

Alcohol Restrictions at Parks

Illinois state parks and recreation areas are frequented annually by millions of visitors, including families, who look to our Department to provide a wholesome atmosphere suitable for picnics and other outdoor activities. Limitations on the use of alcoholic beverages can help ensure that visitors have a safe and enjoyable time at our sites.

It is unlawful for any person to possess or consume intoxicating beverages, including beer or wine, in any Department-controlled property which is posted with signs indicating that alcohol is prohibited. A violation is a Class B misdemeanor and payable through the mail for \$75. If a person decides to go to court the punishment can be from 1 to 6 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,500.

Following is the list of Natural Resources sites at which alcohol restrictions currently are imposed. The beach area indicated at some sites is defined as the entire beach, the parking lot and the grass areas adjacent to the beach.

- ◆ Apple River Canyon State Park in Jo Daviess County, the campground year around, and no alcohol in hunting areas.
- ◆ Argyle Lake State Park in McDonough County, the entire site from Jan. 1-May 31.
- ◆ Buffalo Rock State Park in LaSalle County, the entire site from Jan. 1-May 31.
- ◆ Chain O' Lakes in Lake County, year around in campground
- ◆ Clinton Lake State Recreation Area in DeWitt County, the beach area year around, and Loops H & I of the campground.
- ◆ Des Plaines Conservation Area in Will County, year around for everything south & west of office and south of Blodgett Rd. which includes campground, picnic area and lake.
- ◆ Fox Ridge State Park in Coles County, year around in the campgrounds.
- ◆ Frank Holten State Park in St. Clair County, the entire site except that portion south of the Site Road Bridge, year around.
- ◆ Gebhard Woods State Park in Grundy County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ Giant City State Park in Jackson and Union counties, all day-use areas from Sept. 1-May 31.
- ◆ Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area in Grundy County, entire site year around
- ◆ Hanover Bluff State Natural Area in JoDaviess, No alcohol in hunting areas and nature preserves.
- ◆ Heidecke Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area in Grundy County, entire site year around
- ◆ Hidden Springs State Forest in Shelby County, no alcohol on archery range.
- ◆ Illini State Park in LaSalle County, the campground year around and the entire site from Jan. 1-May 31
- ◆ Illinois & Michigan Canal State Trail, Lock 14-LaSalle plus one mile east, the entire area year around.
- ◆ Illinois Beach State Park in Lake County, alcohol is prohibited on the beach and picnic areas. Alcohol is permitted in the campgrounds, at the resort and at the concession garden.
- ◆ Iris and Jack Witkowsky State Fish & Wildlife Area in JoDaviess County, no alcohol in hunting areas.
- ◆ Kankakee River State Park in Kankakee County, the entire site year around.

- ◆ Kaskaskia River -Baldwin Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area in Randolph County, entire site All the time.
- ◆ Kickapoo State Park in Vermilion County, the campground year around.
- ◆ Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Recreation Area in Stephenson County, the campground and the beach area year around and the entire site from March 1-May 31.
- ◆ LaSalle Lake Fish and Wildlife Area in LaSalle County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ Lowden State Park in Ogle County, the campground year around.
- ◆ Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area in LaSalle County, entire site year around
- ◆ Matthiessen State Park in LaSalle County, the entire site from Jan. 1 - June 1st, campgrounds year around.
- ◆ Mississippi Palisades State Park in Carroll County, the campground and all trails year around.
- ◆ Momence Wetlands State Natural Area in Kankakee County, prohibited in hunting areas only.
- ◆ Moraine Hills State Park in McHenry County, entire site March 1 - May 31
- ◆ Moraine View State Park in McLean County, the beach and camping areas year around.
- ◆ Pere Marquette State Park in Jersey County, the upper Picnic Area April 1st - June 30th.
- ◆ Powerton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area in Tazewell County, entire site year around.
- ◆ Rall Woods State Natural Area in JoDaviess County, no alcohol in hunting areas
- ◆ Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ Royal Landing Boat Access Area in Calhoun County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ Sam Dale Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area in Wayne County, the beach area year around.
- ◆ Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ Shabbona Lake State Park in DeKalb County, the campground year around.
- ◆ Silver Springs State Park in Kendall County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ South Shore State Park in Clinton County, no alcohol within Hickory Hollow Campground at any time
- ◆ Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area in Tazewell County, restriction in all campgrounds year around.
- ◆ Starved Rock State Park in LaSalle County, the campground and trails year around and the entire site Jan. 1-May 31.
- ◆ Stephen A. Forbes State Park in Marion County, the beach area year around.
- ◆ Tapley Woods State Natural Area in JoDaviess County, no alcohol in hunting areas.
- ◆ Tunnel Hill State Trail in Johnson County, No alcohol at site office area in Vienna. Vienna city park is adjoined to trail property and share a common entrance. The city park does not allow alcohol.
- ◆ Volo Bog State Natural Area in Lake County, the entire site year around.
- ◆ Walnut Point State Park in Douglas County, the group campground and Fox and Gray Tent Campgrounds year around
- ◆ Ward's Grove State Natural Area in JoDaviess County, no alcohol in Nature preserve.
- ◆ Weldon Springs State Park in DeWitt County, no alcohol in tent area, backpack sites, youth camp, group camp.
- ◆ White Pines State Forest in Ogle County, year around in campgrounds, March 1st to June 1st in day use areas

- ◆ William G. Stratton State Park in Grundy County, entire site year around. William Powers State Recreation Area in Cook County, year around at the entire site
- ◆ Wolf Creek State Park in Shelby County, the beach area year around.

For further information concerning alcohol restrictions, contact the site superintendent directly or the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land Management, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702.