom.Jackson@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(815)357-1608
Or email tom.jackson@illinois.gov

Bird surveys - all year
Special events - all year

Lowden Miller State Forest

1365 West Castle Road
Oregon, IL 61061
Contact: [Grant Afflerbaugh](mailto:Grant.Afflerbaugh@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(815)732-7329
Or email grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov

Trail work/patrolling

Lowden State Park

1411 N. River Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Contact: [Grant Afflerbaugh](mailto:Grant.Afflerbaugh@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(815)732-6828
Or email grant.afflerbaugh@illinois.gov

Campground host program - May - November
Trail work/patrolling

Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area

2660 E. 2350th Road
Marseilles, IL 61341
Contact: [Tom Jackson](mailto:Tom.Jackson@illinois.gov), Site
Superintendent (815)795-2448
Or email tom.jackson@illinois.gov

Audubon Society bird surveys - Mar. - Dec.

Marshall State Fish & Wildlife Area

236 State Route 26
Lacon, IL 61540
Contact: [Tony Colvin](mailto:Tony.Colvin@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent .
(309)246-8351
Or email tony.colvin@illinois.gov

Campground host program – Mar. – Nov.

Mississippi Palisades State Park

16327A Rte. 84
Savanna, IL 61074

Contact: Jay Nottrott, Site Superintendent
(815)273-2731

Or email jay.nottrott@illinois.gov

Campground host program

Bat house project - monitoring, construction—as needed

Morrison-Rockwood State Park

18750 Lake Rd.
Morrison, IL 61270.

Contact Mike Challand, Site Superintendent
(815)772-4708

Or email mike.challand@illinois.gov

Join the Friends of Parks Foundation – call Site for contact information

Campground host program - Mar. – Nov...

Boy Scout Spring clean up - Apr. – May

Eagle Scout projects – Jan. Dec.

Equestrian Groups Trail Maintenance – Jan. – Dec...

Prophetstown State Park/Big Bend SFWA

PO Box 181
Prophetstown, IL 61277

Mike Challand, Site Superintendent
(815)537-2926

Or email mike.challand@illinois.gov

School group blue bird box program – July - June

Park cleanup by boy scouts – April – May Contact:

Campground host program – May - October

Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area/Banner Marsh SFWA

19721 N. US 24
Canton, IL 61520

Contact: Scott Schuleter, Site
Superintendent (309)647-9184

Or email scott.schuleter@illinois.gov

Campground host program - May

Lake clean up day – May

Rock Cut State Park

7318 Harlem Rd.
Loves Park, IL 61111

Contact: Bradley Brown, Site Superintendent
(815)885-3311

Or email bradley.brown@illinois.gov

Join Rock Cut Trail Crew - view Website at: <http://www.rctrailcrew.org>

Trail patrol - on going

Upper Rock River Ecosystem Partnership – on going

Scout service projects - litter control - on going

Campground Host program - on going

Winnebago/Boone County Greenways and Trails Committee

Rock Island Trail State Park

311 E. Williams
P. O. Box 64
Wyoming, IL 61491

Contact: Grant McCauley, Site Superintendent
(309)695-2228

Or email grant.mccauley@illinois.gov

Join Friends of Rock Island Trail – view Website at <http://www.ritrail.org>

Assist with prairie burns - spring

Construct campground signs - on going

Assist with pruning - on going

Staff Depot on weekends - May – Oct.

Litter pick up - on going

Assist with funding interpreter/ education by Friends Group - on going

Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area

4201 Shabbona Grove Road
Shabbona, IL 60550

Contact: Joe Lenkaitis, Site Superintendent
(815)824-2106

Or email joe.lenkaitis@illinois.gov

Campground Host Program

Birdhouse repair & cleaning By SLSC – on going

Litter clean ups - on going

Landscaping, flower pots, etc. – on going

Archery blind maintenance & rehab – on going

Waterfowl blind maintenance & rehab – on going

Rearing pond assistance by SLSC group – on going

Lake structure improvements by SLSC group – on going

Trail work – trimming, surface, etc. – on going

Prairie demo and maintenance by Master Gardeners – on going

Scout projects – trail work, wildlife work, table repair, etc. – on going

Snakeden Hollow State Fish & Wildlife Area

1936 IL Rte. 167
Victoria, IL 61485
Contact: Joe Bassetti, Site Superintendent
(309)879-2607
Or email joe.bassetti@illinois.gov

Controlled burns - February - April
Litter pickup - on going
Noxious weed control - all year
Goose banding - June
Cemetery maintenance - April - September
Tree planting by NWTF Jakes - Mar. - April.
Bluebird Trail monitoring - April - June

Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area/Powerton Lake SFWA

7982 S. Park Rd.
Manito, IL 61546
Contact: Stan Weimer, Site Superintendent
(309)968-7135
Or email stan.weimer@illinois.gov

Rake campgrounds - April & May
Cemetery maintenance - April - October
Canada goose banding - June & July
Youth & adult dove hunt - August & September
Youth pheasant hunt - October

Starved Rock State Park/Matthiessen State Park

PO Box 509
Utica, IL 61373
Contact: Kerry Novak, Site Supt.
(815)667-4726
Or email kerry.novak@illinois.gov

Join Friends of Starved Rock Historical & Education Foundation – view Website at: <http://www.starvedrockfoundation.org>

Cross country ski weekend - February
Eagle watch weekend – January
STR Audubon – Bird Census – on going
Butterfly Monitoring – on going
Staff Visitor Center by Starved Rock Foundation – on going
Weekend Winter programming by Starved Rock Foundation – on going
National Public Lands Day event – September
Annual wildflower pilgrimage – May
Nature Are Show – May
Hummingbird Workshop – August
Fall Colors Weekend – October
National Trails Day - June
Campground host program
Winter wilderness weekend - January

White Pines Forest State Park

6712 West Pines Road
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Contact: Jolyn Wise, Site Superintendent
(815)946-3717
Or email jolyn.wise@illinois.gov

Campground host program - May - Oct.

Wildlife Prairie State Park

Join Friends of Wildlife Prairie State Park
Website: <http://www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org/support-volunteer.cfm>

Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1
Lowpoint, IL 61545
Contact: Tony Colvin, Site Superintendent
(309)822-8861
Or email tony.colvin@illinois.gov

Campground host program - May - October