

# **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 multiple objectives were (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 '18 fish were stocked at **46** sites. Summer fishing clinics were regularly held at **8** Chicago locations and **28** sites in Northwestern, Central and Southern Illinois (see tables below). Like calendar 2017 year, **7** additional ponds were stocked in Cook County where historically summer fishing clinics had been held. Also, there were **4** special event stockings. No clinics were held at these due to lack of staffing. Fishing clinics were held twice daily Monday through Friday for about nine weeks at most of these fishing sites during the summer. Approximately **19,457** youngsters attended one of **1,014** summer fishing clinics that included fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. Fish stocking remained important for the program and approximately **39,227** lbs. of channel catfish and **131,290** hybrid sunfish were stocked. In addition, **1,200** trout were stocked for the Two Rivers Fishing Fair held at Pere Marquette State Park. Members of the general public were also able to catch and take these fish at most sites. In addition to the Urban Summer fishing clinics, **1,632** kids fished at the temporary pond created for the Springfield State Fair.

Additional volunteers and volunteer organizations have become more involved in conducting and assisting with programs. Volunteers and volunteer organizations with IDNR training and assistance held approximately **222** fishing clinics and events for roughly **6,500** children and adults last year. These individuals and organizations play a very important role in the ongoing success of the program.

Urban Fishing Program coordinators held **262** fishing events outside of summer fishing clinics with **12,281** participants. In addition, Urban Fishing Coordinators also held **606** non-fishing Education Programs for more than **51,875** participants at numerous schools and other settings during the year to teach environmental education and an appreciation for natural resources, and to promote summer fishing programs. This figure includes the **21,306** people that participated in the “Touch-a-Fish” station at the Illinois State Fair.

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 **13,820** times last year. The list of sites follows this report.

In total the Urban Fishing Program, with **three** full-time coordinators, **20** summer interns and their volunteer network, held or sponsored a total of **1,800** fishing and non-fishing programs for nearly **89,263** participants in 2018.

## 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 other less desirable 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 provided 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. We must keep in mind that in today's world there is competition for a child's interest when they have access to television, video and computer games. These types of indoor games 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 fishing to many people who might not otherwise experience it.

Responsive Management says that satisfaction is high for 90% of active anglers and very high for 67% of the participants. The majority of 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 sufficient numbers of 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 general 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. and 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 are able to 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 similar to 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

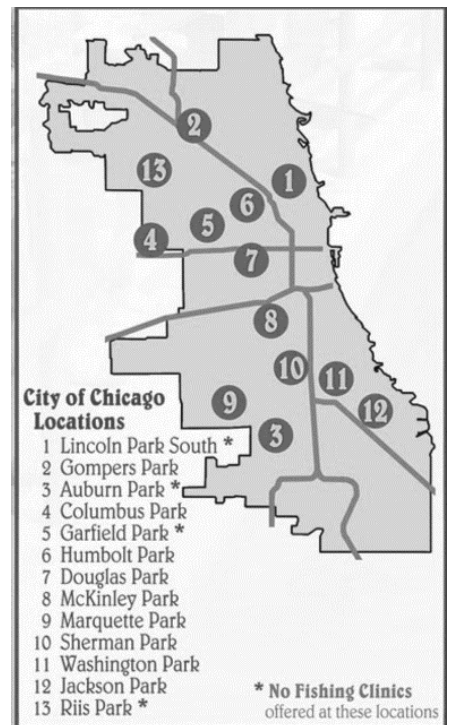
The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was initiated in Chicago in 1985. Programs were held in city parks and consisted of summer educational fishing sessions which were followed by fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. The summer clinic program has been expanded to additional parks, but the original format 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 actually 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 **434** fishing clinics was held for **9,383** participants and this past year we stocked **30,000** pounds of catchable sized channel catfish and **56,250** hybrid sunfish (**Table 1**).



**Table 1: Summer Fishing Clinics and Fish Stocking**

Park	# of Clinics	# of Participants	Fish Stocking	
			Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish	# Hybrid sunfish
Auburn	-0-	-0-	600	2,500
Columbus	55	1,355	3,300	5,000
Douglas	29	633	3,300	5,000
Garfield	0	0	3,000	4,500
Gompers	68	1,457	1,800	2,500
Humboldt	29	634	3,600	5,000
Jackson	32	756	3,250	5,625
Marquette	58	1,141	2,000	5,000
McKinley *	45	1,107	3,250	5,625
Palmisano	0	0	0	3,250
Sherman *	51	1,028	2,650	5,000
Riis	-0-	-0-	-0-	500
Washington	67	1,272	3,250	5,000
West Ridge	0	0	-0-	1,750
<b>Totals</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>9,383</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>56,250</b>

\*Sherman and McKinley parks did not have instructors this year.

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

### **OTHER PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED 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 **150** participants took part in one of the **2** special event programs.

William Powers State Park held an event called "Fall Fest" and the Chicago Urban Fishing Program was asked to provide fishing clinics for **75** people. Approximately **300** people attended this event with various resource booths available. Bluegills were the catch of the day and everyone had a great time.

A fishing derby was held at Richton Park District. Three Urban fishing clinic instructors provided educational classes and fishing for **75** kids. The kids caught bluegills. One young man told our instructors "I caught my first fish, can I show my Grandpa?"

**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 **128** aquatic-outreach fishing clinics in **31** Chicago Public Schools for **3,135** students. Urban Fishing T-shirts were awarded as prizes and most students went fishing at a later date.

## **PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING**

The Chicago Urban Fishing Program participated in the eleventh annual event called “**Kidzfest**” which was held in Joliet. The Chicago Urban Fishing clinic supervisor along with six instructors provided an informational table with Urban Fishing buttons, specimens of exotic species, and casting targets for kids. Artificial bait was used as prizes. Over **400** students participated in the casting and approximately **4,000** people attended this event. The students along with their parents had a great time.

## **PROGRAM TOTALS**

A total of **13,068** individuals participated in the Chicago Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **9,383** participants, Special Event Outreach Fishing Programs had **150** participants, School Fishing Programs had **3,135** participants, and Aquatic Outreach Programs non-fishing programs had **400** participants.

## ***"ACCESS TO FISHING" PROGRAM***

The *"Access to Fishing"* rod and reel loaner program had **2,301** 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 Eden’s Place Nature Center. 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 could 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 2019 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. 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.
2. 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.**

Stock Location	Fish stocking	
	Lbs. stocked Channel Catfish	Hybrid Sunfish (#)
Lyons/Cermak Quarry	720	825
Mundelein/Comm Park Pond	1,101	1,635
Wheaton/Elliott Park Lake	1,200	2,040
Schiller Park/Schiller Park Pond	1,200	2,445
Northbrook/Lake Shermerville	729	1,110
Dolton/Flatfoot Lake	4,998	6,120
Alsip Park District Lake	729	1,110
<b>-----SPECIAL EVENTS-----</b>		
Wm Power/Wolf Lake	200	500
Richton Park	200	1,000
Godley Park	200	300
Mundelein Police Derby	200	1,600
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,477</b>	<b>18,685</b>



The “Access to Fishing” sites loaned fishing tackle equipment ~8,300 from 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. In 2018 we held **58** clinics for **821** participants.

**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	4,050
Mill Race Pond	0	0	0	1,200
Boone Co.Cons. District	0	0	0	4,050
Centennial Park Pond	-	-	0	2,100
Riverside Park Lagoon	-	-	0	1,740
Glen Oak Park/ Peoria	58	821	0	1,740
<b>-----SPECIAL EVENTS-----</b>				
Bakers Lake	-	-	200	2,000
Lock 14 I&M	-	-	200	400
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>17,280</b>

A **Fishing Expo** is a large single-day event that usually includes a large number of participants. Calendar year 2018 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Kids Fishing Expo held at Baker’s Lake in Peru, Illinois, in cooperation with the Better Fishing Association (BFA). The BFA has many dedicated volunteers that work very hard to make this a successful educational experience. At this year’s clinic, more than **160** volunteers worked to provide an outstanding experience for more than **800** children and about the same number of adults.

## **PROGRAMS THAT DID NOT INCLUDE FISHING**

Region 1 fish biologists also presented numerous non-fishing aquatic ecosystem programs. This past year they held **200** events for more than **7,400** students.

## **PROGRAM TOTALS**

A total of **8,221** individuals participated in the Northwestern Illinois Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **1,057** participants and Fishing Expos/Other Fishing Programs had **2,245** 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. Last year fishing poles were borrowed **400** times

## **CALENDAR YEAR 2019 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 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 his or her 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 **38,011** individuals participated in programs that were held this year. One of the largest non-fishing education programs stems from the “Touch-a-Fish” station located in Conservation World at the Illinois state Fair. This year **16,043** individuals participated in this event.

### **PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING**

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 **4,668** people (mostly children) attended one of the **282** clinics held in the Central Illinois area.

To increase attendance at clinics, promotional letters were sent to children’s groups such as day care centers, YMCAs, and Boys and Girls Clubs. News releases/interviews were also given to radio and TV stations and to newspapers.

**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 sufficient 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**

<b>Clinic Site</b>	<b># of Clinics</b>	<b># of Anglers</b>	<b># Hybrid Sunfish Stocked</b>
Crystal Lake, Urbana	24	164	0
Kaufman Lake, Champaign	13	309	6,110
Colbert Park, Savoy	28	179	3,055
Fairview Park, Decatur	61	712	2,205
Washington Park, Springfield	66	1,349	4,095
Miller Park, Bloomington	30	323	4,410
Illinois State Fair Pond	60	1,632	3,000
Moorman Park Lake	0	0	1,500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>22,875</b>

#### **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. A total of **6,165** individuals fished in one of the **226** programs that were held. These programs and their totals are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5. Other Programs That Included Fishing**

<b>Program Type</b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b># of Participants</b>
Special Event Fishing Clinics	17	706
School Fishing Clinics	24	1,151
Clinics and Derbies by Volunteer Instructors	185	4,308
<b>Totals</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>6,165</b>

The Illinois State Fair is always exciting in its carnival atmosphere. The fishing clinics were held inside of Conservation World. This year there was quite a change to the area with rocks lining the pond and artificial turf being used in order to reduce the amount of muddy shoreline around the pond. These changes received many compliments by families that attended. The pond was filled with water and then stocked with about **3,000 hybrid sunfish**. As in the past, the fish were susceptible to being caught and most of the **1,632 anglers** caught at least one fish. The pond's small size limited the number of attendees to 30 - 35 kids per session. Parents were always encouraged to participate by helping their children bait hooks and remove fish. Other volunteers also came forth to help.

The **Touch a Fish** station was located near the entrance to Conservation World where participants could touch or hold a fish, turtle or crawdad and this was again extremely popular. It seemed to be a new experience for many. Approximately **21,306 individuals** participated in this opportunity to touch something slimy or to hold one of these aquatic creatures.

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, 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	30	2,313
Community Aquatic Outreach Programs	43	2,244
Educational Booths*	1	1,264
Illinois State Fair "Touch a Fish**	66	21,306
Illinois State Fair Family Fishing Tent Non-Fishing	66	1,075
<b>Totals</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>28,202</b>

\*Educational booth were held at Scheels Fish Fest

\*\*The "Touch a Fish" display was open all ten days Illinois State Fair with 6 sessions per day.

### PROGRAM TOTALS

A total of **39,035** individuals participated in the Central Illinois Urban Fishing Program during the year. Summer Fishing Clinics had **4,668** participants, Special Event Outreach Fishing Programs had **706** participants, School Fishing Programs had **1,151** participants, volunteer instructors had a combined **4,308** participants and Aquatic Outreach Programs had **28,202** 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. Fishing poles were **used approximately 2,000 times** during the year at these **32** sites. Locations and phone numbers for “loaner sites” are shown in the appendix at the end of this report. Some sites are designated as “Super Loan Sites”, meaning a minimum of 20 rods and 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 2017 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. Develop a mobile aquatic conservation trailer to provide a learning experience for participants during community outreach events.
5. Increase Urban Fishing’s presence at Central Illinois sport shows.

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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 **24,297** persons participated in FY2018 in the **39** counties of southern Illinois served by the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program Coordinator and **11,649** fished.

### **PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDED FISHING**

**Summer Fishing Clinics** were staffed by five IDNR Conservation Education Representatives (CER) clinic Instructors who taught **5,334** 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, LeClaire Lake in Edwardsville, Evergreen Park in Carbondale, Memorial Park in Nashville and Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton. Fishing classes were scheduled twice daily. Large catchable-sized hybrid sunfish were stocked at the clinic sites to help improve success for the anglers. See Table 7 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**

<b>Clinic Site</b>	<b># of Clinics</b>	<b># of Anglers</b>	<b># Hybrid Sunfish Stocked</b>
<b>Alton/Gordon Moore Park</b>	25	360	5,000
<b>Belk Park, Wood River</b>	40	571	1,000
<b>Carbondale Evergreen</b>	10	255	0
<b>Carbondale/SIU Touch-Nature</b>	19	420	5,000
<b>Carlyle Camp Joy*</b>	7	381	0
<b>Centralia/ Foundation Park</b>	13	214	1,500
<b>Crab Orchard</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>East St. Louis/Holten SP</b>	59	2,329	5,000
<b>Edwardsville Rod-Gun Club*</b>	10	100	0
<b>Edwardsville/LeClair Lake*</b>	11	72	1,000
<b>Giant City State Park</b>	5	48	0
<b>Glazebrook</b>	13	141	0
<b>IFOR Skills Camp</b>	11	60	0
<b>Mt. Vernon Bush Creek</b>	9	90	0
<b>Mt. Vernon/ Veterans Park</b>	27	165	1,200
<b>Nashville Memorial Park</b>	16	38	0
<b>Youth Police Camp Belk Park</b>	1	90	0
<b>Rend Lake COE</b>	5	79	0
<b>Pere Marquette Education Pond</b>	5	60	0
<b>Cash River State Park</b>	5	120	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>5,593</b>	<b>19,700</b>

## 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 weekend at John A. Logan Community College, the Lewis and Clark Community College Water Stewardship Festival. This year was also the fifth year the fishing area was included at the Du Quoin State Fair.

The **Two Rivers Fishing Fair** is the largest youth fishing event in Illinois. At Pere Marquette State Park, we hosted the 28<sup>th</sup> annual event in the week prior to the IDNR Free Fishing Days weekend. We attracted over **4,000** persons and had **1,318** children register for fishing instructions. The event was held at Pere Marquette State Park. The year 2019 will be the 29<sup>th</sup> year of the Fishing Fair and we plan to make it even better!

The Urban Fishing staff and volunteers managed 6 of the 33 fun-fishing events which included a felt fish pond, 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. In addition, bow fishing instructor Gretchen Steele, instructed participants at our bow fishing station at the newly constructed 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 aquarium with many species of Illinois fish, attracted many, as did the Cabela's scavenger hunt and fish preparation station. The two new stations this year were a fish taxidermy station and an Asian carp preparation and cooking station. We also had the Bull Radio Broadcasting from St.

Louis and television reporting 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. In addition, the event reaches many urban families.

The annual fall **Southern Illinois Celebration of Hunting and Fishing Days** at John A. Logan Community College in Carterville attracted approximately **39,000** 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 **1,500** 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 the 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.**

<b>Program Type</b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Channel Catfish (lbs.)</b>	<b>Hybrid Sunfish (#)</b>	<b>Trout (#)</b>
Fishing Expos	7	1,400	1,000	2,200*	-
Youth Police Camp	1	90	-	-	-
Special Fishing Clinics	16	698	-	-	-
Special Fishing Programs	8	400	-	-	-
Special Olympics Du Quoin	10	150	-	-	-
Two Rivers Fishing Fair	1	1,318	-	3,000	1,200
Du Quoin Blue Gill Pond	10	1,400	-	2,200*	-
Fishing Derbies	3	300	-	-	-
Volunteer Fishing Clinics	6	200	-	-	-
Arbor Day Glazebrook Park	1	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>7,400*</b>	<b>1,200</b>

\*Fish used at DuQuoin State Fair are typically used at National Hunting and Fishing Days in Carterville.

### **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**

<b>Program Type</b>	<b># of Events</b>	<b># of Participants</b>
Du Quoin State Fair Casting Practice/Urban Fishing Tent (ten days)*	10	1,300
Fishing Safety Clinics Du Quoin State Fair	N/A	N/A
Non-School Aquatic Outreach Programs	20	759
Principia College	7	90
School Aquatic Outreach Programs	26	739
School Programs at Du Quoin	N/A	N/A
Urban Booths**	8	9,850
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>12,648</b>

\* The Urban Fishing Tent was open all 10 days of the Du Quoin State Fair

\*\* Springfield Scheels, Kampsville Archeological Event, Collinsville Boat Show, Jerseyville Job Fair, Pittsfield Quail Banquet, Gordon Moore Park Event, Dow Treehouse Wildlife Center, Alton Job Fair, and Moline Urban Trailer Display

### **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 2018, approximately **950** 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.

## FISCAL YEAR 2019 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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

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 informing youth groups about the free fishing clinics. Continue to involve the media to inform the public about the availability of the free fishing clinics in their area.

3) Offer library access to fishing sites for their youthful patrons during their summer reading programs. Continue to promote the access to fishing at sites.

4) 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.

5) We have now expanded the Conservation World area at the Du Quoin State fair by adding a fishing pond for the youth to fish at during the fair. It was a huge success the last four years. This year we added a large mobile fish aquarium. In the coming years, we would like to continue expanding Urban Fishing involvement at this event.

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.

7) The new pond at Pere Marquette State Park has been used by countless youth this



year and is an education success. We have used the pond for many Urban Fishing Programs too. Also, the pond acts as an important interactive focal point for the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair. Amazingly, many people have caught their first fish out of this pond.

8) My goal is to have the CER's present classes at multiple sites. The CER's can reach more youth by being at additional sites instead of being at one location only.

9) My goal is to start a new clinic site at Long Acre Park in Fairview Heights. I am going to write a proposal for approval. The location would be a phenomenal site to reach urban youths.

If you have any questions about this report or the Southern Illinois Urban Fishing Program, please contact the Urban fishing coordinator....

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## 2019 “ACCESS TO FISHING” SITE LOCATIONS(BY REGION)

Alphabetized by city within regions

<b>CHICAGO/ NORTHEAST ILLINOIS</b>		
<b>Access Site</b>	<b>Address</b>	
Albany Park Branch Library	5150N.Kimball	Chicago, IL 606
Blackstone Public Library	4904 S. Lake Park Ave.	Chicago, IL 606
Blackwell Forest Preserve	Butterfield Road (2 miles west of Winfield Rd.)	Warrenville, IL
Bolingbrook Park District	475 Trout Farm Road	Bolingbrook, IL
Burr Ridge Park District	15 West 400 Harvester Dr.	Burr Ridge, IL
Cabela's	5225 Prairie Stone Parkway	Hoffman Estates, IL
Crystal Lake Nature Center	330 N. Main St.	Crystal Lake, IL
Douglas Park Library	3353 W. 13th St.	Chicago, IL 606
DuPage County Forest Preserve District	Churchill Woods Forest Preserve	St. Charles R
Eden's Place Nature Center	4417 S. Stewart Avenue	Chicago, IL 606
Evanston Parks Ecology Center	2024 McCormick Blvd.	Evanston, IL 60
Fox River Grove Memorial Library	407 Lincoln Avenue	Fox River Gro
GodleyParkDistrict	500 KankakeeSt.	Godley, IL 606
Grayslake Park District	243HarveyAvenue	Grayslake, IL
Greenbelt Cultural Center	1215 Green Bay Road North	Chicago, IL 606
Henry's Bait Shop	3130S.CanalSt.	Chicago, IL 606
Herrick Lake	Butterfield Road (1/4 mile East of Herrick Road)	Wheaton, IL
Humboldt Park Library	1605NorthTroy	Chicago, IL 606
I & M Canal State Trail	Gebhard Woods, P.O.Box272	Morris, IL 604
Iron Oaks Environmental, Learning Center 20000	Western Ave.	Olympia Field
Lake View Nature Center	17 W 063 Hodges Rd.	OakBrook Ter

Maine Township	1700 Ballard Road	Park Ridge, IL
Marengo Union Library	19714 E. Grant Hwy.	Marengo, IL 6
McHenry Parks and Recreation	3636 Municipal Dr.	McHenry, IL 6
McKinley Park Branch Library	1915 W. 35th St.	Chicago, IL 6
Monee Reservoir/Whalon	27341 Ridgeland Ave.	Monee, IL 604
Moraine Hills State Park	1510 S. River Rd.	McHenry, IL 6
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New Lenox Community Park District	1 Manor Drive	New Lenox, IL
Northbrook Park District	3323 Walters Ave	Northbrook, IL
Northwest Special Recreation Assoc.	3000 W. Central Rd., Suite	205 Rolling M
Oak Lawn Public Library	9427 S. Raymond Ave.	Oak Lawn, IL 6
Orland Hills Recreation Dept.	16033 South 94th Ave.	Orland, IL 604
Palatine Park District, Birchwood Park Salmon Shop	250 E. Wood St.	Palatine, IL 600
Pilcher Park	2501 Highland Park Dr.	Joliet, IL 6043
Pleasant Dale Park District	7425 S. Wolf Road	Burr Ridge, IL
Prairie Grass Nature Museum	860 Hart Road	Round Lake, IL
Poplar Creek Public Library	1405 S. Park Avenue	Streamwood, IL
River Trail Nature Center	3120 N. Milwaukee	Northbrook, IL
Schaumburg Park District	1111 E. Schaumburg	Schaumburg, IL
Sherman Park Library	5440 S. Racine	Chicago, IL 6
St. Charles Park District	101 South Second	St. Charles, IL 6
The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center	9800 South 104th Avenue	Willow Spring
Uptown Public Library	929 W. Buena	Chicago, IL 6
Vodak---East Side Branch Public Library	3710 E. 106th Street	Chicago, IL 60
Wauconda Park District	600 N. Main Street	Wauconda, IL
West Ridge Nature Preserve – Park 568	6962 N. Hamilton --- #D	Chicago, IL 6
Wildwood Nature Center	2701 W. Sibley Ave.	Park Ridge, IL

Wildwood Park District	3325Sears Boulevard	Wildwood, IL 60189
Willow Brook Recreation Department	7760 Quincy St.	Willow Brook, IL 60180
Winfield Public Library	5291WinfieldRoad	Winfield, IL 60189
Wm. Powers Conservation Area	12949 S. Avenue O	Chicago, IL 60642
York Center Park District	609SouthLuther Ave.	Lombard, IL 60148

## NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

Access Site	Address		Phone
Angler's Edge Pro Shop	217 East Riverside Blvd.	Loves Park, IL 61111	815/877-4444
Astoria Public Library	220 W. Broadway	Astoria, IL 61501	309/329-4444
Bond Public Library	208 S. Chestnut St.	Wenona, IL 61377	815/853-4444
Boone County Conservation District	603 N. Appleton Rd.	Belvidere, IL 61008	815/547-4444
Canton Park District	250 South Avenue D	Canton, IL 61520	309/647-4444
Chillicothe Public Library	430 N. Bradley Ave.	Chillicothe, IL 61523	309/274-4444
City of Galesburg Recreation Department	P.O. Box 1387	Galesburg, IL 61402	309/345-4444
Flagg/Rochelle Community Park District	735 N. Second St.	Rochelle, IL 61068	815/562-4444
Franklin Grove Public Library	Box326	Franklin Grove, IL 61031	815/444-4444
Hennepin Canal Parkway, State Park Visitor's Center	16006 875 E. St	Sheffield, IL 61361	815/454-4444
Macomb Public Library	235 South Lafayette	Macomb, IL 61455	309/833-4444
Oregon Park District	304 S. 5th Street	Oregon, IL 61061	815/732-4444
Peoria Park District	2218 N. Prospect Rd.	Peoria, IL 61603	309/688-4444
Quad City Conservation Alliance	2621 4th Ave.	Rock Island, IL 61201	309/788-4444
Rock Falls Public Library	1007 7th Ave. Rock	Falls, IL 61071	815/626-4444
ShabbonaLake St Rec Area Concession	Route#1, Box120	Shabbona, IL 60550	815/824-4444

## CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Access Site	Address		Phone
Allerton Park4-HCamp	499 Old Timber Road	Monticello, IL 61856	217/70
Augusta Public Library	202 Center St.	Augusta, IL 62311	217/39
Carthage Public Library	538 WabashAve.	Carthage, IL 62321	217/39
Charleston Public Library	712 S. Sixth St.	Charleston, IL 61920	217/34
Chatham Public Library	600 E. Spruce St.	Chatham, IL 62629	217/44
Eagle Creek/Wolf Creek SP	Box116	Findlay, IL 62534	217/44
Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library	2 W. Water Street	Sullivan, IL 61951	(217) 7
Hamilton Public Library	861 Broadway	Hamilton, IL 62341	217/84
HavanaNature Center	406S.Schrader	Havana, IL 62644	309/54
HeartlandCommunity College	1500W.Raab Road	Normal, IL 61761	309/20
IL Dept. of Natural Resources	One Natural Resources Way	Springfield, IL 62702	217/70
Illinois Veteran'sHome	1707 N.Twelfth	Quincy, IL 62301	217/20
JimEdgar Panther Creek SFWA	10149 County Highway11	Chandlerville, IL 62627	217/44
Kennekuk Cove County Park	222A Henning Road	Danville, IL 61834	217/44
Lincoln Trail State Park- baitshop	P.O. Box 81, 16985 E. 1350th Rd.	Marshall, IL 62441	217/80
McLean Co.Conservation District-Evergreen Lake	2450 N. Comlara Rd.	Hudson, IL 61748	309/70
Mill Creek Park	20482 N. Park Entrance Rd.	Marshall, IL 62441	217/80
Nauvoo State Park	Box 426	Nauvoo, IL 62354	217/44
Pontiac Public Library	211 E. Madison	Pontiac, IL 61764	815/84
Quincy Public Library	526 Jersey St.	Quincy, IL 62301	217/20
Rantoul Public Library	106W.Flessner	Rantoul, IL 61866	217/80
Rantoul Recreation Dept.	1306 Country Club Lane	Rantoul, IL 61866	217/80
Ridge Lake Biological Station	17211 Ridge Lake Road	Charleston, IL 61920	217/34
Rock Springs Center	3939 Nearing Lane	Decatur,IL 62521	217/44
Savoy Recreation Center	402W.Graham	Savoy, IL 61874	217/39
Siloam Springs State Park	Concession Stand	Clayton, IL 62324	217/80
Sky Rush Park	R.R. 3, P.O. Box 11	Rushville, IL 62681	217/39

Towanda District Library	301 S. Taylor	Towanda, IL 61776	309/7
Watseka Park District	206E. Walnut	Watseka, IL 60970	815/4
Weinberg---King State Park	P.O. Box 203	Augusta, IL 62311	217/3
Weldon Springs State Park	Box 87	Clinton, IL 61727	217/9

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Access Site	Address		Phone #
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 Library	405 W. Main Street	Carbondale, IL 62901	618-457-0354
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

<b>Chester Public Library</b>	<b>733 State Street</b>	<b>Chester, IL 62233</b>	<b>618-826-3711</b>
<b>Collinsville Memorial Library</b>	<b>408 W. Main Street</b>	<b>Collinsville, IL 62234</b>	<b>618-344-1112</b>
<b>Edwardsville Public Library</b>	<b>112 S. Kansas Street</b>	<b>Edwardsville, IL 62025</b>	<b>618-692-7556</b>
<b>Eldon Hazlett State Park</b>	<b>Homer Guthrie Pond</b>	<b>Carlyle, IL 62231</b>	<b>618-594-3015</b>
<b>Fairfield IDNR Office</b>	<b>R. R. #3, Box 979</b>	<b>Fairfield, IL 62837</b>	<b>618-842-2179</b>
<b>Fairmont City Center</b>	<b>2870 N. 44th Street</b>	<b>Fairmont City, IL 62201</b>	<b>618-842-3966</b>
<b>Frank Holten State Park</b>	<b>4500 Pocket Road</b>	<b>East St. Louis, IL 62205</b>	<b>618-874-7920</b>
<b>Germantown Library</b>	<b>403 Munster Street</b>	<b>Germantown, IL 62245</b>	<b>618-523-4599</b>
<b>Giant City State Park</b>	<b>235 Giant City Road</b>	<b>Makanda, IL 62958</b>	<b>618-457-4836</b>
<b>Godfrey Park and Recreation</b>	<b>6810 Godfrey Road</b>	<b>Godfrey, IL 62035</b>	<b>618-466-1483</b>
<b>Granite City Regional Six- Mile Library District</b>	<b>2201 Delmar Avenue</b>	<b>Granite City, IL 62040</b>	<b>618-452-6238</b>
<b>Greenville Public Library</b>	<b>414 E. Main Street</b>	<b>Greenville, IL 62246</b>	<b>618-664-3115</b>
<b>Harrisburg Rec Department</b>	<b>P. O. Box 313</b>	<b>Harrisburg, IL 62946</b>	<b>618-252-2111</b>
<b>Hillsboro Public Library</b>	<b>214 School Street</b>	<b>Hillsboro, IL 62049</b>	<b>217-532-3055</b>
<b>Jerseyville Library</b>	<b>105 N. Liberty</b>	<b>Jerseyville, IL 62052</b>	<b>618-498-9514</b>
<b>Johnson City Arrowhead Lake</b>	<b>Johnson City, IL 62951</b>	<b>Johnson City, IL 62951</b>	<b>618-983-3535</b>
<b>Litchfield Carnegie Library</b>	<b>Litchfield, IL 62056</b>	<b>Litchfield, IL 62056</b>	<b>217-324-3866</b>
<b>Little Grassy Campground and Marina</b>	<b>788 Hidden Bay</b>	<b>Makanda, IL 62958</b>	<b>618-457-6655</b>
<b>Little Grassy Fish Hatchery</b>	<b>1258 Hatchery Lane</b>	<b>Makanda, IL 62958</b>	<b>618-629-4100</b>

<b>Logan Sallie Public Library</b>	<b>1808 Walnut Street</b>	<b>Murphysboro , IL 62966</b>	<b>618-684-2923</b>
<b>Marion Carnegie Library</b>	<b>206 Market Street</b>	<b>Marion, IL 62959</b>	<b>618-993-5935</b>
<b>Maryville Community Library</b>	<b>8 Scheiber Court</b>	<b>Maryville, IL 62062</b>	<b>618-288-3801</b>
<b>Metropolis Community Center Library</b>	<b>516 Superman Square</b>	<b>Metropolis, IL 62960</b>	<b>618-524-3411</b>
<b>Nashville Public Library</b>	<b>219 E. Elm Street</b>	<b>Nashville, IL 62263</b>	<b>618-327-3827</b>
<b>O'Fallon Library</b>	<b>109 S. Main Street</b>	<b>O'Fallon, IL 62269</b>	<b>618-632-3783</b>
<b>Pere Marquette State and Park Lodge</b>	<b>Lodge Boulevard</b>	<b>Grafton, IL 62037</b>	<b>618-786-2331</b>
<b>Smithton Library</b>	<b>211 W. Broadway Street</b>	<b>Smithton, IL 62885</b>	<b>618-233-8057</b>
<b>Sparta Public Library</b>	<b>120 Civic Plaza</b>	<b>Sparta, IL 62286</b>	<b>618-443-5014</b>
<b>Steelville Public Library</b>	<b>107 W. Broadway</b>	<b>Steelville, IL 62288</b>	<b>618-965-3135</b>
<b>Trenton Public Library</b>	<b>118 E. Indiana Street</b>	<b>Trenton, IL 62293</b>	<b>618-224-7662</b>
<b>Ullin City Center</b>	<b>Ullin, IL 62922</b>	<b>Ullin, IL 62922</b>	
<b>West Frankfort Public Library</b>	<b>402 E. Popular</b>	<b>Frankfort, IL 62896</b>	<b>618-932-3313</b>
<b>Wood River Public Library</b>	<b>326 E. Ferguson Ave.</b>	<b>Wood River, IL 62095</b>	<b>618-254-4832</b>