

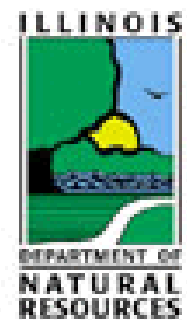
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Our volunteers want to give back to their communities. They are concerned citizens, organizations and people with a passion who want to help us fulfill our mission *to manage, protect and sustain Illinois' natural and cultural resources; provide resource-compatible recreational opportunities; and promote natural resource-related public safety, education, and science.*

The IDNR volunteer program has developed a Volunteer Network of caring people and organizations who have become a major asset in maintaining our natural and recreational resources. You can join our team of volunteers who share their love of nature, their time, and their dedication to conservation. By becoming a volunteer, you will be part of a team that is dedicated to protect our natural resources; gain new skills and knowledge as you work with our natural resource professionals; and connect with people who have the same interests.

IDNR has several programs available which were developed to strengthen the environment of Illinois. There is something for everyone. The following are steps to follow to become a member of our Volunteer Program:

First: Check this Directory for information about our programs, positions and geographic location of volunteer opportunities, including Volunteer Job Titles.

Second: Look through the Directory to choose a volunteer opportunity for you in the area where you live or want to volunteer. The IDNR is divided into 5 Regions and you can locate your County from the [IDNR Counties by Region](#) at the end of this Directory.

Third: Contact the IDNR staff person designated for the program or position listed in the Directory to determine if there is a volunteer opportunity available. There also may be more volunteer opportunities available than what is listed.

Fourth: Schedule a time to meet with the IDNR staff person. You will be assigned a Volunteer Supervisor who will be there for questions, concerns and anything else that may help you perform your volunteer duties.

Fifth: Complete Volunteer Paperwork: Application; Job Description/Waiver; and Vehicle Authorization form, if applicable. You will be given a written Job Description and the duties stated in the Job Description are the only volunteer duties that you should perform.

Sixth: Keep track of your volunteer hours. This is important for insurance, reporting and recognition. Turn in your hours to your Volunteer Supervisor frequently, preferably after you volunteer or on a monthly basis, if you are a returning volunteer.

Thank you for considering volunteering with IDNR and if you need more information about the Volunteer Program, please contact:

Dianne Blasa, Volunteer Program Manager

Email: dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov

IDNR Volunteer Job Titles Updated 12/09

LAND MANAGEMENT PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

Volunteer Site Associate – Lands/Parks and Recreation Division

- Supplement staff in maintaining a clean, safe & attractive area for visitors
- Trail renovation
- Maintenance or construction
- Checking trail conditions
- Litter control
- Facility upgrading or repairs
- Routing and painting signs
- Repair to fences and gates
- Landscape functions, i.e. planting, raking, trimming, cutting, pulling weeds and watering trees and shrubbery
- Rip rapping and other erosion control measures
- Assisting with hunter related activities/check stations
- Hunter dog demonstrations
- Setting blinds
- Operating pumps
- Completing special projects

Volunteer Site Interpreter Associate - Lands/Parks and Recreation Division

- Supplement educational program in respect to park's natural, cultural & recreational resources
- Environmental education programming
- Assisting with recreational workshops
- Assisting with special site events
- Leading guided hikes
- Identifying and/or researching the park's natural vegetation, wildlife or natural formations
- Campfire programming
- Photography, graphic design or exhibit preparation
- Interpretive center reception
- Brochure development
- Public relations work and site events promotion
- Visitation monitoring

Campground Hosts – Lands/Parks and Recreation Division

- Contact Barb Foster, Campground Host Coordinator, for information and forms for the Campground Host Program: Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov or 217-785-8129.

OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION FISHERIES DIVISION

Volunteer Biologist Associate – ORC/Fisheries Division

- Assist with fisheries resource management and propagation
- Assist with sampling of aquatic life; aquatic habitat development
- Tagging and harvest of fish produced in hatcheries and rearing ponds
- Work odd hours in out-of-doors and in inclement weather
- Have working knowledge of outdoor motor operation and use of small hand tools

Volunteer Clinic/Event Associate- ORC/Urban Fishing Division

- Promote good fishing practices to residents
- Introduce fishing as a port that can provide a lifetime of enjoyment
- Assist in presenting Urban Fishing programs to public through fishing clinics, fishing derbies, classroom instruction and special events, such as fairs, fishing and boat shows
- Lead safety and environmental discussions
- Teach fish identification, knot tying, casting and proper techniques of catching and releasing fish
- Busiest times are April through September

FORESTRY DIVISION

Volunteer General Forestry Associate – ORC/Forestry Division

- Assist Department personnel with contacting FDA participants.
- Explaining the Forest Management Requirements.
- Providing information on cost- sharing opportunities.
- Inspecting of forest management practices
- Mailing appropriate paper work.

Volunteer Burn Crew Member – ORC/Forestry Division

- To supplement Department of Natural Resources staff in preparing for and executing prescribed burns in a safe and effective manner
- Assist Department personnel with installing fire breaks
- assembling equipment for burning
- limited maintenance of equipment
- participation on prescribed burns
- Must be 18, training required

NATURAL HERITAGE DIVISION

Volunteer Biologist Associate – ORC/Natural Heritage Division/IL Nature Preserve Commission

- Assist District Natural Heritage Biologist, under supervision of a TNC Steward
- Assist in the stewardship of state owned natural areas and nature preserves
- Cutting brush
- Trail renovations
- Litter and trash cleanup
- Rare species monitoring
- Educational activities
- Prescribed burns
- Fence repair
- Data processing
- Work outdoors under varying environmental conditions

- Must be 21 to work with power tools
- For herbicide work – must possess IL Pesticide Operator’s License

WILDLIFE DIVISION

Volunteer Biologist Associate – ORC/Wildlife Division

- Assist in preserving and maintaining wildlife habitat
- Trapping of birds and animals
- Assist Department personnel with habitat manipulation, including brush control, burns, planting of trees and shrubs
- Work odd hours in out-of-doors and in inclement weather
- Have working knowledge of farming practices and equipment such as small tools and hand planters

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

SPECIAL EVENTS, PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS

Volunteer Fair/Event Associate – Special Events, Programs & Promotions Division

- Fair Volunteer
- Event Volunteer
- Educate participants of shooting sports
- Assist with needs of the participant
- Facilitate rules and safety policies

Volunteer Disabled Opportunities Event Associate – Special Events/Disabled Outdoors Opportunities Program

- Disabled Opportunities Event Volunteers
- Educate participants of shooting sports
- Assist with the needs of the participant and facilitate range rules and safety policies

Volunteer Wingshooting Instructor – Special Events/Wingshooting Program

- Wingshooting Instructors
- Facilitate range rules and safety policies
- Teach participants basic firearm and hunter safety; wingshooting fundamentals; and practical wingshooting
- Enhance the wingshooting skills of hunters while giving sound wingshooting practice techniques
- Training Required, Must be 18

Volunteer Event Associate – World Shooting and Recreational Complex

- Supplement staff by enhancing and providing a safe and quality experience for day to day activities and special events
- Educate public on the variety of shooting sports available
- Assist with implementing the needs of special events, shooting leagues, etc.
- Disseminate IDNR programs and information
- Assist with shooting programs/disciplines and development
- Brochure and web site development
- Public relations and constituent monitoring
- Facilitate range rules and safety policies

- Expertise in any and all shooting disciplines, any credentialed shooting instructors certificate or knowledge
- Knowledge of shooting sports or affiliated shooting state or national associations
- Refereeing knowledge for any or variety of shooting disciplines
- Ability to operate or knowledge of trap/skeet/sporting clay machines

Volunteer Safety Education Instructors – Special Events/Safety Education Division

- Boating Safety Instructor
- Hunting Safety Instructor
- Snowmobiling Safety Instructor
- Trapping Safety Instructor
- Training is Required, Must be 18
- Contact the Safety Education Program for all information and forms for the Safety Education Program: 1-800-832-2599.

DISABLED OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
DIVISION OF SPECIAL EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND PROMOTIONS

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing greater access and more programs for persons with disabilities. The DNR's goal is to make it easier for disabled individuals to hunt, fish and pursue other outdoor activities. In 1999, these issues were addressed by establishing a new program entitled "Disabled Outdoor Opportunities".

The Department of Natural Resources is continuing to expand to see others using our trails, picnic sites, boat launches, camping sites and overnight cabins. We are continuously working on accessible restrooms and shower houses.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer at an event or assist with other volunteer opportunities related to this program you may do so by contacting:

Jay Williams
Illinois Disabled Outdoor Opportunities Coordinator
503 East Main Street
Benton, Illinois 62812
(618)439-9111 ext. 257
or email: Jay.D.Williams@illinois.gov

To check out a list of events and a photo gallery, log on to:
<http://dnr.state.il.us/doo/>

DIVISION OF FISHERIES
Office of Resource Conservation

Potential Cooperative B.A.S.S. Projects

REGION I - NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

DISTRICT 3:

Fish Rearing Ponds (Knox County): Contact Ken Russell, District Fisheries Biologist - 309/344-2617

- Assist District Fisheries Biologist with harvesting fish from rearing ponds (October - November)

Cooperative B.A.S.S projects can be undertaken by contacting Dan Sallee, Region I Administrator, 2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A, Sterling, IL 61081, 815/625-2968.

REGION 2 - NORTHEAST ILLINOIS

DISTRICT 9:

Braidwood Lake (Will County): Contact: Rob Miller, District Fisheries Biologist - 630-553-6680

- Fish habitat placement (March-April) – contingent upon funding provided by Exelon

Whalon Lake (Will County): Contact: Glen Buckner, Forest Preserve District of Will County – 815/727-8700

- Fish habitat placement (variable) - contingent upon funding

Cooperative B.A.S.S projects can be undertaken by contacting Joe Ferencak, Region 2 Administrator, 2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A, Sterling, IL 61081, 815/625-2968.

REGION 5 - SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

DISTRICT 20:

U.S. FOREST SERVICE WATERS (Pope, Gallatin and Hardin Counties): Contact Kurt Daine, District Fisheries Biologist, Dixon Springs, IL – 618-949-3432

- A large scale fish attractor project will be ongoing through the winter months on all USFS Waters in southern Illinois. Please call the above phone number for details.

JONES LAKE (Saline County): Contact Kurt Daine, District Fisheries Biologist, Dixon Springs, IL - 618/949-3432.

- Help construct and install fish attractors (January - March).

McLEANSBORO RESERVOIR (Hamilton County): Contact Kurt Daine, District Fisheries Biologist, Dixon Springs, IL - 618/949-3432.

- Help construct and install fish attractors (January - March).

DISTRICT 22:

CRAB ORCHARD LAKE (Williamson County): Contact Chris Bickers, District Fisheries Biologist, Marion, IL 618-993-7094

-Help construct and install fish attractors (Saturday February 27, 8:00 A.M. at the Green Briar boat ramp south of John A. Logan College). Maps of fish attractors with GPS coordinates will be provided.

Cooperative B.A.S.S. projects can be undertaken by contacting Steve Shults, Region 5 Administrator, 11731 State Highway 37, Rt. 4, Box 208, Benton, IL 62812, 618/435-8138.

**For all other volunteer inquiries:
Please contact Steve Pallo, Division Chief
IDNR Division of Fisheries
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
or call 217-782-6424
or email: Steve.Pallo@illinois.gov**

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/fish/index.htm>

*YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER GROUPS FOR FISHERIES – CHECK THE “IDNR VOLUNTEER GROUP” LIST AT:

http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

URBAN FISHING PROGRAM
DIVISION OF FISHERIES
Office of Resource Conservation

The Urban Fishing Program has a number of volunteer opportunities available including: organizing fishing tackle, repairing rods and reels, preparing literature, and conducting fishing clinics.

To find out more about the program contact a region manager in your area:

Region 1

Dan Sallee

2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A
Sterling, IL 61081
(815)625-2968
dan.sallee@illinois.gov

Region II

Joe Ferencak

2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A
Sterling, IL 61081
(815)625-2968
joe.ferencak@illinois.gov

Chicago Program

Brenda McKinney

9511 W. Harrison Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847)294-4137
brenda.mckinney@illinois.gov

Region III

Herb Dreier

1556 State Route 54E
Clinton, IL 61727
(217)935-6860
herb.dreier@illinois.gov

Region IV & V

Mark Yehling

4521 Alton Commerce Parkway
Alton, IL 62002
(618)462-1181, Ext. 155
mark.yehling@illinois.gov

*YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER GROUPS FOR URBAN FISHING – CHECK THE “IDNR VOLUNTER GROUP” LIST AT:
http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

DIVISION OF FORESTRY
OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Volunteer opportunities include:

Volunteer Burn Crew Member

- Supplements the Department of Natural Resources staff in preparing for and executing prescribed burns in a safe and effective manner
- Assist Department personnel with installing fire breaks
- assembling equipment for burning
- limited maintenance of equipment
- participation on prescribed burns
- Must be 18, training required

Volunteer General Forestry Assistant

- Assists Department personnel with contacting FDA participants.
- Explaining the Forest Management Requirements.
- Providing information on cost- sharing opportunities.
- Inspecting of forest management practices
- Mailing appropriate paper work.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS - Volunteer must be able to follow directions with minimal direct supervision; possess valid drivers license; be in overall good physical health; be comfortable working in out-of-doors; in some instances, have working knowledge of equipment such as hand tools, water pumps, etc.

The local District Forester or District Ranger will provide instructions on the proper procedures for completion of forms and any special training needed in fire behavior and fire prevention.

For additional information regarding dates for
volunteer projects contact:

Region 1 Administrator
Matt Siemert
2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A
Sterling, IL 61081
815-625-2968

Region 2 Administrator
Tom Gargrave
2050 W. Stearns Rd.
Bartlett, IL 60103
847-608-3100

Region 3 & 4 Administrator
Kurt Bobsin
1556 State Route 54
Clinton, IL 61727
217-935-6860

Region 5 Administrator
Gary Stratton
11731 State Highway 37
Benton, IL 62812
618-435-8138

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry>

FRIENDS GROUP PROGRAM *IDNR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM*

The Friends Group Program is important within the IDNR Volunteer Program. Friends Groups are developed to enhance, preserve and protect IDNR sites, including interpretive and educational activities. Each Group's mission or part of their mission is to assume responsibility for an IDNR Site, Division or District to help achieve high quality. The Groups consist of dedicated organizations, businesses and individuals who support a specific project or raise awareness of a site's value. All Friends Groups support public recreation and resource protection.

An IDNR Volunteer Supervisor will work with the Group on duties to be performed. Some groups are independent 501(c)3 non-profit organizations formed by citizens to provide and support our sites. Friends Groups with this status also help support projects by raising funds and sell memberships, write grants and receive donations. The Volunteer Program promotes improvement of existing Friends Groups by helping to achieve mutual goals and objectives and it helps establish new Groups where feasible.

We also maintain a list of "Volunteer Groups" that consistently support and volunteer for IDNR. For more information on a Friends Group or a Volunteer Group's current projects or membership opportunities, you may contact the Groups directly.

Find a local "IDNR Friends Group" or an "IDNR Volunteer Group" at:

http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

If you have questions about establishing a new Friends Group, you may contact Dianne Blasa, Volunteer Program Manager at dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov. The following are initial steps and suggestions to get you started.

STEPS TO ESTABLISH AN IDNR FRIENDS GROUP

FIRST: Any Group of interested citizens can form a Friends Group. An individual park or site should have only one official Friends Group. They should work closely with IDNR management in organizing the Group and on the site's specific needs to determine if a Friends group is feasible.

Submit an Application/Letter of Intent to the IDNR for approval to move forward.

To have the Letter of Intent form sent to you contact Dianne Blasa, Volunteer Program Manager at dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov

SECOND: Set up preliminary meetings with interested future members and IDNR management to plan ways of inviting more people to join the Friends Group. People with environmental, cultural and historical interests or administrative, operational and fundraiser skills are useful in Friends Groups. All Groups should have an open membership policy. The best groups are those with a wide diversity of management skills.

THIRD: Formalize the purpose and mission of your Friends Group, as well as the membership and the Board structure. This will be your Group's proposed constitution and By-laws. IDNR management and key staff may serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Board. Establish a date and time for your first organizational meeting.

FOURTH: Conduct an organizational meeting to set up the structure of the Friends Group. Items to be presented at this meeting:

1. Approval of the Constitution and By-laws (and Articles of Incorporation, if applicable)
2. Election of Board of Directors and Officers, according to the by-laws.
3. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources which outlines the administrative framework for the Group to work with the site.

NOTE: Your group may be unincorporated or incorporated. A few of the benefits to incorporate are you can sell memberships, write grants and receive donations. If you wish to incorporate your Group, it is recommended that you obtain legal advice from a lawyer with non-profit experience at this point in organizing your group. Some of the steps to incorporate will be to:

- File Articles of Incorporation - then your Group is officially recognized by the State
Instructions are at: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html
- Apply for a Tax-Exempt Status - allows your Group to be exempt from paying income tax and to allow donations to your Group to be tax deductible. Instructions are at: <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/charities/index.html>
- Obtain Federal Employer Identification Number - this number will function like a social security number for your Group. Instructions are at: www.irs.ustreas.gov
- Apply for Illinois Sales Tax Exemption - this will allow your organization to purchase goods and services as tax exempt and file for grant programs. Instructions are at: www.revenue.state.il.us
- Any other forms deemed necessary by your lawyer, for state or federal government purposes.

INTERNSHIP/COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

IDNR Volunteer Program

College students who are interested in receiving college credits may volunteer in any of the Volunteer Program Divisions, Sites or Districts. This program offers a great opportunity to learn more about and gain experience in working with the natural resources of Illinois. It is a chance to gain new skills, work with natural resource professionals and network with people who share interests in the out-of-doors.

This is a non-paid volunteer program and must be organized through a college or university for credit. The IDNR Volunteer Supervisor will keep track of the student's hours, work, etc. for reporting to the College or University.

First: Check this Directory for information about our programs, positions and geographic location of volunteer opportunities to determine if they meet the requirements set out by the College or University you attend.

Second: Choose a volunteer opportunity and contact the IDNR staff person designated for the program or position listed in the Directory to determine if a volunteer internship opportunity is available.

Fourth: Schedule a time to meet with the IDNR staff person. You will be assigned a Volunteer Supervisor who will be there for questions, concerns and anything else that may help you perform your volunteer internship duties.

Fifth: Complete Volunteer Paperwork: Internship/College Credit Application; Job Description/Waiver; and Vehicle Authorization form, if applicable. You will be given a written Job Description and the duties stated in the Job Description are the only volunteer duties that you should perform.

Sixth: Keep track of your volunteer hours. Turn in your hours to your Volunteer Supervisor frequently, together with any other necessary paperwork required by the College or University.

For more information about the Internship/College Credit Program please contact:

Dianne Blasa
Volunteer Program Manager
Internship/College Credit Program Coordinator
dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov

KIDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

IDNR Volunteer Program

The IDNR Volunteer Program offers many Kids an opportunity to volunteer. Kids and young people can make a difference in our lands and environment through volunteering.

WHO: The only thing we require is that minors under the age of 16, are part of an organized group or working side by side with a family member that will provide adult supervision.

If you are not a member of a group, there are all kinds of people and groups you can join who are already volunteering such as:

Schools - through extracurricular clubs, classroom projects and community service projects

Community Based Organizations - Girl/Boy Scouts; 4-H groups; school groups, church youth programs; sports leagues; special interest clubs; recreation centers; performing arts troupes and after-school daycare groups, just to name a few!

And - You can also always volunteer with your *family!*

All volunteers under the age of 18 must have their parent sign the volunteer forms.

WHAT: There is so much you can do to help protect and maintain IDNR properties such as:

Rehab or create a natural habitat

Improve trails, campsites or playgrounds

Participate in organized clean-ups

Paint picnic tables

Planting gardens or trees

Fundraising events

Build bird houses

That is just a few ideas. You can also create your own project, with the permission of the IDNR Volunteer Supervisor. Figure out what problem you see at an IDNR site that you would like to tackle. Talk to your parents and other adults about the problem and how you can help.

Think about what you are good at and what you love to do. If you connect your volunteer idea to your interests and abilities you will get more out of your project.

WHERE: We have volunteer opportunities in the following IDNR Divisions: Fisheries; Urban Fishing; Forestry; Natural Heritage; Wildlife; Parks and Recreation; Special Events, Programs and Promotions; Disabled Outdoor Opportunities Program; and Illinois State Museum. All listings are in this Directory.

WHEN: Anytime you are available and there is an IDNR staff person there to assist, you can volunteer! Your volunteer time will be set between you and the IDNR site.

HOW: Just contact any IDNR site or Division in this Directory to see how you can help! Then meet with a Volunteer Supervisor at the site and complete the necessary volunteer paperwork.

WHY: Whether you paint a picnic table, or monitor streams for water quality, you can be a member of the Kids Volunteer Program. The Program consists of Kids who are dedicated to protect and improve our public resources. This is a great way to connect with other people and the land. You can be part of the solution. You can make a difference in your world while encouraging others and the next generation to become good stewards.

If you would like more information about the Kids Volunteer Program, please contact:

Dianne Blasa
Volunteer Program Manager
dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov

NATURAL HERITAGE
OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION

The Division of Natural Heritage is in need of volunteers throughout the State.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- * Seed collection
- * Shorebird Survey
- * Colonial Nesting Bird Survey
- * Endangered & Threatened Nesting Bird Survey
 - * Birds in Forest Landscapes
 - * Bald Eagle Nest Monitoring
 - * Raptor Surveys
 - * Tree and shrub planting
 - * Trail Maintenance
 - * Exotic species control
 - * Plant and animal surveys
- * Species and habitat monitoring

For additional information regarding dates for these
volunteer projects contact:

Region 1, 3 & 4 Administrator

Diane Tecic

4521 Alton Commerce Parkway

Alton, IL 62002

618-462-1181 ext. 130

Region 2 Administrator

Maggie Cole

2050 W. Stearns Rd.

Bartlett, IL 60103

847-608-3100

Region 5 Administrator

Jody Shimp

11731 State Hwy. 37

Benton, IL 62812

618-435-8138

For all other Volunteer inquiries, please contact

IDNR Natural Heritage

One Natural Resources Way

Springfield, IL 62702

217-785-8691

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/naturalheritage/>

* Find a local IDNR Friends Group or an IDNR Volunteer Group for Natural Heritage at:
[http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends and Volunteer Groups.pdf](http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf)

NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION
OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) assists private and public landowners in protecting high quality natural areas and habitats of endangered and threatened species in perpetuity, through voluntary dedication or registration of such lands into the Illinois Nature Preserves System; preserving of these significant lands and providing leadership in their stewardship, management and protection.

INPC partnered with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to form the Volunteer Steward Network (VSN) as a resource for volunteers interested in stewardship of prairies, woodlands, wetlands and other high quality natural communities. The VSN is comprised of various volunteer groups across the state with INPC and TNC lending support by supplying volunteers with tools, training, and conservation expertise.
<http://www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/illinois/volunteer/art9844.html>

The Illinois Nature Preserve Commission is in need of volunteers throughout the State.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- * Exotic Species Control
- * Plant and Animal Surveys
- * Species and Habitat Monitoring
 - * Interpretation

**For more information regarding
volunteer projects contact**

Kelly Neal

Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
217-524-2415

Or Email: Kelly.Neal@illinois.gov

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/inpc/>

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFICE OF LAND MANAGEMENT

REGION I

LOCATION

PROJECT

Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

674 N. IL 100 Hwy
Astoria, IL 61501
Contact: Ed Oest, Site Superintendent
(309)759-4484

Campground host program - April - December

Apple River Canyon State Park

8763 E. Canyon Road
Apple River, IL 61001
Contact: Jeff Hensel, Site Superintendent
(815)745-3302

Blue Bird Trail Monitoring by Natural Area Guardians
Thompson Cemetery cleanup - June

Argyle Lake State Park

640 Argyle Park Rd
Colchester, IL 62326
Contact: Robin Hinchee, Site Superintendent
Or Bridget Napolitano, Site Interpreter
(309)776-3422

Trail maintenance program - Jan. Dec.
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.

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**
http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

Big River State Forest

RR 1 Box 118
Keithsburg, IL 61442
Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent
(309)374-2496

Campground host program
Equestrian trail maintenance and projects by Trail Riders
Litter cleanup – on going
Snowmobile/cross country trail projects by Clubs– on going
Special events - on going

Castle Rock State Park

1365 W. Castle Rock Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061
Contact: Grant Afflerbaugh, Site Superintendent
(815)732-7329

Assist with deer firearm hunter registration- Nov. & Dec.
Bluebird nesting survey - April - October
Litter pickup - April – November

Delabar State Park

R.R. 2, Box 2
Oquawka, IL 61469
Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent
(309)374-2496

Campground host program

Donnelley/DePue State Fish & Wildlife Area

1001 W. 4th Street
 DePue, IL 61322
 Contact: Mike Resetich, Site Superintendent
 (815)447-2353

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 banding
 Dove banding

Franklin Creek State Natural Area

1872 Twist Road
 Franklin Grove, IL 61031
 Contact: Elmer Stauffer, Site Superintendent
 (815)456-2878

Rock River Trail & Horseman's Assn. erosion correction assistance - on going
 Grist Mill operation by Franklin Creek PAC - on going

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Green River State Wildlife Area

375 Game Rd.
 Harmon, IL 61042
 Contact: Kent Stralow
 (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
 Butterfly monitoring - August

Henderson County Conservation Area

R.R.1
 Keithsburg, IL 61442
 Contact: Tony Newton, Site Superintendent
 (309)374-2496

Campground Host Program

Hennepin Canal Parkway

16006 - 875 "E" Street
 Sheffield, IL 61361
 Contact: Steve Moser, Site Superintendent
 (815)454-2328

Install wood duck houses at Refuge & willow eradication on nesting islands by QCCA - January - March
 Andalusia Refuge - weed control by Waterfowl USA
 Trail brochure - on going
 Buoy Sinissippi channels by RRDA & boaters - Apr-Oct
 Towpath bank & cleanup projects by BFA, Scouts & snowmobile clubs
 Bank maintenance and mowing by RRDA - ongoing
 Pool 32 boat ramp by QCCA - on going
 Place snowmobile signs on trails by Clubs- Oct - December
 Fish congregators-Princeton Conservation Club- Jan&Feb
 Bench placement along bike path - ongoing
 Prairie plots: burn/plant/natural area by RRDA, Whit.Co
 NAGS and Scouts - April - October
 Install wood duck boxes by Princeton Conservation Club
 Adopt-a-trail - ongoing

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Illini State Park

2660 E. 2350th Rd.
 Marseilles, IL 61341
 Contact: Ted Love, Site Superintendent
 (815)795-2448

Campground host program - April - October
 OakLawn Bike Psychos events - May - Aug
 Audubon Surveys - Jan - Dec.

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area

28616 Sauk Trail
 Kewanee, IL 61443
 Contact: Melinda Kitchens, Site Superintendent
 (309)853-5589

Campground host program - April - October
 Eagle Scout projects -on going
 Round Barn tours by Friends of Johnson-Sauk Group
 Round Barn Annual cleaning - April
 Smokey Bear flower bed maintenance - on going

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Jubilee College State Park

13921 W. Rte. 150
 Brimfield, IL 61517
 Contact: Tom Hintz, Site Superintendent
 (309)446-3758

Campground host program
 Assist with spring/fall burns - Jan. - Dec.
 Cleaning bird houses - April - Oct.
 Garlic mustard control - April - October
 Litter pickup of area and trails - Jan. - Dec.
 Exotic removal from prairie - Jan. - Dec.
 Assist with Disabled Hunting Program - Sept - January
 Natural area stewardship - Jan. - Dec.
 Assistance in Educational programs

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Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park

8542 N. Lake Rd.
 Lena, IL 61048
 Contact: Kip Streckwald
 (815)369-4282

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

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LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

2660 E. 2350th Rd.
 Marseilles, IL 61341
 Contact: Ted Love, Site Superintendent
 (815)357-1608

Bird surveys - all year
 Special events - all year

Lowden State Park

1411 N. River Rd.
 Oregon, IL 61061
 Contact: Jamie Dowdall, Site Superintendent
 (815)732-6828

Campground host program - May - November

Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area

2660 E. 2350th Road
 Marseilles, IL 613411
 Contact: Ted Love, Site Superintendent
 (815)795-2448

Audubon Society bird surveys - Mar. - Dec.

Marshall State Fish & Wildlife Area

236 State Route 26
Lacon, IL 61540
Contact: Tony Colvin, Site Superintendent
(309)246-8351

Campground host program – Mar. – Nov.

Mississippi Palisades State Park

16327A Rte. 84
Savanna, IL 61074
Contact: Loren Swanson, Site Superintendent
(815)273-2731

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

Campground host program - Mar. – Nov...
Boy Scout Spring clean up - Apr. – May
Eagle Scout projects – Jan. Dec.
Equestrian Groups Trail Maintenance – Jan. – Dec...

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Prophetstown State Park/Big Bend SFWA

PO Box 181
Prophetstown, IL 61277
Contact: Steve Woodfall, Site Superintendent
(815)537-2926

School group blue bird box program – July - June
Park clean up by boy scouts – April – May
Campground host program – May - October

Rice Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

19721 N. US 24
Canton, IL 61520
Contact: Bill Douglass, Site Superintendent
(309)647-9184

Campground host program - May
Lake clean up day – May

Rock Cut State Park

7318 Harlem Rd.
Loves Park, IL 61111
Contact: Dan Riggs, Site Superintendent
(815)885-3311

Trail patrol - on going
Scout service projects - litter control - on going
Campground Host program - on going

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Rock Island Trail State Park

311 E. Williams
P. O. Box 64
Wyoming, IL 61491
Contact: Tom Hintz, Site Superintendent
(309)695-2228

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

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Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area
4201 Shabbona Grove Road
Shabbona, IL 60550
Contact: Kerry Novak, Site Superintendent
(815)824-2106

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

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Snakeden Hollow State Fish & Wildlife Area
1936 IL Rte. 167
Victoria, IL 61485
Contact: Rick Knisely, Site Superintendent
(309)879-2607

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

Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area
7982 S. Park Rd.
Manito, IL 61546
Contact: Stan Weimer, Site Superintendent
(309)968-7135

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
P O box 509, Utica, IL 61373
Contact: Tom Levy, Site Superintendent
(815)667-4726

Campground host program
Winter wilderness weekend - January
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
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

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White Pines Forest State Park
6712 West Pines Road
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
Contact: Dan Stewart, Site Superintendent
(815)946-3717

Campground host program - May - Oct.

Wildlife Prairie State Park

3862 N. Taylor Rd.
Peoria, IL 61615
Contact: Linda Prescott, Site Superintendent
or Bonnie Cannon, Site Interpreter
(309)676-0998

Wetland burns - Fall
Upkeep gardens - March - October
Educational programs & assist with park events - Mar- Oct.
Prairie burns & seed collection -Spring/Fall
Monitor birds, frogs, wetlands & plants - April - October
Landscaping - exotic species removal - April - Nov.
Trails - monitoring and interpretation - Mar - Oct.
Monitoring schoolhouse, log cabin, petting area, train
Assist with park events - Mar. - October
Clerical work - Mar. - October
Halloween event- October
Construct displays, exhibits, etc. – ongoing

Website: <http://www.wildlifeprairiestatepark.org/support-volunteer.cfm>

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**
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Woodford State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1
Lowpoint, IL 61545
Contact: Tony Colvin, Site Superintendent
(309)822-8861

Campground host program - May - October

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dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov

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Barbara Foster, 1 Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702,
Phone: 217-785-8129 /Email: Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov

REGION II

LOCATION

Buffalo Rock State Park

Rte. PO Box 2034
Ottawa, IL 61350

Contact: Mark McConnaughay, Site Supt.
(815) 433-2220

Chain O'Lakes State Park

8916 Wilmot Road
Spring Grove, IL 60081

Contact: Kurt Zacharias, Site Superintendent
(847)587-5512

Channahon State Park

PO Box 54
Channahon, IL 60410

Contact: Robert Schwiesow, Site Superintendent
(815)467-4271

Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area

24621 North River Road
Wilmington, IL 60481

Contact: Jeff Wepprecht, Site Superintendent
(815)423-5326

Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area

5010 N. Jugtown Road
Morris, IL 60450

Contact: Joseph Giacone, Site Superintendent
(815)942-2899

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**

http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

I & M Canal State Trail

PO Box 272
Morris, IL 60450

Contact: Dan Bell, Site Superintendent
or Jill Jackson, Site Interpreter
(815)942-9501

PROJECT

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities i.e.:
bird counts, installing nesting boxes, plant management
special events, stream management and bat census, litter
pick-up
Repair of trail signs and structures, painting, carpentry
mowing and campsite repair.

Clean & maintain wood duck houses - January - March
Campground host program

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Will County Audubon Society Osprey Nest
Field Trail Facility East Grounds (add water/plumbing by
DPFTA)
Equestrian trail by Will Co. Trailriders – July – Sept.
Wingshooting Clinics by Ph. Forever – May - June
Field Trials by DPFTC- July - October
Hunter Safety Course - June - August

The Tallgrass Journal Prairie Partners – all year
Nature Photo Contest – August
GLP Partners Old Time Holiday – November
Volunteer drive - all year
"Cabin Festival" - June
Staffing of GLP Visitor Center on weekends – all year.
Prairie Day- September
Special events - all year
Goose Lake Prairie web page by GLP Partners - all year

Contact the Site for possible volunteer
opportunities

Illinois Beach State Park

Lake Front
Zion, IL 60099
Contact: Greg Behm, Site Superintendent
(847)662-4811

Campground host program - May - December
Bird counts - all year
Hawk watch program - Sept. - Nov.
exotic plant removal/ herbiciding/seed collection - all year
Annual beach cleanup by Alliance for the Great Lakes-Sept.

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Kankakee River State Park

5314 W. Rte. 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
Contact: Kathy Pangle, Site Superintendent
Or Stacy Johnson, Site Interpreter
(815)933-1383

Maintenance and expansion of prairie & wildflower beds
Bluebird box maintenance - on going
PC archery hunt - on going
Theatike re-enactment - July
Campground host program -on going
Trash removal -on going
Garlic mustard removal - on going
Scout projects - on going
NIAA River clean-up -September
EcoWatch river monitoring - on going
Whitetails Unlimited Workday at archery range - Feb.-Oct.

Mazonia-Braidwood SFWA

Route 53 and Huston Road
Braceville, IL 60407
Contact: Mark Meents, Site Superintendent
(815)237-0063

Install man-made fish habitat units into Braidwood Lake
by local Bass Clubs - May -July

Moraine Hills State Park

1510 S. River Rd.
McHenry, IL 60051
Contact: Greg Kelly, Site Superintendent
or Stacy Iwanicki, Site Interpreter
(815)385-1624

Monitor bluebird trails - April - Sept.
Maintain native prairie gardens - May - September
Provide weekend docent services at visitor center.Feb.-Dec

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Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area

13608 Fox Road
Yorkville, IL 60560
Contact: Jeff Wepprecht, Site Superintendent
(630)553-6297

National Hunting/Fishing Days - September
Polar Plunge - March
Rolling on the River - August
Trout Season - April - September

Volo Bog State Natural Area

28478 W. Brandenburg Rd.
Ingleside, IL 60041
Contact: Greg Kelly, Site Superintendent
or Stacy Iwanicki, Site Interpreter
(815)344-1294

Provide weekend tours – on going
Maintain and monitor 100 bluebird and 20 wood duck nest
containers – on going
Conduct Adopt-a-Highway Program through local township
along Brandenburg Road – on going
Assist in the maintenance of site prairie gardens adjacent
to the site
Parking lot and visitor center – on going
Assist Natural Resource Coordinator with
school/scout/special interest field trips – on going
Friends of Volo – Bog co-sponsor public programs – on
going
Conduct Winterfest and Ghost Stories annual site special
events – Oct – Jan.

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William W. Powers State Recreation Area

12949 S. Avenue "O"
Chicago, IL 60633
Contact: Saki Villalobos, Site Superintendent
(773)646-3270

Annual Wolf Lake cleaning - Apr. - May
Purple loosestrife removal - Aug - Sept.
Special events - on going

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REGION III

LOCATION

PROJECT

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area

7251 Ranger Rd.
DeWitt, IL 61765
Contact: Tom Jackson, Site Superintendent
(217)935-8722

Youth turkey hunt - March
Teasel eradication - July – Nov.
Brush handicapped waterfowl blinds -October
Repair picnic tables, trash barrels, & litter pickup - all year
Trail maintenance - all year
Check and clean wood duck boxes& goose nesting platforms- Jan.–Feb.
Handicapped deer hunt -November
Youth pheasant hunt - Oct.
Campground host program - May -October

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**

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Eagle Creek State Park

PO Box 16
Findlay, IL 62534
Contact: Richard Glazebrook, Site Superintendent
(217)756-8260

Campground host program - all year
Trail maintenance - on going
Interpretive programs - Apr - Oct.
Scout projects - on going
Tree planting, forbs and seed collection - on going
Bluebird boxes, check & repair- May - September

Fox Ridge State Park

RR 1 Box 234
Charleston, IL 61920
Contact: Glenn Lyons, Site Superintendent
(217)345-6416

Fox Ridge Foundation volunteers - on going
EIU student projects - Mar. - Oct
Embarras Stewards - on going

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Harry Babe Woodard State Natural Area

19268 E. 670 North
Georgetown, IL 61846
Contact: John Hott, Site Superintendent
(217)442-4915

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Hidden Springs State Forest

RR 1 Box 200
Strasburg, IL 62465
Contact: Richard Goble, Site Superintendent
(217)644-3091

Campground host program – May - October
Trail maintenance & litter - on going
Archery range- on going
Conservation Day - May

Iroquois County State Fish & Wildlife Area

3300 North Rd.
Beaverville, IL 60912
Contact: Frank Snow, Site Superintendent
(815)435-2218

Vegetation control - all year
Assist with prescribed burns - March & April
Dog handlers for youth hunt - November

Kickapoo State Park

10906 Kickapoo Park Road
Oakwood, IL 61858
Contact: John Hott, Site Superintendent
(217)442-4915

Campground host program - April - October
Contact Site for other possible volunteer opportunities

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**
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Lincoln Trail State Park

RR 1 Box 117
Marshall, IL 62441
Contact: Mike Sanders, Site Superintendent
(217)826-2222

Campground host program - April - November

Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area

10906 Kickapoo Park Rd.
Oakwood, IL 61858
Contact: John Hott, Site Superintendent
(217)442-4915

Horse trail signage – Mar. – Nov.

Moraine View State Park

RR 2 Box 110
Leroy, IL 61752
Contact: Bruce Howes, Site Superintendent
(309)724-8032

Scout projects - all year
Horseback trail pruning – Mar. – Nov.
Campground host program - March - November
Various walks & runs – all year
Wingshooting clinic - Mar. - May

Shelbyville State Fish & Wildlife Area

R.R. 1, Box 42A
Bethany, IL 61914
Contact: Stan Duzan, Site Superintendent
(217)665-3112

Brush blinds - Oct.
Plant trees - Jan. - Oct.

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Spitler Woods State Natural Area

705 Spitler Park Drive
Mt. Zion, IL 62549
Contact: Randy Hawkins, Site Superintendent
(217)864-3121

Garlic mustard control - April - June
Summer YMCA programs – June - Aug

Walnut Point State Park

RR 2 Box 250
Oakland, IL 61943
Contact: Randy Shafer, Site Superintendent
(217)346-3336

Campground host program - Apr. - November
Conservation Field Day - September
Friends of Walnut Point Observatory volunteers - ongoing

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Weldon Springs State Park

4734 Weldon Springs Rd.
Clinton, IL 61727
Contact: David Herzog, Site Superintendent
or Carol Thompson, Site Interpreter
(217)935-2644

Assist with funding interpreter/education by Foundation -
Bluebird house monitoring by Foundation - March - Oct
Butterfly garden by Foundation - May - September
Campground host program - March - October
Eagle Scout Projects - year round
Litter pickup - year round
Trail maintenance - year round
Visitor Center Host - June - September

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Wolf Creek State Park

RR 1 Box 99
Windsor, IL 61957
Contact: Richard Glazebrook, Site Superintendent
(217)459-2831

Campground host program - all year
Horse trail maintenance by Horse Riding Club - all year
Interpretive programs - Apr. - Oct.
Planting trees, forbs, seed - all year
Bluebird boxes, check & repair - May - September
Trail maintenance by scouts - all year

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Phone: 217-785-8129 /Email: Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov

REGION IV

LOCATION

Beaver Dam State Park

14548 Beaver Dam Lane
Plainview, IL 62685
Contact: Dennis Armour, Site Superintendent
(217)854-8020

PROJECT

Blackburn College work day - October
White Tails Chapter Clean-up - all year
Carlinville High School Work Program - August - May
Campground host program - all year
Blackburn Student Work Program - all year

Carlyle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 2 Box 233
Vandalia, IL 62471
Contact: Bob Hammel, Site Superintendent
(618)425-3533

Contact the Site for possible volunteer opportunities

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Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

PO Box 517
Coffeen, IL 62017
Contact: Brad Tedrick, Site Superintendent
(217)537-3351

Clean, refurbish, monitor nest boxes - all year
construction and placement of fish attractors - all year
Shoreline litter & trash detail - all year

Eldon Hazlet State Park

20100 Hazlet Road
Carlyle, IL 62231
Contact: Gary Tatham, Site Superintendent
Or John Bunnell, Site Interpreter
(618)594-3015

Campground host program - all year
Site Interpreter programs - all year

Frank Holten State Recreation Area

4500 Pocket Road
E. St. Louis, IL 62205
Contact: Tom Orlet, Site Superintendent
(618)874-7920

special events - on going
Scout conservation projects - on going
Monitor Bluebird Nesting Boxes - Spring and Summer
Wood Duck Nesting Boxes, Cleaning and Repair - Winter

Horseshoe Lake State Park

3321 Hwy. 111
Granite City, IL 60240
Contact: Jim Gowen, Site Superintendent
(618)931-0270

Campground host program
Contact Site for other possible volunteer opportunities

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Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area

10149 Hwy. 11
Chandlerville, IL 62627
Contact: Mike Wickens, Site Superintendent
(217)452-7741

Campground host program
Contact Site for other possible volunteer opportunities

Kaskaskia River State Fish & Wildlife Area

10981 Conservation Road
Baldwin, IL 62217
Contact: Mic Middleton, Site Superintendent
(618)785-2555

Audubon bird survey - all year
Floating privy by Kaskaskia Mariners - all year
River Cleanup by LKSI - September
Duck blind maintenance by Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters of IL - July - October

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**
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Mississippi River State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1 Box 182
Grafton, IL 62037
Contact: Kim Postlewait
(618)376-3303

Conduct post registration and red tag drawings July-Oct
Contact Site for other possible volunteer opportunities

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Nauvoo State Park

PO Box 426
Nauvoo, IL 62354
Contact: Regan Ramsey, Site Superintendent
(217)453-2512

Grape renovation - Apr. - Nov.
Special events - May - September
Campground host program - April - October
Maintain mud volleyball courts - May - Sept.

Pere Marquette State Park

PO Box 158
Grafton, IL 62037
Contact: Pam Warford, Site Asst. Superintendent
or Scott Istringhausen, Site Interpreter
(618)786-3323 ext. 1

Park interpretive program - all year
Campground host program - all year
Fishing fair - all year

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**
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Randolph County State Recreation Area

4301 S. Lake Dr.
Chester, IL 62233
Contact: Joan Bade, Site Superintendent
(618)826-2706

Scout projects - all year

Ray Norbut State Fish & Wildlife Area

R.R. 1, Box 55C
Griggsville, IL 62340
Contact: Regan Ramsey, Site Superintendent
(217)833-2811

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Sand Ridge State Forest

25799 East County Road 2300 N.
Forest City, IL 61532
Contact: Billy Lowe, Site Superintendent
(309)597-2212

Campground host program
Red Diamond trail projects - all year
Litter control/pickup on all trails and roadsides - all year

Sanganois Conservation Area

RR 2 Box 80
 Chandlerville, IL 62627
 Contact: Doug Jallis, Site Superintendent
 (309)546-2628

Provide assistance at the annual blind drawing - July
 Friends of Sanganois projects - October

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**
http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

Sangchris Lake State Park

9898 Cascade Road
 Rochester, IL 62563
 Contact: Stephen Carey, Site Superintendent
 (217)498-9208

Wood duck box cleaning
 Scout projects, all year
 Brush goose pits & Blind 20
 Hiking trail maintenance - all year
 campground host program - April - November
 Equestrian trail maintenance - all year
 Litter control

Siloam Springs State Park

938 E. 3003 Lane
 Clayton, IL 62324
 Contact: Jim Assell, Site Superintendent
 (618)894-6205

Scout projects - all year
 Dove drawing & staking fields at Buckhorn - Aug - Sept
 Trail maintenance - all year
 Campground host program
 Build and install fish attractors in lake
 Litter clean up in camps, trails and lakeshore
 Build and brush in goose blinds

Washington County Conservation Area

18500 Conservation Drive
 Nashville, IL 62263
 Contact: Pete Geppert, Site Superintendent
 (618)327-3137

Campground host program - April - October
 Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Weinberg-King State Park

PO Box 203
 Augusta, IL 62311
 Contact: Mark Gerard, Site Superintendent
 (217)392-2345

Equestrian trail litter pickup -April - October

World Shooting & Recreation Complex

1 Main Event Lane
 Sparta, IL 62286
 Contact: Chris Hesper, Director
 (618)295-2700 ext. 8/352

Campground Host program
 Friends of World Shooting & Recreation Complex
 events and volunteer opportunities
 Events and projects with Kaskaskia Cowboys

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dnr.volunteers@illinois.gov

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 Barbara Foster, 1 Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702,
 Phone: 217-785-8129 /Email: Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov

REGION V

LOCATION

Beall Woods State Park

RR 2
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
Contact: Tim Broy, Site Superintendent
Or Jacque Hallam, Natural Resources Coordinator
(618)298-2442

PROJECT

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

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**

[http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends and Volunteer Groups.pdf](http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf)

Cache River State Natural Area

930 Sunflower Lane
Belknap, IL 62908
Contact: Jim Waycullis, Site Superintendent
(618)634-9678

Special events
Various projects by Friends of Cache River - all year
Americorp Volunteer

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**

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Cave-in-Rock State Park

PO Box 338 New State Park Rd
Oregon, IL 62919
Contact: Mike Gullett, Site Superintendent
(618)289-4325

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

NWTF Jakes Day - September
3D Bow Shoot - September

Dixon Springs State Park

Ohio River State Recreation Area

RR 2
Golconda, IL 62938
Contact: Randy Tucker, Site Superintendent
(618)949-3304

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

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**

[http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends and Volunteer Groups.pdf](http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf)

Ferne Clyffe State Park

Box 10
Goreville, IL 62939
Contact: Bill Reynolds, Site Superintendent
(618)995-2411

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

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Fort Massac State Park

1308 E 5th Street
Metropolis, IL 62960
Contact: Terry Johnson, Site Superintendent
(618)524-4712

Campground host program - all year
Trail maintenance - all year
Special events - all year
Monitoring/Maintenance of Bluebird trail - all year
Scout projects - all year
Ohio River sweep - May - June
Riverbank clean-up - all year

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Giant City State Park

336 Church Road
Makanda, IL 62958
Contact: Bob Martin, Site Superintendent
(618)457-4836

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 visitors center by Friends of GC - all year
Work days by Friends of GC - November - March

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Golconda Marina

Box 178, R.R. 2
Golconda, IL 62958
Contact: Randy Tucker, Site Superintendent
(618)683-5875

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, Site Superintendent
(618)773-4340

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, Site Superintendent
(618)776-5689

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: Robert Catt, Site Superintendent
(618)684-2867

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: Robert Catt, Site Superintendent
(618)684-2867

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

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

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

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

Red Hills State Park

Route 2, Box 252A
Sumner, IL 62466

Contact: Carl Aten, Site Superintendent
(618)936-2469

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

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http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

Rend Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

10885 E. Jefferson Road
Bonnie, IL 62816

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

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

Campground host program

Sam Dale Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1
Johnsville, IL 62850

Contact: Dennis Massie, Site Superintendent
(618)835-2292

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

Contact site for possible volunteer opportunities

Stephen A. Forbes State Park

Wildcat Hollow
6924 Omega Road
Kinmundy, IL 62854
Contact: Glenn Wegener, Site Superintendent
(618)547-3381

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

Ten Mile Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 1 Box 179
McLeansboro, IL 62859
Contact: James Eaton, Site Superintendent
(618)643-2862

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: Bob Martin, Site Superintendent
(618)833-4910

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

Tunnel Hill State Trail

PO Box 671
Vienna, IL 62995
Contact: Bill Reynolds, Site Superintendent
(618)658-2168

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities
Americorps Program - all year

***Contact Information for Volunteer Groups at this Site can be found at:**

http://dnr.state.il.us/volunteer/pdf/Friends_and_Volunteer_Groups.pdf

Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area

RR 2 Box 628
Jonesboro, IL 62952
Contact: Eric McClusky, Site Superintendent
(618)833-6921 or
(618)833-5175

Contact Site for possible volunteer opportunities

Wayne Fitzgerrell State Park

11094 Ranger Road
Whittington, IL 62897
Contact: Ralph Hamilton, Site Superintendent
(618)629-2320

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

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SAFETY EDUCATION

Office of Strategic Services
Division of Special Events, Programs and Promotions

Illinois Safety Education Programs

- Boating Education
- Hunter Education
- Snowmobiling Education
- Trapping Education

HOW TO BECOME A SAFETY EDUCATION VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is always looking for qualified individuals who would like to become volunteer instructors in the safety education programs. The following are the qualifications and certification process for volunteer instructors:

Instructor Requirements:

An eligible applicant must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Submit an application (page 1) (page 2), provided by the Department to the appropriate Regional Volunteer Services Coordinator: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/SAFETY/Map.htm>
3. Be a graduate of the student safety course in the specific program for which they are applying for certification as an instructor.

Certification Process

1. After an application has been submitted, it will be reviewed by the Regional Volunteer Services Coordinator (VSC).
Application may be subject to background check.
2. The VSC will assign the applicant to work and train with a master instructor/instructor team.
3. The applicant must complete a minimum of five hours actual classroom instruction in order to fulfill the student teaching requirement.
4. An evaluation of the applicant's student teaching performance will be completed by the assigned master instructor.
5. The VSC will review the evaluation and certify the applicant on the master instructor's recommendation.

For more information regarding these programs contact:

IDNR Safety Education

Special Events, Programs & Promotions

1 Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702

Call 1-800-832-2599

or email: dnr.safetyed@illinois.gov

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/safety/>

STATE FAIR

Office of Strategic Services
Division of Special Events, Programs and Promotions

SPRINGFIELD FAIRGROUNDS
Springfield, Illinois

To help with the BB Gun tent:

Contact Jeff Hopkins at 217-785-8292 or Email: jeff.hopkins@illinois.gov

To help with the Archery tent:

Contact Joe Robinson at 217-785-8060 or Email: joe.robinson@illinois.gov

The Event Coordinator will provide instructions and any training needed

For a list of upcoming special events:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/events/pdf/2010%20IDNR%20Special%20Events.pdf>

WILDLIFE RESOURCES PROGRAMS
OFFICE OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION

The Division of Wildlife Programs has occasional needs for volunteer field workers to help with the following:

- Controlled prairie burns - February & March
- Furbearer census routes - March
- Habitat establishment and maintenance - March - June
- Canada Goose banding - June

Qualifications include good health, an interest in working outdoors and the ability to work odd hours. If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities with wildlife resources, contact:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Region 1 Administrator | Region 2 Administrator | Region 3 & 4 Administrator | Region 5 Administrator |
| <u>Tom Beisse</u> | <u>Dan Ludwig</u> | <u>Deck Major</u> | <u>Mike McCulley</u> |
| 2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A | 2050 W. Stearns Rd. | 4521 Alton Commerce Pkwy. | 1 Natural Resources Way |
| Sterling, IL 61081 | Bartlett, IL 60103 | Alton, IL 62002 | Springfield, IL 62702 |
| (815)625-2968 | (847)608-3100 | (618)462-1181 ext. 144 | (217)557-0475 |

For more information, please contact:

IDNR Division of Wildlife
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
or call (217)782-6384

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/orc/wildliferesources/>

The Springfield office, at various times, needs volunteers to do filing, copying and map hanging.

WINGSHOOTING PROGRAM

Office of Strategic Services
Division of Special Events, Programs and Promotions

The Illinois Wingshooting Program offers two types of clinics:

- Youth/Women's Clinics - designed to teach participants basic firearm and hunter safety, wingshooting fundamentals as well as practical wingshooting
- Hunter Clinics - designed to enhance the wingshooting skills of hunters while giving sound wingshooting practice techniques

HOW TO BECOME A WINGSHOOTING VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is always looking for qualified individuals who would like to become volunteer instructors in the Wingshooting Program. The following are the requirements for volunteer instructors:

Instructor Requirements:

An eligible applicant must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Have knowledge of shooting sports and ability to operate sporting clay machines
3. Submit a Volunteer Application
4. Be certified or a graduate of the IDNR Certified Wingshooting course through the IDNR Wingshooting Program

For more information regarding this program contact:

Dave Cassens
Special Events, Programs & Promotions
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702
Phone: 1-217-785-7742
or by email at: David.Cassens@illinois.gov

Website: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/programs/wingshooting/wingshootinghome.htm>

WORLD SHOOTING AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

Sparta, Illinois

*Event Associate to help with:

Shooting programs, including:

Archery

Trap Fields and Clay Courses

Cowboy Action Shooting

and Skeet

plus other special events

Contact Chris Hespen, Acting Executive Director

at 618-295-2700 Ext. 8352

Or Email: chris.hespen@illinois.gov

Website: <http://dnr.state.il.us/worldshooting/>

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Other Volunteer Opportunities

ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

Prospective volunteers must fill out an application and complete a screening interview.

Recruitment for positions is year-round unless otherwise noted. For an application or more information contact the Museum of interest.

Illinois State Museum

502 S. Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62706-5000

(217)782-5507 website address: <http://www.museum.state.il.us>

"A Place for Discovery" Docent:

Assist visitors in the Museum's hands-on gallery.

Docents must enjoy working with children.

"Changes" Exhibit Docent:

Volunteers share hands-on objects with visitors and answer questions in the museum's new natural history exhibit.

Spring Rush Greeter:

Orient school groups as they arrive for their Museum visit. Weekdays, April - May.

Education Program Assistant:

Assist with workshops.

Special Events:

Assist various Museum sections with events.

Research & Collection Center

1011 E. Ash Street

Springfield, IL 62703-3535

(217)785-0037

Curatorial Assistants:

Depending on the curator's needs, volunteers can be placed to assist with projects in decorative arts, botany, zoology, anthropology, or geology.

Dickson Mounds Museum

10956 N. Dickson Mounds Rd.

Lewistown, IL 61542

(309)547-3721

Special Events Assistant:

Assist at public programs on topics ranging from Native American culture to the natural history and folk life of the Illinois River Valley. Must enjoy working with the public and be available to work at indoor, as well as outdoor programs.

School Programs Assistant:

Assist visiting school groups in museum exhibits and special workshops. Must enjoy working with children. Assistance needed from April - May and September through November.

Lockport Gallery

STARS (Sharing Time and Realizing Skills) Program

201 W. 10th Street

Lockport, IL 60441

(815)838-7400

Contact: Jim L. Zimmer

- Ambassador:** Assist with public relations by keeping up to date on current exhibitions and programs and sharing information with friends, social contacts or business
- Archivist:** Research and retrieve information about the museum such as press releases from local news.
- Chefs:** Prepare a variety of food for special events at the museum.
- Docent:** Provide tours for special groups and help with activities for school children.
- Event Greeter:** Welcome patrons and encourage a friendly, inviting environment at exhibition openings and other museum events.
- Installation Assistant:** Help with painting labeling and lighting for exhibit changes.
- Receptionist:** Greet visitors to the museum, perform clerical duties.
- Workshop Assistant:** Help instructors at various workshops or classes held in association with exhibitions.

Southern Illinois Artisans Shop & Visitors Center

14967 Gun Creek Trail

Whittington, IL 61897-1000

(618)629-2220

- Special Events Assistant:** Assist artists with special events in September and October. Ability to teach crafts to children, desired but not required.

Website: <http://www.museum.state.il.us/jobs/volunteer.html>

IDNR Counties by Region

Region I Counties:

Boone
Bureau
Carroll
DeKalb
Fulton
Henderson
Henry
JoDavies
Knox
LaSalle
Lee
Marshall
McDonough
Mercer
Ogle
Peoria
Putnam
Rock Island
Stark
Stephenson
Tazewell
Warren
Whiteside
Winnebago
Woodford

Region II Counties:

Cook
DuPage
Grundy
Kane
Kankakee
Kendall
Lake
McHenry
Will

Region III Counties:

Champaign
Clark
Coles
Cumberland
DeWitt
Douglas
Edgar
Ford
Iroquois
Livingston
Macon
McLean
Moultrie
Piatt
Shelby
Vermillion

Region IV Counties

Adams
Adams
Bond
Brown
Calhoun
Cass
Christian
Clinton
Greene
Hancock
Logan
Macoupin
Madison
Mason
Menard
Monroe
Montgomery
Morgan
Pike
Randolph
Sangamon
Schuyler
Scott
St. Clair
Washington

Region V Counties

Alexander
Clay
Crawford
Edwards
Effingham
Fayette
Franklin
Gallatin
Hamilton
Hardin
Jackson
Jasper
Jefferson
Johnson
Lawrence
Marion
Massac
Perry
Pope
Pulaski
Richland
Saline
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Wabash
Wayne
White
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