



Park Concessions and Ag Leases - Business Opportunities in Illinois State Parks

Concessions

Need firewood to build a fire in the firepit or do you need ice for the cooler? Want to paddle around the lake? Need a snack, or are you hungry or thirsty? Forgot your tackle box? Need recreational rentals such as kayaks, paddleboards, canoes, pedal boats, lake floats, river tubes; concession snacks and ice cream, firewood, ice and fishing bait? Illinois State park concessionaires may be able to help you out. Their services vary but all have the same goal in mind -- to make your next visit more enjoyable.

Ag Leasing

Many Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owned, or managed lands contain tillable acreage. These lands have the potential to generate revenue if used to grow agricultural products. It is the Department's policy to minimize the use of such lands for agricultural production in favor of establishing annual or permanent wildlife habitats. However, the Department also recognizes that certain agricultural practices and farm income can provide needed resources for wildlife habitat, improving habitat diversity, developing cover and edge effect, and maintaining annual vegetative stages.

Competitive Bidding Process – Registering in [BidBuy System](#)

For Park concessions and Ag Leasing, DNR shall provide a notice of competitive bidding opportunities on the Procurement System known as [BidBuy](#). BidBuy is designed to streamline service, increase efficiency, reduce cycle times and transaction costs, improve availability of information and modernize the tools and resources available to incorporate best practices in Illinois procurement.

To be notified of upcoming concession or Ag lease opportunities, please register in [BidBuy](#).

To be notified of Ag Lease opportunities, please register in [BidBuy](#) under NIGP Codes 944-00, 944-34, 944-38, 944-45, 944-48, 944-54, 944-76, 944-93.

To be notified of Park Concession opportunities, please register in [BidBuy](#) under NIGP Code 961-15

**Please notify DNR of issues or topics that are unclear
or that could better help you navigate the Concession
& Leasing system.**

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