

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT: URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was launched in 1985 in Chicago, Illinois. The program's objectives were to (1) teach the sport of fishing to all age demographics, (2) enhance fishing opportunities in densely populated urban landscapes, and (3) seek to instill an appreciation and understanding of natural resources.

In 1994, the program was expanded state-wide and now primarily consists of the following three components

- Free summer fishing clinics that include fishing at nearby stocked lagoons
- School fishing and non-fishing education programs
- Fishing and education programs at scout and 4-H camps, city and state parks, church camps, etc.

During CY '22 fish were stocked at **43** sites. Summer fishing clinics were regularly held at **13** Chicago locations and **0** sites in Northwestern, **2** in Northeastern, **8** Central and **8** Southern Illinois (see tables below. **10,217** youngsters attended one of **524** summer fishing clinics that included fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. Fish stocking remained important for the program and approximately **57,250** lbs. of channel catfish and **70,067** hybrid sunfish were stocked. Members of the public were also able to catch and take these fish at most sites.

Additional volunteers and volunteer organizations have become more involved in conducting and assisting with programs. These individuals and organizations play a very important role in the ongoing success of the program.

Urban Fishing Program coordinators held **250** fishing events outside of summer fishing clinics with **11,199** participants. In addition, Urban Fishing Coordinators also held **207** non-fishing Education Programs for more than **30,443** participants at schools and other settings during the year to teach environmental education and an appreciation for natural resources, and to promote summer fishing programs.

The popular “***Access to Fishing***” rod and reel loaner program was established in 1997. There are currently **147** “***Access to Fishing***” loaner sites in Illinois, and rods and reels were borrowed **2,122** times last year. The list of sites follows this report.

In total the Urban Fishing Program, with **three** full-time coordinators, summer interns and their volunteer network, held or sponsored a total of **1,123** fishing and non-fishing programs for nearly **54,201** participants in 2022.

INTRODUCTION

In past generations, Americans fished frequently and often did so out of necessity for food. Times have changed and now fishing is often done for pleasure as a way to relax with family and friends and to spend time outdoors. Fish may still be kept for food but are many times released to be caught again. According to a recent American Sport fishing Association (ASA) survey 40 million Americans fish, which are more people than play golf (24.4 million) and tennis (10.4 million) combined. In addition, these 40 million anglers generate about \$45 billion in retail sales annually. Responsive Management reported that 30 million anglers sixteen years and older fished in 2006. The overall economic output from fishing is about \$125 billion annually that supports more than 1 million jobs.

The sport of fishing presents an opportunity to instill outdoor ethics and to cultivate an appreciation for our natural resources. Realizing that we live on a planet that is 70% water, we must strive to be good stewards of our natural resources if we are to coexist with plants and animals.

Parts of Illinois have been transformed from quiet rural settings into urban sprawl and areas that were once pristine country sides are now filled with houses, strip malls and fast-food restaurants. Along with this change in the landscape came changes in attitudes, values, and priorities. Such changes have resulted in more single-parent families. With the burden of rearing children and earning a living, outdoor ethics and an understanding

of our natural resources are not always taught. These situations along with society's undesirable influences are producing many youngsters who desperately need outdoor experiences. Is there a solution? Can fishing be part of a solution that turns struggling members of our younger generation into good citizens? Research has shown many benefits of fishing, including its contribution to family cohesiveness and values, an enhanced and increased understanding of the environment, and many health-related benefits. Efforts to provide Illinois children with additional outdoor activities and experiences were expanded in 2010 with IDNR's "**No Child Left Inside**" initiative.

There is hope on the horizon! Reports show that kids are more likely to fish when they become adults if they experience fishing before reaching high school age. A survey by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation showed that 20% of Hispanics and African Americans who do not fish would like to fish, but do not participate for various reasons. This survey also showed that participation by members of these minority groups during their teen-aged years was important in influencing them to take up fishing as a lifelong hobby. Hispanics and African Americans tend to fish with others rather than individually and view fishing as an opportunity to socialize.

A recent survey by Responsive Management showed that most kids learn to fish from a parent/family member, but they are willing to learn from someone else if that person is skilled. A child must have fun while learning to fish; therefore, it is important that they catch fish. Children tend to get bored and show disinterest when they don't catch fish.

Moreover, most children would like to touch what they catch. Some beginning anglers might shy away from fishing because they don't like to handle bait. Girls can get interested in fishing, but surveys show many still think of fishing as a "boy's" sport.

It is imperative that we understand that in today's world there is competition for a child's interest as they have access to television and video games. These types of diversions offer an almost sure chance of easy entertainment without being boring. Another survey showed that most anglers under 35 years of age are not being introduced to fishing by their parents. If that is the case, it means that our Urban Fishing Program can fill an important niche by bringing recreational fishing to populations that otherwise would not experience this activity.

Responsive Management says that satisfaction is high for 90% of active anglers and very high for 67% of the participants. Many today's anglers focus on the importance of fishing for relaxation and as a **family activity** and sees catching big fish as being less important as the experience itself. It has been reported that two reasons people don't fish as often are a lack of time and no lakes nearby that offer good fishing.

To address the needs to provide and get more Illinois children involved with outdoor activities and experiences the Department initiated the "**No Child Left Inside**" program in 2010.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of the Illinois Urban Fishing Program include teaching children to fish, stocking enough catchable-sized fish to provide quality sport fishing opportunities for urban anglers and attract and introduce citizens to the outdoors by instilling an interest and appreciation for plants and animals. These program objectives have remained the same each year.

Steps deemed necessary to get someone interested in fishing are 1) create a threshold experience, 2) have available equipment, 3) have a suitable place to fish, 4) have a mentor to teach fishing, and 5) have social support of friends and family. Our goal is to have the Urban Fishing Program provide for all or most of these five criteria.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE FISHING

Free Fishing Clinics

Summer fishing clinics are regularly held at **19** local park district sites (see map) and occasionally at additional sites as needed (see Central and Southern Illinois reports for these additional sites). Clinics begin in mid-June and continue throughout July, into mid-August. Sessions are held twice daily, Monday through Friday. Instructors are hired and trained to conduct clinics at each site. Each clinic lasts about 2.5 hours and has two portions: 1) an approximately 45-minute educational session and 2) a “hands-on” fishing session at a nearby stocked lake. The clinics are designed to teach fishing safety, proper angler ethics, aquatic and general ecology, fish identification, knot tying, the importance

of becoming good stewards of natural resources and the importance of choosing good friends. Following the classroom educational session, attendees practice casting, learn to set the hook and then are taken fishing.

The clinic instructor presents clinics using large, laminated posters as well as video programs, along with hands-on demonstrations using various types of fishing gear. Group size is generally limited to 20-30 young people per session. Larger groups are discouraged because angling education is less effective when instructors are not able to give adequate individual attention and it is easier to ensure safety with smaller groups. Catch and Release fishing is usually practiced during clinics. Reservations are requested for those attending the clinics and individuals are encouraged to attend a clinic more than once. At many sites the local park district assists the IDNR by taking reservations.

Fish Stocking

Surveys show that kids are more likely to become interested in fishing if they have fun while learning. This is more likely to happen if they catch fish. Therefore, the stocking of catchable-sized channel catfish and hybrid sunfish (green sunfish x bluegill) is an integral part of the Urban Fishing Program. The public is also allowed to catch fish at most sites. Catchable sized channel catfish were only stocked in the Chicago lagoons this past summer at the rate of approximately 200 lbs./acre and hybrid sunfish were added at most sites at the rate of 500 fish/acre/year. Sunfish were stocked in 2 - 5 deliveries between late Spring through early August. Catfish weighed an average of 1 - 2 lbs. while hybrid

sunfish were 4 - 7 inches long.

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Studies show that a program that teaches fishing is much more effective at getting participants hooked on the sport if participants can actually go fishing. Therefore, clinics included fishing if possible. Other programs, besides the Summer clinics, that include fishing are: special event clinics, events held by volunteer instructors, fishing expos, daily fishing clinics at the state fair, school fishing programs and fishing derbies.

Special Event Clinics

Special event clinics are like regular summer clinics, but are held on weekends, after school, or at different locations near lakes with a suitable fish population.

Volunteer Instructor Clinics

The volunteer instructor fishing clinics are held by individuals, employees of state or local parks, recreation department employees, 4-H and scout camp leaders, etc., and are held at sites with a lake where fishing is available. The volunteers are trained and provided with Urban Fishing Clinic Program educational materials and with fishing equipment. This facet of the Urban Program has shown large growth and has the potential for more, allowing additional children to learn to fish at a low cost.

Fishing Expos

Fishing Expos are large fishing clinics where each topic of the Program is taught at a separate station by trained instructors. After completing each instructional station,

participants then go fishing. These events are normally sponsored in part or entirely by local fishing clubs, service clubs, and/or private businesses. Expos are one-day events and are designed to accommodate between 100-500 participants.

Fishing Derbies

Fishing Derbies usually involve a larger group of anglers (40-200 people), and include fishing without the educational part of the summer clinic program. Educational sessions may not be practical due to large group size, participants arriving at different times, time constraints, etc.

School Fishing Programs

School Fishing Programs consist of school fishing field trips, after-school fishing programs, and P.E. fishing programs. For all programs the educational portion is presented at the school or by the lake before actually fishing. With many fishing field trips and after-school programs, parents or grandparents meet the lower-grade students at the lake to help. These family-mentored angling programs are held in high esteem because it is more likely that these children and adults will go fishing again by themselves. With P.E. programs the teachers take students fishing during their P.E. classes for several weeks near the end of the school year with fishing poles that IDNR provides for their use. Teachers who offer these fishing programs are truly enthusiastic and dedicated. After-school rod and reel maintenance became a way of life for these teachers.

PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE FISHING

In Illinois, weather limits Program activities that include on-site fishing to the warmer months of April through October. If inclement weather or other limitations such as large group size, time constraints, lack of a suitable body of water, etc. occur, non-fishing activities are held. These programs include school classroom programs, fishing/outdoor shows and outdoor Conservation Field Day programs.

School Classroom Programs

The School Classroom Programs include a variety of types of sessions. Some programs discuss lake ecosystems and related topics and then allow students to pick up and handle live fish and other aquatic animals. Other programs include slide show fish related presentations followed by question and answer periods. Some programs are educational bingo-type fish games.

Fishing/Outdoor Sports Shows

Fishing/Outdoor Sports Shows are usually held indoors during the winter and they are set up to handle hundreds of persons wanting to visit with vendors selling fishing and outdoor products. Our activities, at times, offer the use of a fish simulator that allows participants to experience what it might be like to catch a large fish. We also promote our various summer fishing programs and give away aquatic and fish related literature.

Conservation Field Day Programs

Conservation Field Day programs consist of 15 - 25-minute presentations about fish and general aquatics and are usually held outdoors at state parks for school groups that are on a field trip. Numerous groups of students participate, and each group rotates from station to station.

“ACCESS TO FISHING” PROGRAM

The Illinois ***“Access to Fishing”*** rod and reel loaner program began in 1997 and remains a unique way of allowing anglers to try fishing without having to buy equipment. Rods and reels purchased by or donated to IDNR are placed in establishments such as libraries, lake-side concession stands, bait stores, etc. This equipment is available to be borrowed at no cost and is handled much like checking out and returning a library book. Tackle packets (containing hooks, sinkers, a bobber, etc.) and instructional fishing literature are also available at no cost for users to keep when they borrow a fishing pole.

This Program is popular with recent fishing clinic participants, the first-time angler, and the occasional angler who does not yet want to invest in equipment. It also makes it possible for example, for a parent to take their children and additional neighborhood children fishing and be able to provide a fishing pole for each.

The equipment is maintained by local volunteers, employees of the lending facility that houses the equipment, and by IDNR employees, etc. Locations and phone numbers for “loaner sites” in each area are shown in an appendix at the end of this report.

CHICAGO URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was initiated in Chicago in 1985. Programs were held in city parks and consisted of summer educational fishing sessions which were followed by fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. The summer clinic program has been expanded to additional parks, but the original format remains the same.

We also offered other fishing and aquatic environmental educational programs throughout the year. These programs were held in schools, with senior groups and day care facilities, in parks on weekends, etc. An important goal of this program was getting individuals interested in fishing so that they might develop it as a hobby in future years. If someone is to develop fishing as a hobby, it is most important that they go fishing when learning the sport. Therefore, activities in this report will be divided into those that included fishing and those that did not include fishing.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Summer Fishing Clinics

Summer Fishing Clinics were started in 1985 at Marquette, Gompers, and Columbus Parks. The Program was expanded and now fishing clinics and fish stockings take place at the following parks: Auburn, Columbus, Douglas, Garfield, Gompers, Humboldt, Jackson, Palmisano, Marquette, McKinley, Riis, Sherman, Washington and West Ridge. A total of **154** fishing clinics was held for **3,568** participants and this past year we stocked **7,230** pounds of catchable sized channel catfish and **56,250** hybrid sunfish (Refer to Table 1 for fishing clinic and fish stocking information). (Due to Covid19 clinics and stocking numbers were greatly reduced)

Table 1: Summer Fishing Clinics and Fish Stocking

| Clinic Site | # of Events | # of Participants | Fish Stocking | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | Lbs. of Channel Catfish | # of Hybrid Sunfish |
| Auburn | -0- | -0- | 377 | 2,500 |
| Columbus | 0 | 0 | 552 | 5,000 |
| Douglas | 0 | 0 | 550 | 5,000 |
| Garfield | 0 | -0- | | 4,500 |
| Gompers | 45 | 1,060 | 300 | 2,500 |
| Humboldt | 48 | 1,169 | 1,601 | 0 |
| Jackson | 31 | 663 | 1,500 | 5,625 |
| Marquette | 0 | 0 | 450 | 5,000 |
| McKinley | 19 | 427 | 450 | 5,625 |
| Palmisano | 6 | 145 | 0 | 3,250 |
| Sherman | 0 | 0 | 450 | 5,000 |
| Riis | -0- | -0- | -0- | 500 |
| Washington | 5 | 104 | 500 | 5,000 |
| West Ridge | 0 | 0 | -0- | 1,750 |
| Totals | 154 | 3,568 | 7,230 | 56,250 |

IDNR provided fishing equipment and bait for the participants to use. Wax worms were the preferred bait, and it was generously provided at cost by Henry’s Sports and Bait Shop, Inc. of Chicago and Park Bait Shop.

Other Programs with Fishing

Special event clinics were conducted on weekends, after school, or times when the structured clinic schedule and/or site could not be utilized. Special events also meant clinics for "special" groups, such as special education and special recreation groups, block clubs, school groups, senior citizens, park districts, and others that had expressed an interest. During the year **1,020** participants took part in **5** special event programs.

School fishing programs were held for elementary and high school students. Each program included a power-point presentation which was followed by educational games. We held **22** aquatic-outreach fishing clinics in **7** Chicago Public Schools for **444** students. Urban Fishing T-shirts were awarded as prizes and most students went fishing later.

PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of **5,032** individuals participated in the Chicago Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **3,568** participants, Special Event Outreach Fishing Programs had **1,020** participants, School Fishing Programs had **444** participants.

"ACCESS TO FISHING" PROGRAM

The "*Access to Fishing*" rod and reel loaner program had **121** loans during the year. We have **ten** sites: Albany Park Branch Library, Sherman Park Library, Rogers Park Public Library, Uptown Public Library, Humboldt Park Library, Douglas Park Library, McKinley Park Branch Library, Blackstone Library, Vodak East Side Library, and Rogers Park Library. Each site was provided with 25 rod and reel combos to lend out. In order to participate in the program, parents were required to sign an agreement which waived liability for the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Libraries. A bar code was attached to each rod and reel and cataloged for their records. The rod and reel combo were checked out of the libraries using the same system for checking out books. Participants were allowed to borrow fishing poles for seven days.

Locations and phone numbers for "loaner sites" are shown in an appendix at the end of this report.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Activities planned for the Chicago Urban Fishing Program will include summer fishing clinics at nine Chicago Park District sites and the stocking of catchable sized fish at 14 park district lagoons.

We also plan to expand the Aquatic Outreach Program to additional schools.

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NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

Currently, the northeastern Illinois Urban Fishing Program is limited to stocking catchable-sized fish at seven locations shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Site locations and number of fish stocked.

| Location | Fish stocking | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish | Hybrid Sunfish (#) |
| Lyons/Cermak Quarry | 0 | 825 |
| Mundelein/Comm Park Pond | 0 | 1,635 |
| Wheaton/Elliot Park Lake | 0 | 2,040 |
| Schiller Park/Schiller Park Pond | 0 | 2,445 |
| Northbrook/Lake Shermerville | 0 | 1,110 |
| Dolton/Flatfoot Lake | 0 | 6,120 |
| Alsip Park District Lake | 0 | 1,110 |
| -----SPECIAL EVENTS----- | | |
| Wm Power/Wolf Lake | 0 | 500 |
| Richton Park | 0 | 1,000 |
| Godley Park | 0 | 500 |
| Mundelein Police Derby | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 0 | 17,825 |

The “Access to Fishing” sites loaned fishing tackle equipment ~has roughly **37** loaner sites in the suburban area outside Chicago city limits. Loaner locations are shown in the index at the end of this report.

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Since its humble beginnings in Chicago in 1985, the Illinois Urban Fishing Program has been dedicated to improving the sport of fishing by demonstrating proper safety and responsibility to beginning anglers. The skills demonstrated and the knowledge imparted is invaluable in our modern society.

While school team sports usually become spectator sports after graduation, fishing can turn into a lifelong activity. Most anglers develop an appreciation for natural resources, wildlife, and a clean environment by participating in wholesome outdoor recreation.

As conservationists, our success is not only measured in the resources we pass on to our children and grandchildren, but also by the attitude we have instilled in them. They are the future custodians of our land, water and wildlife. The Urban Fishing Program tries to instill an awareness of safety, a willingness to become involved in conservation, and an attitude of responsibility toward all of our natural resources.

Our programs teach fishing, aquatic education, or a combination of the two. Our programs may or may not include fishing. Those that include fishing are much more valuable in instilling a desire for a person to adopt fishing as a lifelong hobby.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Fishing Clinics and Fish Stockings

The Northwestern Illinois Urban Fishing Program was initiated in 1995. Three sites were initially chosen based on population centers and availability of suitable waters. These sites were: Levings Lake in Rockford (Winnebago County), Glen Oak Park Lagoon in Peoria (Peoria County), and Riverside Lagoon in Moline (Rock Island County). Spencer Lake and the Mill Race Ponds in Belvidere were added to the Rockford clinic site in the Spring of 1999. Participants were mostly school-age children, although a few adult and

senior groups attended. Catchable-sized fish were stocked at most sites to improve fishing success.

Table 3. Summer Fishing Clinics and Fish Stockings

| Clinic Site | # of Clinics | # of Participants | Fish stocking | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish | (#) Hybrid Sunfish |
| Four Lakes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mill Race Pond | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boone Co. Cons. District | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Centennial Park Pond | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Riverside Park Lagoon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,740 |
| Glen Oak Park/ Peoria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,740 |
| -----SPECIAL EVENTS--- | | | | |
| Bakers Lake | - | - | 0 | 0 |
| Lock 14 I&M | - | - | 0 | 400 |
| Totals | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,880 |

PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of **0** individuals participated in the Northwestern Illinois Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **0** participants and Fishing Expos/Other Fishing Programs had **0** participants.

“ACCESS TO FISHING” PROGRAM

In the spring of 1997, sixteen “Access to Fishing” sites were established in Northwestern Illinois. Since that time, additional locations have been added and we now have a total of **20** sites

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Continue the Summer Urban Fishing Clinics.
2. The high quality and successful Baker's Lake Kids Fishing will again be co-sponsored with the Better Fishing Association.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

When a person is introduced to fishing, they are being presented with an activity they can enjoy their entire life. With today's hectic pace, fishing can make one forget life's pressures and just enjoy being outdoors. An introduction to fishing that places emphasis on the positive attributes of being outdoors helps to create an experience where children become more comfortable with nature. Fishing allows children to feel a sense of accomplishment and a healthy self-esteem. Fishing is a unique hobby that can be done alone or be used as an experience that builds closeness with friends and/or family members. In addition, these experiences allow for a better understanding of conservation efforts.

Fishing is a new experience for many participants in our program as the summer clinics are the first experience for many of our participants. It is for this reason that Aquatic Conservation Outreach Coordinators seek to the important aspects of fishing and the aquatic world. In addition, it is important that they catch fish to become excited and instill within them a desire to want to fish again. Fishing is an activity at which anyone can gain expertise and it is a terrific way for families to experience the great outdoors.

Our outreach programs are divided by those that have fishing as a component or those that are strictly on aquatic conservation and education. Whenever possible, fishing would be included to allow participants to a have hands on learning experience. Research has shown that individuals are more likely to want to fish again and to develop fishing as a hobby **if they have the fishing experience**. Moreover, it is better to have multiple fishing excursions to allow participants to continue the learning process. This also raises interest in the sport and conservation efforts. Children are **not likely** to become interested in fishing if they don't have the fishing experience.

Programs that included fishing were summer fishing clinics, special fishing clinics, state fair fishing clinics, school fishing programs, volunteer instructor fishing clinics, and fishing derbies. A total of **5,566** individuals participated in programs that were held this year. It is for this reason **240** individuals participated in this event.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Summer Fishing Clinics

Sites for these programs included Crystal Lake Park in Urbana, Kaufman Lake in Champaign, Colbert Park in Savoy, Fairview Park in Decatur, Washington Park in Springfield, and Miller Park located in Bloomington, Illinois. A total of **1,686** people (mostly children) attended one of the **73** clinics held in the Central Illinois area.

In most years the outreach programs are promoted however, this year this process was unable to be performed. In **FY22**, most areas were not staffed due to hiring issues.

Fish stocking has become an integral part of the Program. If children are to become interested in fishing, it is very important that they catch fish while they are learning. Fish were stocked on a bi-weekly schedule during the summer at most clinic sites to help improve success. Some offsite lakes used occasionally were not stocked because they had a enough fish population that allowed most attendees to catch fish. All lakes were pre-fished before programs to make sure fish were available.

Fishing rods were rigged with small hooks (size 8 or 12 circle or Aberdeen hooks) and small bobbers to target sunfish because those fish were more numerous and easier to catch. Kids are more likely to become interested in fishing if they catch fish. Catching a small fish is far superior to not catching anything.

Volunteer help during fishing programs has become an integral part of the Urban Fishing Program. The extra help provided more individual attention for children, that usually meant more success at catching fish and made events safer. Many volunteers helped our young anglers this year and group leaders were always urged to bring enough adults to have a one-to-five adult/child ratio.

Clinic locations and the numbers of catchable-sized fish that were stocked are shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Clinic Locations, Fish Stocking and No. of Program Participants Totals

| Clinic Site | # of Clinics | # of Anglers | # Hybrid Sunfish Stocked |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Crystal Lake, Urbana** | 0 | 0 | 9,165 |
| Kaufman Lake, Champaign | 18 | 396 | 6,111 |
| Colbert Park, Savoy | 2 | 35 | 3,156 |
| Fairview Park, Decatur* | 0 | 0 | 2,205 |
| Washington Park, Springfield* | 0 | 0 | 4,095 |
| Miller Park, Bloomington* | 3 | 37 | 4,410 |
| Illinois State Fair Pond | 50 | 1,218 | 3000 |
| Moorman Park Lake | 0 | 0 | 1,500 |
| Totals | 73 | 1,686 | 33,642 |

** site is under construction

* Sites were not staffed

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Other programs that included fishing were special fishing clinics, fishing derbies, school fishing programs, fishing clinics by volunteer instructors and state fair fish clinics. The Illinois State Fair is always exciting in its carnival atmosphere. These fishing clinics were held inside of Conservation World. A total of **3,880** individuals fished in one of the **167** programs that were held. These programs and their totals are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Other Programs That Included Fishing

| Program Type | # of | # of |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|

| | Events | Participants |
|--|---------------|---------------------|
| Special Event Fishing Clinics | 9 | 764 |
| School Fishing Clinics | 20 | 944 |
| Clinics and Derbies by Volunteer Instructors | 138 | 2172 |
| Totals | 167 | 3,880 |

The **Volunteer Instructor** program is becoming a more important and larger part of the central Illinois program. With this program fishing clinics were held by employees of a state or local park, a recreation department, church, 4-H or scout camp, Kiwanis clubs, individuals, etc. The employees of organizations or individuals were trained and given educational posters, fishing poles, and other program necessities. Numerous fishing clinics were held at each site, and these sites included: Weldon Springs State Park, Comlara Park in McLean County, the Charleston Park District, the Quincy Park District, Heartland Community College in Bloomington. In addition, numerous fishing derbies were held at the 4-H Camp at Allerton Park near Monticello. IDNR trained new employees where necessary and helped repair/replace damaged fishing equipment at each site.

PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING

Non-fishing programs consisted of fishing events, outdoor shows, fairs, and schools. Totals for these events are shown in Table 6.

Table 6. Conservation Education Outreach Programs That Did Not Include Fishing

| Program Type | # of Events | # of Participants |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| In-School Aquatic Outreach Programs | 28 | 783 |
| Community Aquatic Outreach Programs | 34 | 722 |
| Educational Booths | 2 | 663 |
| Illinois State Fair Family Fishing Tent Non-Fishing | 50 | 1,615 |
| Totals | 114 | 3,783 |

PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of **11,521** individuals participated in the **354** outreach events in the Central Illinois Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **1,686** participants, Special Event Outreach Fishing Programs had **764** participants, School Fishing Programs had **944** participants, volunteer instructors had a combined **2,172 participants** and Aquatic Outreach Programs had **3,783** participants.

“ACCESS TO FISHING” PROGRAM

The **“Access to Fishing”** (rod and reel loaner program) program now has **30 loaner sites** in the central Illinois area. Usually, eight or ten rod and reel combos were placed at each site, although several sites were given more. Large colorful promotional posters from the American Sport fishing Association were used to increase awareness. reels will be loaned out for groups such as school classrooms, large scout groups, etc. These super sites are also noted in the appendix.

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Plans for the Central Illinois Urban Fishing Program next year include:

1. Increase the number of in-school fishing/environmental classes given at schools in the Central Illinois region.
2. Promote attendance for the Urban Fishing Summer Clinics by conducting interviews on both local radio and television within the Central Illinois region.
3. Continue to seek and adopt new methods of introducing conservation education and angler recruitment and retention.
4. Increase virtual presence by creating videos and live streaming when necessary.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program is a fun-filled practical introduction to fishing for youth and persons of all ages. Thousands of children and their families receive basic training in the sport of angling each year through the efforts of the Urban Fishing staff.

The southern Illinois IDNR Urban Fishing programs are managed by the IDNR Division of Fisheries and are supported by fishing clubs, educators, service clubs and interested anglers. These groups and individuals share ownership of the program and promote fishing as a wholesome sport.

The Urban Fishing programs are basic fishing classes devoted to the sport of fishing, and ideally include an actual fishing experience. Students learn water safety and fishing ethics and many realize the lake ecosystem requires good conservation practices while they experience the freedom of the great outdoors. As young anglers build confidence with their newly acquired skills, they become more aware of the world's natural resources and the environment in which they live. Many participants come to enjoy fishing as a stress-free low-cost pastime while others mold the many facets of ichthyology into satisfying career paths.

This report separates these activities into fishing and non-fishing events. A total of **27,504** persons participated in FY2022 in the **39** counties of southern Illinois served by the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program Coordinator and **10,988** fished.

PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Fishing Clinics and Fish Stockings

See Table 1 below for clinic student locations and fish stocking numbers. The asterisk* indicates CER classes at other fishing sites.

Table 7. Summer Fishing Clinic Locations, Fish Stocking and No. of Program Participants Totals

| Clinic Site | # of Clinics | # of Participants | Hybrid Sunfish (#) |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Alton/Gordon Moore Park | 30 | 425 | 5,000 |
| Belk Park, Wood River | 24 | 300 | 1,000 |
| Byron Park, Salem | 7 | 22 | 0 |
| Carbondale Evergreen | 6 | 150 | 0 |
| Centralia/ Foundation Park | 16 | 163 | 1,500 |
| East St. Louis/Holten SP | 78 | 1,416 | 5,000 |
| Edwardsville/LeClair Lake* | 5 | 55 | 1,000 |
| Giant City State Park | 2 | 100 | 0 |
| Glazebrook | 13 | 131 | 0 |
| Jones Park East St. Louis | 37 | 1,171 | 5,000 |
| Mt. Vernon Brush Creek | 8 | 58 | 0 |
| Mt. Vernon/ Veterans Park | 31 | 131 | 1,200 |
| Murphysboro Lake | 6 | 211 | 0 |
| SIU Campus | 8 | 265 | 0 |
| Woodland Park | 25 | 275 | 2,000 |
| Youth Police Camp Belk Park | 1 | 90 | 0 |
| Totals | 297 | 4,963 | 21,700 |

Summer Fishing Clinics: Fishing clinics were staffed by five IDNR Conservation Education Representatives (CER) clinic Instructors who taught **4,963** anglers. The CERs were headquartered at nine locations: Gordon Moore Park in Alton, Frank Holten in East St. Louis, Veterans Park in Mt. Vernon, Foundation Park in Centralia, Glazebrook Park in Godfrey, Jones Park in East St. Louis, LeClaire Lake in Edwardsville, Evergreen Park in Carbondale, and Byron Park in Salem. Fishing classes were scheduled twice daily. Large catchable-sized hybrid sunfish were stocked at the clinic sites to help improve success for the anglers.

OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING

Large outreach programs that the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program co-sponsored were the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair at Pere Marquette State Park, the Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days at Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, and the Lewis and Clark Community College Water Stewardship Festival.

The **Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair** is the largest youth fishing event in Illinois. At Pere Marquette State Park, we hosted the 33rd annual event in the week prior to the IDNR Free Fishing Days weekend. We attracted over **4,000** persons and had **1,350** children register for fishing instructions plus several hundred that did not register. The event has always been held at Pere Marquette State Park but had to be moved due to spring flooding one year. 2023 will be the 34th year of the Fishing Fair and we plan to make it even better. The Urban Fishing staff and volunteers managed several of the 33 fun-fishing events which included a felt fishpond, one cast, the pitch and flip station, knot tying, the sport fishing simulator station, and the favorite of many, the new Bluegill

Pond, which was stocked with **3,000** hybrid sunfish and a few channel catfish and bass. Also, Gretchen Steele had a bow fishing station at the new blue gill pond. Youth who visited at least seven stations to learn fishing skills were qualified to fish for trout and were then eligible to select a prize from the prize tent. Special attractions included an appearance by Fred Bird, and the mascot of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Also, the 4,000-gallon fetch and fish aquarium with many species of Illinois fish attracted many, as did the scavenger hunt, Camo the clown, and a fish preparation station. We had two new stations this year and were happy to have fetch and fish aquarium return. We also had radio broadcasting from St. Louis and television reporting which helped make this annual event a favorite of many Illinois and St. Louis area families. The best thing about The Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair is that it is a free event, and every child will leave with a prize. A child can catch a trout, have it cleaned at the fish cleaning station, and then take it to the fish preparation station to have the fish cooked. This event reaches many urban families.

The annual fall **Southern Illinois Celebration of Hunting and Fishing Days** at Du Quoin State Fairgrounds attracted approximately **30,000** persons in September. The annual Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days event has hosted over a half million sportsmen and their families since 1987. This free event, the largest of its kind in the United States, is held the fourth weekend each September and showcases outdoor recreation in Illinois. The Fishing Program stocked **2,000 lbs.** of channel catfish and **2,200** hybrid sunfish in the college reflecting pool, and over **1,600** kids caught fish.

The Lewis and Clark Community College Water Stewardship Festival attracted over 500 students and teachers from 18 schools. The educational emphasis of the event was to raise awareness of the science of water. The Urban Fishing area enabled over 500 youth to catch fish during 20-minute fishing sessions. Many volunteers from the College kept the hooks baited and practiced good catch and release methods.

Mississippi Earthtones Festival, co-organized by Alton Main Street and the Sierra Club, is a celebration of our river. The Urban fishing trailer and fishing activities were provided to over 2,000 people.

Urban Fishing Programs that included fishing were special clinics and derbies. Totals for outreach programs that included fishing are shown in Table 8.

Table 8. Other Programs That Included Fishing and Fish Stockings.

| Program Type | # of Events | # of Participants | Channel Catfish (lbs.) | Hybrid Sunfish (#) | Trout (#) |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Fishing Expos | 4 | 1,100 | 1,000 | 2,200* | - |
| Youth Police Camp | 1 | 90 | - | - | - |
| Special Fishing Clinics | 16 | 800 | - | - | - |
| Special Fishing Program | 6 | 400 | - | - | - |
| Special Olympics Du Quoin | 10 | 140 | - | - | - |
| Two Rivers Fishing Fair | 1 | 1,350 | - | 3,000 | 1,200 |
| Du Quoin Blue Gill Pond | 10 | 1,275 | - | 2,200* | - |
| Fishing Derbies | 5 | 700 | - | - | - |
| Volunteer Fishing Clinics | 4 | 170 | - | - | - |
| Totals | 58 | 6,025 | 1,000 | 7,400* | 1,200 |

*Fish used at Du Quoin State Fair are typically used at National Hunting and Fishing Days in Du Quoin.

PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING

These non-fishing programs were presented at fishing events, outdoor shows, fairs, and schools as well as non-school educational programs where various aspects of fishing and environmental appreciation were taught. This year members of the Urban Fishing Program staff were presenters during Special Olympics Day activities at the Du Quoin State Fair. Totals for these events are shown in **Table 9**.

Table 9. Programs That Did Not Include Fishing

| Program Type | Events | Participants |
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| Du Quoin State Fair Casting Practice/Urban Fishing Tent | 10 | 1,100 |
| Earth Day Events | 7 | 1,500 |
| Fishing Safety Clinics Du Quoin State Fair | N/A | N/A |
| Non-School Outreach Programs | 25 | 700 |
| Paddle Fest | 1 | 200 |
| Raging Rivers Event | 1 | 1,000 |
| School Aquatic Outreach Programs | 12 | 1,366 |
| School Programs at Du Quoin | 6 | 900 |
| Urban Booths | 4 | 9,700 |
| Wing Shooting Clinic | 1 | 50 |
| Totals | 67 | 16,516 |

ACCESS TO FISHING PROGRAM

The Southern Illinois Urban Fishing *Access to Fishing* program continues to allow youth to experience the sport of fishing and the great outdoors by providing libraries and other loaner sites with fishing tackle that can easily be borrowed by youthful anglers.

Alton's Hayner Library was the first rod and reel loaner site in Illinois. There are now **43** sites in Southern Illinois. During FY 2022, approximately **1,100** youth borrowed a fishing pole from the program. Rods and reels are usually bar-coded by the libraries before being loaned out. Tackle packs containing hooks, sinkers, a bobber, and fishing tips are also available to each borrower. Locations and phone numbers for the Southern Illinois loaner sites are shown in the appendix at the end of this report. Due to the COVID-19, most of the libraries were closed, and few fishing poles were loaned out.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- 1) Increase the number of in-school fishing/environmental classes at schools in the metro-east area. Encourage those students to bring their parents to actual fishing clinics that are available or to attend Family Fishing Events held at state and local parks.

- 2) Promote attendance at the regular Urban Fishing summer clinics. Encourage advanced reservations and inform youth groups about the free fishing clinics.

- 3) Continue to involve the media to inform the public about the availability of the free fishing clinics in their area.

- 4) Offer library access to fishing sites for their youthful patrons during their summer reading programs.

5) Build upon experience and successes to promote attendance at the Urban Fishing Programs. Continue to perfect these quality programs that help instill a respect for the conservation of our natural resources and introduce sport fishing to our youth.

6) Place signage at each of the CER sites to try to help the attendance at the summer clinic sites in Southern Illinois. Also, continue to promote the summer fishing program by radio, TV, and newspaper.

If you have any questions about this report or the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program, please contact the Urban fishing coordinator at 618/786-3323 or Division of Fisheries in Springfield at 217/782-6424.

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2022 “ACCESS TO FISHING” SITE LOCATIONS (BY REGION)

Alphabetized by city within regions

| CHICAGO/ NORTHEAST ILLINOIS | | | |
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| Access Site | Address | | Phone # |
| Albany Park Branch Library | 5150N.Kimball | Chicago, IL 60625 | 312/744-1933 |
| Blackstone Public Library | 4904 S. Lake Park Ave. | Chicago, IL 60615 | 312/747-0511 |
| Blackwell Forest Preserve | Butterfield Road (2 miles west of Winfield Rd.) | Warrenville, IL | 630/876-5937 |
| Bolingbrook Park District | 475 Trout Farm Road | Bolingbrook, IL 60440 | 630/739-4696 |
| Burr Ridge Park District | 15 West 400 Harvester Dr. | Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630/920-1969 |
| Cabela’s | 5225 Prairie Stone Parkway | Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 | 847/645-0400 ext. 8190 |
| Crystal Lake Nature Center | 330 N. Main St. | Crystal Lake, IL 60014 | 815/455-1763 |
| Douglas Park Library | 3353 W. 13 th St. | Chicago, IL 60623 | 312/747-3725 |
| DuPage County Forest Preserve District | Churchill Woods Forest Preserve | St. Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn, IL | 630/792-2100 |
| Eden’s Place Nature Center | 4417 S. Stewart Avenue | Chicago, IL 60609 | 773/624-8686 |
| Evanston Parks Ecology Center | 2024 McCormick Blvd. | Evanston, IL 60201 | 847/864-5181 |
| Fox River Grove Memorial Library | 407 Lincoln Avenue | Fox River Grove, IL 60021-1406 | 847/639-2274 |
| Godley Park District | 500 Kankakee St. | Godley, IL | 815/458- |

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| | | 60407 | 6129 |
| Grayslake Park District | 243 Harvey Avenue | Grayslake, IL 60030 | 847/223- 4404 |
| Greenbelt Cultural Center | 1215 Green Bay Road North | Chicago, IL 60064 | 847/968- 3477 |
| Henry's Bait Shop | 3130S.CanalSt. | Chicago, IL 60616 | 312/225- 8538 |
| Herrick Lake | Butterfield Road (1/4 mile East of Herrick Road) | Wheaton, IL | 630/876- 5937 |
| Humboldt Park Library | 1605NorthTroy | Chicago, IL 60647 | 312/744- 2244 |
| I & M Canal State Trail | Gebhard Woods, P.O.Box272 | Morris, IL 60450 | 815/942- 0796 |
| Iron Oaks Environmental, Learning Center 20000 | Western Ave. | Olympia Fields, IL 60461 | 708/481- 2330 |
| Lake View Nature Center | 17 W 063 Hodges Rd. | Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181 | 630/941- 8747 |
| Maine Township | 1700 Ballard Road | Park Ridge, IL 60068 | 847/297- 2510 |
| Marengo Union Library | 19714 E. Grant Hwy. | Marengo, IL 60152 | 815-/568- 8236 |
| Matteson Area Public Library | 801 South School Avenue | Matteson, Illinois 60443 | (708)748- 4431 |
| McHenry Parks and Recreation | 3636 Municipal Dr. | McHenry, IL 60050 | 815/363- 2160 |
| McKinley Park Branch Library | 1915 W. 35th St. | Chicago, IL 60609 | 312/747- 6082 |
| Monee Reservoir/Whalon | 27341 Ridgeland Ave. | Monee, IL 60449 | 708/534- 8499 |
| Moraine Hills State Park | 1510 S. River Rd. | McHenry, IL 60051 | 815/344- 1294 |
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| | | 60051 | 1294 |
| New Lenox Community Park District | 1 Manor Drive | New Lenox, IL 60451 | 815/485-3548 |
| Northbrook Park District | 3323 Walters Ave | Northbrook, IL 60062 | 847/291-2995 |
| Northwest Special Recreation Assoc. | 3000W.Central Rd., Suite | 205 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 | 847/392-2848 |
| Oak Lawn Public Library | 9427 S. Raymond Ave. | Oak Lawn, IL 60453 | 708/422-4990 |
| Orland Hills Recreation Dept. | 16033 South 94th Ave. | Orland, IL 60477 | 708/349-7211 |
| Palatine Park District, Birchwood Park Salmon Shop | 250 E. Wood St. | Palatine, IL 60067 | 847/705-5123 ext. 238 |
| Pilcher Park | 2501 Highland Park Dr. | Joliet, IL 60435 | 815/741-7277 |
| Pleasant Dale Park District | 7425 S. Wolf Road | Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630/662-6220 |
| Prairie Grass Nature Museum | 860 Hart Road | Round Lake, IL 60073 | 847/740-9823 |
| Poplar Creek Public Library | 1405 s. Park Avenue | Streamwood, IL 60107 | 630/837-6800 |
| River Trail Nature Center | 3120N.Milwaukee | Northbrook, IL 60062 | 847/824-8360 |
| Schaumburg Park District | 1111 E. Schaumburg | Schaumburg, IL 60194 | 847/985-2100 |
| Sherman Park Library | 5440S.Racine | Chicago, IL 60609 | 312/747-0478 |
| St. Charles Park District | 101 South Second | St. Charles, IL 60174 | 630/513-4335 |
| The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center | 9800 South 104th Avenue | Willow Springs, IL 60480 | 708/839-6897 |

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| Uptown Public Library | 929W. Buena | Chicago, IL 60613 | 312/744- 8400 |
| Vodak---East Side Branch Public Library | 3710 E. 106 th Street | Chicago, IL60617 | 312/747- 5500 |
| Wauconda Park District | 600N.MainStreet | Wauconda, IL 60084 | 847/526- 3610 |
| West Ridge Nature Preserve – Park 568 | 6962 N. Hamilton --- #D | Chicago, IL 60645 | 773/401- 1828 |
| Wildwood Nature Center | 2701 W. Sibley Ave. | Park Ridge, IL 60068 | 847/692- 5127 |
| Wildwood Park District | 3325Sears Boulevard | Wildwood, IL 60030 | 847/223- 7275 |
| Willow Brook Recreation Department | 7760 Quincy St. | Willow Brook, IL 60527 | 630/323- 8215 |
| Winfield Public Library | 5291WinfieldRoad | Winfield, IL 60190 | 630/653- 7599 |
| Wm. Powers Conservation Area | 12949 S. Avenue O | Chicago, IL 60633 | 773/646- 3270 |
| York Center Park District | 609SouthLuther Ave. | Lombard, IL 60148 | 630/629- 0886 |

NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

| Access Site | Address | | Phone # |
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| Angler's Edge Pro Shop | 217 East Riverside Blvd. | Loves Park, IL 61111 | 815/877- 6082 |
| Astoria Public Library | 220 W. Broadway | Astoria, IL 61501 | 309/329- 2423 |
| Bond Public Library | 208 S. Chestnut St. | Wenona, IL 61377 | 815/853- 4665 |
| Boone County Conservation District | 603 N. Appleton Rd. | Belvidere, IL 61008 | 815/547- 7935 |
| Canton Park District | 250 South | Canton, IL | 309/647- |

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| | Avenue D | 61520 | 1345 |
| Chillicothe Public Library | 430 N. Bradley Ave. | Chillicothe, IL 61523 | 309/274-2719 |
| City of Galesburg Recreation Department | P.O. Box 1387 | Galesburg, IL 61402 | 309/345-3683 |
| Flagg/Rochelle Community Park District | 735 N. Second St. | Rochelle, IL 61068 | 815/562-7813 |
| Franklin Grove Public Library | Box326 | Franklin Grove, IL 61031 | 815/456-2823 |
| Hennepin Canal Parkway, State Park Visitor's Center | 16006 875 E. St | Sheffield, IL 61361 | 815/454-2579 |
| Macomb Public Library | 235 South Lafayette | Macomb, IL 61455 | 309/833-2714 |
| Oregon Park District | 304 S. 5 th Street | Oregon, IL 61061 | 815/732-3101 |
| Peoria Park District | 2218 N. Prospect Rd. | Peoria, IL 61603 | 309/688-3667 Ext.208 |
| Quad City Conservation Alliance | 2621 4 th Ave. | Rock Island, IL 61201 | 309/788-5912 |
| Rock Falls Public Library | 1007 7 th Ave. Rock | Falls, IL 61071 | 815/626-3958 |
| Shabbona Lake St Rec Area Concession | Route#1, Box120 | Shabbona, IL 60550 | 815/824-2581 |

| CENTRAL ILLINOIS | | | |
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| Access Site | Address | | Phone # |
| Allerton Park4-Hcamp | 499 Old Timber Road | Monticello, IL 61856 | 217/762-2741 |
| Augusta Public Library | 202 Center St. | Augusta, IL 62311 | 217/392-2211 |
| Carthage Public Library | 538 Wabash Ave. | Carthage, IL 62321 | 217/357-3232 |

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| Charleston Public Library | 712 S. Sixth St. | Charleston, IL 61920 | 217/345-4720 |
| Chatham Public Library | 600 E. Spruce St. | Chatham, IL 62629 | 217/483-2713 |
| Eagle Creek/Wolf Creek SP | Box116 | Findlay, IL 62534 | 217/483-8260 |
| Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library | 2 W. Water Street | Sullivan, IL 61951 | (217) 728-7221 |
| Hamilton Public Library | 861 Broadway | Hamilton, IL 62341 | 217/847-2219 |
| Havana Nature Center | 406S.Schrader | Havana, IL 62644 | 309/543-6240 |
| Heartland Community College | 1500W.Raab Road | Normal, IL 61761 | 309/268-8513 |
| IL Dept. of Natural Resources | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702 | 217/782-0041 |
| Illinois Veteran's Home | 1707 N. Twelfth | Quincy, IL 62301 | 217/222-8641 |
| Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA | 10149 County Highway11 | Chandlerville, IL 62627 | 217/452-7741 |
| Kennekuk Cove County Park | 222A Henning Road | Danville, IL 61834 | 217/442-1691 |
| Lincoln Trail State Park-baitshop | P.O. Box 81, 16985 E. 1350th Rd. | Marshall, IL 62441 | 217/826-8131 |
| McLean Co. Conservation District-Evergreen Lake | 2450 N. Comlara Rd. | Hudson, IL 61748 | 309/726-2022 |
| Mill Creek Park | 20482 N. Park Entrance Rd. | Marshall, IL 62441 | 217/889-2882 |
| Nauvoo State Park | Box 426 | Nauvoo, IL 62354 | 217/453-2512 |
| Pontiac Public Library | 211 E. Madison | Pontiac, IL 61764 | 815/844-7229 |
| Quincy Public Library | 526 Jersey St. | Quincy, IL 62301 | 217/223-1309 |
| Rantoul Public Library | 106W.Flessner | Rantoul, IL | 217/893- |

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| Rantoul Recreation Dept. | 1306 Country Club Lane | Rantoul, IL 61866 | 217/893-0461 |
| Ridge Lake Biological Station | 17211 Ridge Lake Road | Charleston, IL 61920 | 217/345-6469 |
| Rock Springs Center | 3939 Nearing Lane | Decatur, IL 62521 | 217/423-7708 |
| Savoy Recreation Center | 402 W.Graham | Savoy, IL 61874 | 217/359-3550 |
| Siloam Springs State Park | Concession Stand | Clayton, IL 62324 | 217/894-6271 |
| Sky Rush Park | R.R. 3, P.O. Box 11 | Rushville, IL 62681 | 217/322-6628 |
| Towanda District Library | 301 S. Taylor | Towanda, IL 61776 | 309/728-2176 |
| Watseka Park District | 206E. Walnut | Watseka, IL 60970 | 815/432-3931 |
| Weinberg---King State Park | P.O. Box 203 | Augusta, IL 62311 | 217/392-2345 |
| Weldon Springs State Park | Box 87 | Clinton, IL 61727 | 217/935-0307 |

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

| Access Site | Address | | Phone # |
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| Alton Hayner Public Library | 326 Belle Street | Alton, IL 62002 | 618-462-0651 |
| Benld Library | 308 E. Central Street, | Benld, IL 62009 | 217-835-4045 |
| Benton Public Library | 502 S. Main Street, | Benton, IL 62812 | 618-438-7511 |
| Bunker Hill Library | 220 E. Warren Street, | Bunker Hill, IL 62014 | 618-585-4736 |
| Carbondale Public | 405 W. Main Street | Carbondal | 618-457-0354 |

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| Library | | e, IL 62901 | |
| Carlinville Public Library | 501 N. Broad Street | Carlinville, IL 62626 | 217-854-3505 |
| Carrollton Public Library | 509 S. Main Street | Carrollton, IL 62016 | 217-942-6715 |
| Caseyville Public Library | 419 S. 2nd Street | Caseyville, IL 62232 | 618-345-5848 |
| Centralia Public Library | 515 E. Broadway | Centralia, IL 62801 | 618-532-5222 |
| Chester Public Library | 733 State Street | Chester, IL 62233 | 618-826-3711 |
| Collinsville Memorial Library | 408 W. Main Street | Collinsville, IL 62234 | 618-344-1112 |
| Edwardsville Public Library | 112 S. Kansas Street | Edwardsville, IL 62025 | 618-692-7556 |
| Eldon Hazlett State Park | Homer Guthrie Pond | Carlyle, IL 62231 | 618-594-3015 |
| Fairfield IDNR Office | R. R. #3, Box 979 | Fairfield, IL 62837 | 618-842-2179 |
| Fairmont City Center | 2870 N. 44th Street | Fairmont City, IL 62201 | 618-842-3966 |
| Frank Holten State Park | 4500 Pocket Road | East St. Louis, IL 62205 | 618-874-7920 |
| Germantown Library | 403 Munster Street | Germantown, IL 62245 | 618-523-4599 |
| Giant City State Park | 235 Giant City Road | Makanda, IL 62958 | 618-457-4836 |
| Godfrey Park and Recreation | 6810 Godfrey Road | Godfrey, IL 62035 | 618-466-1483 |
| Granite City Regional Six-Mile Library District | 2201 Delmar Avenue | Granite City, IL 62040 | 618-452-6238 |

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| Greenville Public Library | 414 E. Main Street | Greenville, IL 62246 | 618-664-3115 |
| Harrisburg Rec Department | P. O. Box 313 | Harrisburg, IL 62946 | 618-252-2111 |
| Hillsboro Public Library | 214 School Street | Hillsboro, IL 62049 | 217-532-3055 |
| Jerseyville Library | 105 N. Liberty | Jerseyville, IL 62052 | 618-498-9514 |
| Johnson City Arrowhead Lake | Johnson City, IL 62951 | Johnson City, IL 62951 | 618-983-3535 |
| Litchfield Carnegie Library | Litchfield, IL 62056 | Litchfield, IL 62056 | 217-324-3866 |
| Little Grassy Campground and Marina | 788 Hidden Bay | Makanda, IL 62958 | 618-457-6655 |
| Little Grassy Fish Hatchery | 1258 Hatchery Lane | Makanda, IL 62958 | 618-629-4100 |
| Logan Sallie Public Library | 1808 Walnut Street | Murphysboro, IL 62966 | 618-684-2923 |
| Marion Carnegie Library | 206 Market Street | Marion, IL 62959 | 618-993-5935 |
| Maryville Community Library | 8 Scheiber Court | Maryville, IL 62062 | 618-288-3801 |
| Metropolis Community Center Library | 516 Superman Square | Metropolis, IL 62960 | 618-524-3411 |
| Nashville Public Library | 219 E. Elm Street | Nashville, IL 62263 | 618-327-3827 |
| O'Fallon Library | 109 S. Main Street | O'Fallon, IL 62269 | 618-632-3783 |
| Pere Marquette State and Park Lodge | Lodge Boulevard | Grafton, IL 62037 | 618-786-2331 |
| Smithton Library | 211 W. Broadway Street | Smithton, IL 62885 | 618-233-8057 |

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| Sparta Public Library | 120 Civic Plaza | Sparta, IL 62286 | 618-443-5014 |
| Steelville Public Library | 107 W. Broadway | Steelville, IL 62288 | 618-965-3135 |
| Trenton Public Library | 118 E. Indiana Street | Trenton, IL 62293 | 618-224-7662 |
| Ullin City Center | Ullin, IL 62922 | Ullin, IL 62922 | |
| West Frankfort Public Library | 402 E. Popular | Frankfort, IL 62896 | 618-932-3313 |
| Wood River Public Library | 326 E. Ferguson Ave. | Wood River, IL 62095 | 618-254-4832 |