

REGION V

Illinois State Parks and other Natural Areas – South Region

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LOCATION

PROJECT

Beall Woods State Park

RR 2
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
Contact: [Tim Broy](#), Site Superintendent
(618)298-2442
Or email tim.broy@illinois.gov

Visitor Center help
Youth fishing derby - June
Dad & Me fishing derby – June
Washington County Conservation Field Day - Fall
Photography contest – October – December
Bird Watching programs

Cache River State Natural Area

930 Sunflower Lane
Belknap, IL 62908
Contact: [Joseph Nelson](#), Site Superintendent
(618)634-9678
Or email joseph.nelson@illinois.gov

Join the Friends of Cache River Watershed – view website at: <http://friendsofcache.org>
Special events
Various projects by Friends of Cache River - all year
Americorp Volunteers

Carlyle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 2 Box 233
Vandalia, IL 62471
Contact: [Zach Donoho](#), Site Superintendent
(618)425-3533
Or email zach.donoho@illinois.gov

Contact the Site for possible volunteer opportunities
Join the Carlyle Lake Waterfowlers Assn. – call the site for contact information

Cave-in-Rock State Park

PO Box 338, New State Park Rd
Oregon, IL 62919
Contact: [Eric McClusky](#), Site Superintendent
(618)289-4325
Or email eric.mcclusky@illinois.gov

Ohio River sweep cleanup - June
Campground host program - Jan. - Dec.

Crawford County SFWA

Box 156
Huntsonville, IL 62433
Contact: [Jim Gillespie](#), Site Superintendent
(618) 563-4405
Or email jim.gillespie@illinois.gov

NWTF Jakes Day - September
3D Bow Shoot - September

Dixon Springs State Park

RR 2
Golconda, IL 62938
Contact: [Chris McGinness](#), Site Superintendent
(618)949-3394
Or email chris.mcginness@illinois.gov

Mowing, slitting wood and pick up litter – all year
Campground host program - April - Nov.

Ferne Clyffe State Park

Box 10
Goreville, IL 62939
Contact: [Joseph Nelson](#), Site Superintendent
(618)995-2411
Or email joseph.nelson@illinois.gov

Campground host program - all year
Cypress Pond SNA - foot trail/firebreak - all year
Scout projects
The Nature Conservancy and Friends of Cache River goals & concerns

Fort Massac State Park

1308 E 5th Street
Metropolis, IL 62960
Contact: [Chris McGinness](mailto:Chris.McGinness@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)524-4712
Or email chris.mcginness@illinois.gov

Join Friends of Fort Massac – call the site for contact information

Campground host program - all year
Boy scout projects - all year
Help with administration of Encampment - all year
Old Thyme Christmas - Dec.
Living History weekends - all year
Ohio River sweep - May - June

Giant City State Park

336 Church Road
Makanda, IL 62958
Contact: [Calvin Beckmann](mailto:Calvin.Beckmann@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)457-4836
Or email calvin.beckmann@illinois.gov

Join the Friends of Giant City – view website at: <http://www.giantcity.org>

Campground host program - April - October
Invasive plant removed by Friends of GC – Jan – Feb.
Special events - all year
Monitor hiking trails - repairs/garbage/trees by Friends of GC - all year
Clean, monitor & repair bluebird houses by Friends of GC- February
Assist in visitor's center by Friends of GC - all year
Work days by Friends of GC – November - March

Golconda Marina

Box 178, R.R. 2
Golconda, IL 62958
Contact: [Chris McGinness](mailto:Chris.McGinness@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)683-5875
Or email chris.mcginness@illinois.gov

Scout projects – all year
Contact Site for other possible volunteer opportunities

Hamilton County State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 4
McLeansboro, IL 62859
Contact: [Michael Lewis](mailto:Michael.K.Lewis@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)773-4340
Or email Michael.K.Lewis@illinois.gov

Campground host program - March - November
Litter pickup and trail improvement - all year
Special events - as needed

Horseshoe Lake Fish & Wildlife Area – Alexander County

Box 85
Miller City, IL 62962
Contact: [Joey Thurston](mailto:Joey.Thurston@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)776-5689
Or email joe.thurston@illinois.gov

Campground host program - all year
Lake bank clean-up - April - October
Special disabled kids deer hunt - November

Kincaid Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 4 Box 144
Murphysboro, IL 62966
Contact: [Joe Green](mailto:Joe.Green@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)684-2867
Or email joe.green@illinois.gov

Lake cleanup project -as needed
Area Cleanup projects by Boy scouts Girl Scouts& other groups–all year
Lake monitoring –March – Oct.
Projects by Friends of Kincaid Group – all year

Lake Murphysboro State Park

RR 4 Box 144
Murphysboro, IL 62966
Contact: [Joe Green](mailto:Joe.Green@illinois.gov), Site Superintendent
(618)684-2867
Or email joe.green@illinois.gov

Campground host program - all year
Area cleanup projects by Boy Scouts, Girl Scout & other groups-all year
Kids Fishing days - June
Lake monitoring program -March - Oct.

Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

1812 Grinnell Road
Belknap, IL 62908

Contact: Chris McGinness, Site Superintendent
(618)524-5577

Or email chris.mcginness@illinois.gov

National Archery Tournament - March-July
Waterfowl blinds maintenance – July – Sept.
Trail maintenance - all year
Youth education programs – all year
Nesting program – all year
Special events – all year

Pyramid State Park

1562 Pyramid Park Road
Pickneyville, IL 62274

Contact: Charles Hill, Site Superintendent
(618)357-2574

Or email cha.hill@illinois.gov

Join the Friends of Pyramid State Park – call the site for contact information
Shawnee Hounds gates in pastures – Aug. - April
River King Beagle Club building brush piles – Aug- April

Ramsey Lake State Park

PO Box 97

Ramsey, IL 62080

Contact: Tim Pryor, Site Superintendent
(618)423-2215

Or email tim.pryor@illinois.gov

Campground host program - all year
Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Red Hills State Park

Route 2, Box 252A
Sumner, IL 62466

Contact: Tony Holtschlag, Site
Superintendent (618)936-2469

Or email tony.holtschlag@illinois.gov

Campground host program – May-October
Octoberfest - October
Canoe Olympics by Red Hills Settler Assn. - August
Special Events – Aug. – October

Rend Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

10885 E. Jefferson Road
Bonnie, IL 62816

Contact: Jason Newell, Site Superintendent
(618)279-3110

Or email jason.newell@illinois.gov

Prepare and conduct daily draw for waterfowl hunting - Nov.– Jan.

Saline County State Fish & Wildlife Area

85 Glen O. Jones Road
Equality, IL 62934

Contact: Eric McClusky, Site Superintendent
(618)276-4405

Or email eric.mcclusky@illinois.gov

Campground host program

Sam Dale Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1
Johnsville, IL 62850

Contact: Michael Lewis, Site Superintendent
(618)835-2292

Or email michael.k.lewis@illinois.gov

Fish attractors by Bass Club -all year
Campground host program - April - Oct.
Flower plant beds by local FFA club - May
Equestrian maintenance by Saddle Club - all year
Special events – March – September

Sam Parr State Fish & Wildlife Area

13225 E. State Highway 33
Newton, IL 62448

Contact: Jim Gillespie, Site Superintendent
(618)783-2661

Or email jim.gillespie@illinois.gov

Contact site for possible volunteer opportunities

Stephen A. Forbes State Park

6924 Omega Road
Kinmundy, IL 62854
Contact: Dennis Sneed, Site Superintendent
(618)547-3381
Or email dennis.sneed@illinois.gov

Jakes Day - September.
Conservation Field Days - May
Contact Site for other possible volunteer opportunities
Campground host program - Apr. - November

Ten Mile Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1 Box 179
McLeansboro, IL 62859
Contact: James Eaton, Site Superintendent
(618)643-2862
Or email james.eaton@illinois.gov

Special events
Free seed program by QU and NWTF- all year
Firearms range cleanup and maintenance – all year

Trail of Tears State Park

3240 State Forest Road
Jonesboro, IL 62952
Contact: Calvin Beckmann, Site Superintendent (618)833-4910
Or email calvin.beckmann@illinois.gov

Special events – April – Nov.
Trail of Tears Rendezvous - May
Contact site for other possible volunteer opportunities

Tunnel Hill State Trail

PO Box 671
Vienna, IL 62995
Contact: Joseph Nelson, Site Superintendent (618)658-2168
Or email joseph.nelson@illinois.gov

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities
Americorps Program – all year

Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 2 Box 628
Jonesboro, IL 62952
Contact: Joey Thurston, Site Superintendent (618)833-6921 or (618)833-5175
Or email joe.thurston@illinois.gov

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Wayne Fitzgerald State Park

11094 Ranger Road
Whittington, IL 62897
Contact: Ted Liefer, Site Superintendent (618)629-2320
Or email robert.liefer@illinois.gov

Rend Lake Shooting Classic – Sept.
Special events
PVA Fishing Event - May
Campground host program – April - October
Rend Lake cleanup – September