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Carl Sandburg State Historic Site to offer expanded hours

SPRINGFIELD – Carl Sandburg State Historic Site in Knox County will now be open extended hours for free public tours. The new hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch. The site will also be closed for regular state holidays.

The Carl Sandburg State Historic Site is the birthplace of Carl Sandburg, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Lincoln biographer, children's author, and folk song collector.

Behind the historic cottage is a tranquil garden where the ashes of Sandburg and his wife lie beneath a red granite boulder called Remembrance Rock, based on the title of his only novel.

[Carl Sandburg State Historic Site](#) is located at 313 E. Third Street in Galesburg.

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About IDNR

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is celebrating 100 years of conservation and service to the people of Illinois throughout 2025. The department was established July 1, 1925, as the Illinois Department of Conservation, bringing under one umbrella oversight of fish and game, forestry, public works, and lakes.

Today, IDNR's work encompasses management of about 400 sites across Illinois, including state parks and historic sites; wildlife, fisheries, forestry, and natural heritage; Lake Michigan water allocation and coastal management; conservation police; mines and minerals; oil and gas; issuance of licenses, permits, and numerous grants; the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta; and the Illinois State Museum. Visit <https://dnr.illinois.gov> for more information.