

Conservation World

• Features

1 Information Tent

Adventure Raffle for National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

2 Threatened and Endangered Species

Visit with staff from IDNR's Division of Education to learn about Illinois threatened and endangered species. Explore a few highlighted species that are on the list and how they got there. How does a plant or animal get listed? How do they recover? What's the difference between extinct, endangered, and threatened? Why does it matter? Visitors will find the answers to these questions and more. Activities and information available for people of all ages.

3 Law Enforcement/Licenses/Youth BB Gun Range Tent

Visit with Illinois Conservation Police Officers. Buy a hunting and/or fishing license.

4 Wildlife Tent

Interested in learning about wildlife conservation? This tent is for you! Test your skills identifying backyard wildlife and waterfowl. Wildlife biologists will be available to help you learn about habitat management, how hunting is key to wildlife conservation and other topics! Staff members from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services will also be present to review large carnivore information and spread their knowledge as well! There are interactive exhibits and activities for all ages!

5 Forestry Tent

Don't know what kind of tree you have? Bring a leaf to be identified or ask a forester how to manage your forest, plant and trim trees, control forest pests or be a better land steward. Smokey Bear will be greeting fairgoers and taking pictures at 11:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. daily.

6 Birds, Bugs and Bee-yond!

Learn to identify various types of birds' nests, from hummingbirds to bald eagles. Children can get their picture taken in a replica eagle's nest. Find out what a turkey nest looks like. Explore a display of native and plants and learn about their relationship with pollinators. Get an up-close look at the various stages of the monarch butterfly life cycle and learn about their relationship with milkweed. Visit with staff from IDNR's divisions of Private Lands, Natural Heritage, and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

7 Be A Climate Action Hero

Visit with IDNR's climate action team members to learn about the department's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and model initiatives to make agency operations more sustainable, save money, and improve visitor experiences at state parks. Visitors can learn what they can do to live more sustainably at home. Tour an IDNR electric vehicle and enjoy a display of solar panels and LED light bulbs. Create "slime" from compostable packing peanuts and explore a compostable foodware display to identify ways to reduce plastics waste. Enjoy displays of rain barrels and native plants and root sizes. Share what you're doing to address climate change. View the Office of Water Resources water table. Learn about water resources and the Illinois Coastal Management Program.

8 Mines and Minerals/Oil and Gas Tent

Kid-friendly exhibits will provide examples of conventional oil and gas practices. See how horizontal wells are drilled and learn about the High Volume Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing (HVVHF) process. See a map that shows the parts of the state that contain shale deposits where HVVHF development is likely. Make sure the kids check out the "sediment tubes" showing how sediment stratifies into the formations that hold oil and gas deep below the surface of the earth. Find plenty of fun at the Rock Box, including the Kids' Mineral Dig, Are You Undermined? map displays and Underground Mine Models. There are educational displays of past and present mining practices. See displays on how minerals are used in and around the home.

9 Fisheries Tent

See Illinois sportfish in the giant see-through fish aquarium. Can you identify the different types of catfish, bass, and sunfish or know what a muskie or alligator gar looks like? Talk with the Illinois Department of Public Health about the benefits of eating locally caught fish. Fly-tying demos throughout weekend days, Aug. 9-11 and 16-18. Kids ages 12 and under can try their luck at the fishing pond from 11 :00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Sign up in the Fisheries Tent. FISHING HAS NO BOUNDARIES and IDNR is providing equipment and assistance as able to those of any age/disabilities wanting to fish 1 hour prior to fishing times listed above on the accessible fishing dock, please register at the Fisheries Tent. Limited motorized reels can be provided

10 State Parks/Illinois State Archaeological Society/ Illinois Association for Advancement of Archaeology

Stop by the Office of Land Management tent and visit with Park staff. Learn about the many outdoor recreations you can do at our State Parks, hiking, backpacking, biking, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, bird watching, canoeing, kayaking, foraging/harvesting and so much more.

11 Kids Fishing Pond – Kids Fishing Clinics

Daily activities take place – 10:30 a.m. 12:00, 1:30, 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

12 Rock Climbing Wall

13 Youth Archery Range



Food Vendors in Conservation World!

A

– Nuthatch Hill BBQ

B

– Candy Man

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– Olde Tyme Ice Cream

D

– Sno Biz

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– Dragon Fire Pizza

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– Bud's Rootbeer

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– Kettle Korn & Pork Rinds

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– Copi® Flippin Fish Shack



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14 Dunk Tank

Times TBD

15 IDNR Outdoor Amphitheater

Aug. 9, 11:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.: Smokey Bear birthday party
Aug. 10, noon to 1 p.m.: Wildlife seminar
Aug. 10, 1:30-3 p.m.: Music by Michael Burnett
Aug. 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Music by Micah Walk
Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to noon: Wildlife seminar
Aug. 11, 2-4 p.m.: Music by the Mason Dixies
Aug. 17, 11 a.m.: IDNR Volunteer of the Year Award presentations
Aug. 17, 1-2 p.m.: Wildlife seminar
Aug. 17, 1:30-3 p.m.: Music by Michael Burnett
Aug. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Gracia Harrison
Aug. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Wildlife seminar

16 Rustic Toys & Treasures

17 Crane's Post

18 Kevin Thon – Fur Trader

19 American Chemical Society/Illinois Chapter

Demonstrations at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.
Learn and discover science through hands-on activities and demonstrations for all ages. Teachers can earn professional development hours and pick up classroom materials. Educational handouts for adults and activity booklets for kids. Earn a prize by taking a science quiz or playing games.

20 Voyageur Canoe Rides

Aug. 9-11 and Aug. 16-18 at 1:00, 3:30 & 5:30 p.m.

21 Whip Guy – Chris Camp

Aug. 9-11 & Aug. 16-18. 12:45 p.m. 2:45 p.m. & 4:45 p.m.

22 Fly Fishing Classes/Demonstrations

Aug. 9-11 and Aug. 16-18. Fly fishing classes 12:00; 1 :30, and 3:30 (space is limited so register early at Fisheries Tent)

23 Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show

Mon. – Thurs.: 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
Fri. – Sun.: 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

24 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Hands-on educational activities and recycling games.

25 Sportsmen Tent/Outdoor News Magazine

Visit with representatives from the National Wild Turkey Federation, Friends of NRA, Quail Unlimited and the Illinois State Rifle Association. Get your free sample copies of Outdoor News Magazine.

26 Dogs That Help

This non-profit organization is made up of professional trainers, veterans, volunteers and other dog lovers who know the immense improvement in quality of life a trained canine can provide.

Park District Conservation Day Hosted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts.
Henson Robinson Zoo and Glenview Zoo **Aug. 17 by the Sno Biz.**

Kid Stuff

Rock Climbing Wall

See Smokey Bear

Youth Archery Range

BB Gun Range

Kid's Fishing Clinics