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Fishing

Among the popular fishing available to anglers in the Chain O'Lakes are bluegill, largemouth bass, walleye, crappie, muskie, northern pike, bullhead, catfish and yellow and white bass. Due to the marshy nature of much of the park's shoreline, most fishing takes place from boats or fishing piers.

Hunting

Dove, waterfowl, archery and firearm deer, pheasant, squirrel, rabbit and falconry hunting are available at the park by registration only. A hunting fact sheet containing all hunting regulations is available at the park office.

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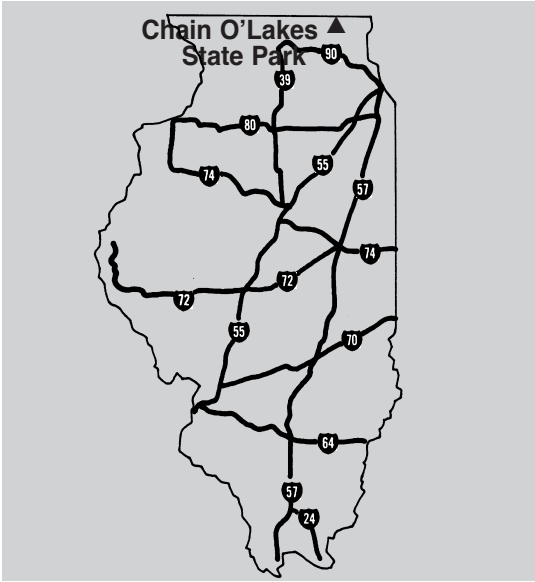
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- While groups of 20 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the sites office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times, this is due to the amount of ground nesting birds within the park.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. Please call ahead to the park office before you make your trip.
- We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, call 217-625-8366, email dnr.clearing@illinois.gov or visit our website at www.dnr.illinois.gov.
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, visit the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism online at www.enjoyillinois.com

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This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse by phone (217) 625-8366 or email dnr.clearing@illinois.gov for more assistance.



Winter Sports

Ice skating, snow shoeing, sledding and ice fishing are popular activities when the temperature drops and the ice thickens. Ice fishing is available on the Chain O'Lakes and Turner Lake. Sledding is another popular winter activity, a sledding hill is available at the park office. Chain O'Lakes State Park also ties into McHenry County snowmobile trail near Wilmot Rd, no access for parking to unload or load snowmobiles. When snowfall is sufficient, cross-country skiers can use the horse trail, bike trails and the Nature's Way trail. Snowmobiling is not permitted in the park, but access to the frozen lake water is provided for snowmobile enthusiasts, parking is available at the boat launch.

Facilities for Disabled Visitors

The Pike Marsh North picnic area and its 1/4 mile hiking trail have been developed with disabled and elderly visitors in mind. We have 6 class A accessible sites.

For more information, contact Chain O'Lakes State Park, 8916 Wilmot Road, Spring Grove, IL 60081, (847)587-5512.

