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PUBLIC USE OF STATE PARKS AND OTHER PROPERTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by Section 8 of the State Forest Act [525 ILCS 40/8] and by Sections 1, 2, 4 and 6 of the State Parks Act [20 ILCS 835/1, 2, 4 and 6] and by Section 5 of the State Parks Designation Act [20 ILCS 840/5] and by Sections 805-10, 805-520, 805-525, 805-330, 805-335 and 805-515 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois [20 ILCS 805/805-10, 805-520, 805-525, 805-330, 805-335 and 805-515].


SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 110.4 Fees and Charges

The following fees will be charged for use or reservation of designated facilities effective May 11, 1992, except that Illinois residents who are veterans and disabled or a former prisoner of war [20 ILCS 805/805-305] shall be exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Section:
a) All persons entering a designated swim beach area shall pay a $1 fee. Illinois Beach State Park beaches are not designated swim beach fee areas.

b) All individuals reserving a picnic shelter at sites participating in the Shelter Reservation Program shall pay $25 each day a shelter is reserved. Reservations are non-refundable unless the area is closed by the Department. Checks are to be made payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (site name). Reservations are not final until payment is received. Upon vacating the site, shelter users are required to remove all personal belongings and place all trash in the appropriate receptacles located at the site. Those who fail to do so will be charged a disposal fee of $50. Shelter users who fail to pay the disposal fee will be denied future reservations until the fee is paid in full.

c) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Part is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor [20 ILCS 835/6].

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 175, effective December 19, 2007)

Section 110.20 Alcoholic Beverages - Possession, Consumption, Influence

It shall be 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 such possession or consumption is unlawful.

(Source: Amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 12556, effective August 7, 2000)

Section 110.30 Animals - Pets, Dogs, Cats, Equine; Noisy, Vicious, Dangerous Animals; Livestock; Animal Waste

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person to allow an unleashed dog, cat or other domesticated animal on any area and further for any person to allow any dog, cat or other domesticated animal in any area, on a leash longer than 10 feet, except that:

1) unleashed hunting dogs are allowed during the hunting season for all wildlife species except deer and wild turkey on any Department areas open to hunting and so posted;

2) at field trials unleashed dogs are allowed at sites designated by the
Department in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 910;

3) unleashed hunting dogs are allowed by individual permit for dog training at sites designated by the Department in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 950;

4) search and rescue dog training is allowed by activity permit. The permit will designate specific areas and times so as not to conflict with other site activities; and

5) dogs on a maximum 50 foot leash being used to track wounded deer are allowed at sites in accordance with 520 ILCS 5/2.26 and 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510 - General Hunting and Trapping on Department-Owned or -Managed Sites.

b) For any leashed or tied animal to be left unattended and not under the specific physical control of the owner or person designated by the owner.

c) For any person to bring any domesticated animal onto Department lands without the animal being current on any required federal, State or local vaccinations or health certifications. Proof of required vaccinations or health certifications must be provided to any Department employee upon demand.

d) For any person to keep a noisy, or vicious, or dangerous dog or animal, or one which is disturbing to other persons, on Department of Natural Resources controlled properties, and to remain therein after being asked by the Site Superintendent or assigned employee to leave.

e) For any person to ride or lead any equine in any area, other than a designated equestrian trail or area, except horse drawn conveyances authorized by permit by the Department of Natural Resources. The decision to grant or deny a permit will be based upon the impact upon the site and the public. Horse patrols of the Department in the performance of their duties are not excluded from any area under the control of the Department. Hikers on equestrian trails must yield to equines.

f) For any person to allow livestock to roam or graze on any Department-controlled lands except when authorized by proper lease, license or written agreement approved by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 150.
g) For any person responsible for an animal in a campground or day use area not to dispose of his animal's waste excrement directly into a Department garbage container with a tight fitting lid or have the excrement put into a closed water tight bag or water tight container with the lid closed and placed into an open Department trash container. At equestrian campgrounds, equestrians must deposit their animal's waste in a designated manure collection area.

h) For any person to allow a dog, cat, or other domesticated animal on any area designated as "NO PETS". Such designation will be reserved for beach areas, concession areas, and certain areas within campgrounds and picnic areas where there are concentrations of large numbers of people or the presence of food or children.

i) For any person to erect or use temporary corrals, except when there are insufficient hitching posts or tie line areas, there is a large enough open area that can be utilized for a corral without causing damage to State property, and permission has been obtained from the Site Superintendent for use of rope or gates. Electrified fences or wires are prohibited.

j) To tether equines or canines to trees. Tie lines between trees are permissible if sites do not provide hitching posts, tie line posts or tethering structures within campgrounds, day use areas or rest areas. Tie lines, if used, must not allow animals to reach or otherwise do damage to either tree.

(Source: Amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 19376, effective November 30, 2006)

Section 110.40 Boats and Other Watercraft

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person to operate any sailboat, rowboat, houseboat, pontoon boat or boat propelled by machinery or other watercraft in any pond, lake, river, canal or other body of water where posting clearly indicates that certain specific boating usage is prohibited. However, Department of Natural Resources employees operating watercraft in carrying out official duties and personnel of cooperating agents or agencies operating watercraft as authorized by the Department of Natural Resources are exempt from boating regulations in this Section 110.40 or in specific site rules as determined by Department of Natural Resources supervisory managers in order to provide management actions for enhancing or saving the resource base or the safety and welfare of the using public.
b) For any person to use a motor driven boat on any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Department that has less than 60 surface acres. However, this does not exclude the use of motor driven boats to gain access to duck blinds during blind building activities and during the waterfowl hunting season or electric trolling motors on these bodies of water.

c) For any person to use a motor driven boat with a motor of a size larger than 10 H.P. on any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Department that has 60 or more surface acres of water area except:

1) departmentally supervised waters of over 500 acres;

2) on the following lakes that are between 60-500 acres, motors of any size are allowed (10 H.P. and under may operate at full speed while motors larger than 10 H.P. must operate at no-wake, idle speed):

   Argyle Lake – Argyle Lake State Park (McDonough County)

   Dawson Lake – Moraine View State Recreation Area (McLean County)

   Mermet Lake – Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Massac County)

   Pierce Lake – Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago County)

   Prairie Lake – Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Cass County)

   Wolf Lake – William W. Powers State Conservation Area (Cook County); and

3) portions of canals having specific regulations posted on boat motor size and boat use allowed and except that an outboard horsepower restriction shall not apply at posted boat launch ramps while loading or unloading a trailered watercraft; provided that the watercraft over the H.P. limit is operated at a no-wake speed within 150 feet of the loading ramp itself.

d) For any person to allow his boat or other watercraft to remain on any of the public recreational and fishing areas under the jurisdiction of the Department beyond the date of December 1st of each year.
e) To remain on any Department lake after posted closing time.

(Source: Amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 6652, effective May 1, 2013)

**Section 110.45 Abandoned Watercraft**

It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon a watercraft on property owned, leased or managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

a) Abandoned watercraft is defined as a watercraft left unattended for a single period longer than six hours on Department-managed land or water at an area which is not authorized for boat docking.

b) The Department shall have the power to remove any abandoned watercraft and store said watercraft until claimed by the owner and fees of $15.00 for removal and $5.00 for each day's storage are paid. The fees paid for removal and storage are separate from any criminal penalty and do not affect criminal prosecution.

(Source: Amended at 13 Ill. Reg. 3785, effective March 13, 1989)

**Section 110.50 Capacity of Areas -- Usage Limitation**

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person to violate the rules and regulations pertaining to posted usage capacity of campgrounds, picnic grounds, or other areas where limited facilities make it necessary to control use by persons and/or motor vehicles. Site Superintendents and Law Enforcement Officers of the Department of Natural Resources are authorized to close such facilities to additional persons until such time as the number of users falls below the capacity posted within the area.

b) For any person to violate the posted closing period for any site except as permitted in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 130.90(a).

(Source: Amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 12556, effective August 7, 2000)

**Section 110.60 Camping – Campfires – Firewood**

It shall be unlawful:
a) For any person to use a tent or trailer, or any other type of camping device except in designated camping areas, and persons camping in such designated areas shall obtain a camping authorization slip from authorized site personnel as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 130.

b) For any person to build any fire in any area except in campstoves provided by the Department of Natural Resources or in charcoal or other types of metal grills which are furnished by the visitor at a specific campfire site designated or where bans on open fires are posted by the Department of Natural Resources.

c) For any person to possess or discharge any type of fireworks or other explosive devices, including, but not limited to, model rockets or aerial displays without a written permit issued by the Department. The decision to grant or deny a permit will be based upon public safety, legal considerations, the impact on public use/enjoyment of parks and the potential impact on natural resources, such as fire or the disturbance of nesting or feeding patterns.

d) For any person to bring or possess on Department of Natural Resources properties firewood from any geographical area where wood exportation has been prohibited by either State or federal quarantine, or any county adjacent to a county included in such a quarantine area, or to sell or distribute firewood on Department properties without prior written agreement with the Department pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 150 – Regulations for the Letting of Concessions, Farm Leases, Sale of Buildings and Facilities, and Demolitions. Department staff may confiscate any firewood brought onto Department properties found to be in violation of this Part.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 175, effective December 19, 2007)

Section 110.70   Destruction of Property - Flora - Fauna - Man-Made and Inanimate Natural Objects - Collection of Artifacts

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person to injure or remove any animal, plant or part thereof, or attempt to disturb any agricultural crop, except:

1) as otherwise provided by permit, law or regulation;

2) as provided by Department-sponsored program or activity under the direct supervision of an authorized employee; and
3) in the collection of edible fungi, nuts and berries on Department owned, leased or managed lands where such collection would not be incompatible with resource management activities or recreational programs at the site, nor be in conflict with the Natural Areas Preservation Act, and where such collection is for personal use only and not for re-sale.

A) Collection hours for edible fungi, nuts and berries shall be allowed during the site's regular hours of operation only, except collection is not permitted at any site during the open hours of established hunting seasons at that site.

B) Collection contests shall not be allowed on any State site.

b) For any person to remove, take, alter, construct, mutilate, deface or destroy any natural or man-made property, equipment, improvement, sign, trail or building, except as otherwise provided by permit, law, regulation, or by Department program activity under the direct supervision of an authorized employee.

c) For any person to collect or take artifacts and/or mutilate, destroy, deface or excavate any archaeological site except as provided by permit according to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 370.

d) For any person to withdraw or pump water from any Department controlled lake, canal, wetland, river or stream except as authorized by Department permit. The decision to grant or deny a permit will be based upon a balancing between the need of the permittee and the protected water level or flow.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 2268, effective January 28, 2005)

Section 110.90 Group/Activity Permits

It shall be unlawful for groups of more than 25 persons to use Department of Natural Resources facilities unless written permission is obtained in advance from the Site's Superintendent or site manager. Further, for groups of persons under the age of 18, it is required that at least one adult (age 18 years or older) accompany no more than 15 of these minor individuals. Groups of more than 25 persons may be denied permission to gather if it is determined by the Site Superintendent that the site's physical layout and infrastructure is not suitable for the group activity or may be detrimental to the public health and safety of other site visitors or the natural resources at the site. The Site Superintendent will evaluate the availability of parking, conflicts with other visitor uses, acreage, toilet facilities and suitable roadways in determining whether to grant permission for the
requested group activity. The Department may also require groups of any size to provide protection against liability claims if the planned activity involves the consumption of alcoholic beverages or is a hazardous recreational activity as defined in Section 3-109 of the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act [745 ILCS 10/3-109].

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 175, effective December 19, 2007)

Section 110.95 Demonstrations

The holding or conducting of any public protest, demonstration, public meeting, gathering or parade to express opinions of governmental policies or practices and views on public issues on property owned or managed by the Department is prohibited unless a permit for such activity is issued by the Department.

a) A written request addressed to the Site Superintendent must be submitted at least 5 days in advance of the event. The written request shall state the name of the individual, organization, corporation, association, society, club, or group of whatever kind or nature seeking to use Department property. The request shall also list the names and addresses of all officers or leaders, the dates and times sought, equipment to be used, if any, and the estimated number of participants.

b) Any group seeking a permit for 100 or more participants shall guarantee one person per 25 participants identified as marshals who will be responsible for meeting the conditions of the permit, ensure the demonstration remains peaceful and orderly and the participants remain within the physical boundaries of the permit.

c) The Department may refuse to issue a permit for the intended activity if it is determined that the intended activity will:

1) create or cause a safety hazard to the participants or other visitors to the site or create a hazard to the natural resources protected by the Department;

2) impede the performance of public business to be conducted in the area;

3) conflict in date, time, and place with a previously scheduled activity of another group; or

4) damage or threaten to damage physical property, cultural resources or other physical attributes of the site.
Section 110.100 Littering

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person using Department of Natural Resources facilities to discard, abandon, place, or deposit on Department of Natural Resources properties, except in containers provided, any wire, cans, bottles, glass, shotgun shells, paper trash, rubbish, garbage, cardboard, wood boxes or other insoluble animal, vegetable, metal, or mineral materials.

b) For any person to bring into Department of Natural Resources property any of the items listed in subsection (a), with the express purpose of disposing, abandoning, or leaving any of these types of materials on Department property, whether they are left or placed in proper containers or not.

Section 110.110 Prohibited Fishing Areas - Cleaning of Fish

It shall be unlawful for any person to take fish from the waters of any Department controlled area contrary to the rules and regulations of the Department in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 810, and further, any fish or parts of fish remaining from cleaning must be placed in a proper refuse container with a tight fitting lid or removed from the area upon leaving.

Section 110.120 Restricted Areas

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person to enter or remain in any area or on any trail when such area or trail has, in whole or in part, been closed to use by visitors. Site Superintendents and Law Enforcement Officers of the Department of Natural Resources, as well as other peace officers, are authorized to prohibit the use of such closed areas, and it shall be unlawful for any person to disobey the rules and regulations posted relative to such closed area.

b) For any person to enter or remain on any portion of a dedicated nature preserve
area where posted rules and regulations prohibit such entry to protect the natural fauna or flora within such area.

c) For any person to operate a metal or mineral detection device, except that person may use hand carried devices on Department of Natural Resources properties that are not classified or zoned as State Historical, Archaeological, Military or Nature Preserve sites. In addition, persons must obtain a permit from the Department through the Site Superintendent, in advance, indicating the location where these devices shall be used. Further, only a small pen knife, ice-pick or screwdriver shall be used by permittee to recover any find in the area designated. After completing detection activity, the permittee must return the work area to its original state. No shovels, picks or entrenching devices of any size shall be used.

d) For any person to collect firewood or operate a chain saw or sound amplification system which would draw on the site's electrical system in any area which has been closed or posted to prohibit such use. Site Superintendents of the Department of Natural Resources shall prohibit such use in any area that does not allow the collecting of firewood, has experienced illegal cutting of timber or at which the noise will disturb other site users.

e) For any person to use electronic or electrical speakers which emit sound into the use area of others at a volume which is disturbing or annoying to a reasonable person except as authorized by Department permit. The decision to grant or deny a permit will be based upon the reason for the request and the time, date and type of activity, balanced against public enjoyment of the park.

f) For any person to use shower buildings and/or restrooms other than as gender designated except those situations where parents or guardians may attend children or those with physical/mental challenges that need assistance.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 2268, effective January 28, 2005)

Section 110.140 Soliciting/Advertising/Renting/Selling

a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place signs or distribute advertising of any type on Department owned or managed property except as provided in subsection (b).

b) It shall be unlawful for any person to make or solicit sales or rentals of any kind or place signs or advertisements of any kind on Department owned property without first obtaining written permission from the Director or his/her designee or
a Department permit, lease and/or license in writing in accordance with 17 Ill. Adm. Code 150 or in the case of lands managed by the Department without first obtaining a permit, lease, and/or license from the owner of the property and the Department.

c) The Department shall only approve commercial signs, displays or advertisements that comply with the following guidelines (except as provided by contract with Department concessionaires):

1) all advertisements will be limited to an area designated by the site;
2) maximum size of advertisement will be 8½" x 12";
3) advertisements shall not be posted for more than 30 consecutive days;
4) vendor will be limited to one advertisement during the 30-day period. Posting will be on a first-come first-served basis; and
5) advertisement cannot espouse any illegal act.

d) Approval of advertising or displays on Department owned or managed property does not constitute endorsement of the advertised product, service, event or organization.

e) Signs, placards, banners, displays or any other form of advertisement relating to a demonstration or protest are regulated by permit in accordance with Section 110.95 of this Part.

(Source: Amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 12556, effective August 7, 2000)

Section 110.150 Swimming/Wading/Diving

It shall be unlawful for any person to swim, wade or bodily enter into the water at any location. The exceptions to this rule include only the following:

a) areas designated by posting as allowing swimming. Where lifeguards are not posted, no person under 17 years of age may swim or be on the beach without supervision of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult (18 years of age or older) present. Designated swimming beaches shall conform to all rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding public swimming beaches (77 Ill. Adm. Code 820.360);
b) areas where a Department employed lifeguard is on duty;

c) areas posted for other uses such as waterfowl hunting, water skiing, wade fishing or riding personal watercraft or inflatable devices; or

d) areas authorized for scuba diving. Scuba divers must have in their possession valid diving permits issued by the Site Superintendent. Permits are issued to keep track of name and location of divers, to ensure that divers are certified by a nationally recognized scuba certifying organization and to minimize user conflicts at sites.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 175, effective December 19, 2007)

Section 110.160 Vehicles - Operation on Roadway - Speed - Parking - Weight Limit

It shall be unlawful:

a) For any person to operate any motor vehicle other than on roadways specifically posted as trafficways by the Department of Natural Resources, except that Site Superintendents shall, if it is to the Department's benefit, grant written permission to individuals or contractors to operate vehicles on other than roadways specifically posted as trafficways. These exceptions will include, but not be limited to, access by lessees to leased property or adjacent private property; access by contractors to the contract work sites; access by volunteers to project or program areas which assist the site.

1) For any person to operate a snowmobile in any area other than on posted trails except that Site Superintendents shall, if it is to the Department's benefit, grant written permission to individuals to operate snowmobiles on other than posted trails. These exceptions will include, but not be limited to, access by lessees to leased property or adjacent private property; access by contractors to the contract work sites; access by volunteers to project or program areas which assist the site.

2) For any person to operate any motor driven bicycle, mini-bike, motorcycle or off-road vehicle unless it is on a roadway designated for vehicular use or on a designated area established by the Department for off-road vehicular use, except that Site Superintendents shall, if it is to the Department's benefit, grant written permission to individuals to operate such vehicles on areas other than those designated for off-road vehicular
use. These exceptions will include, but not be limited to, access by lessees to leased property or adjacent private property; access by contractors to the contract work sites; access by volunteers to project or program areas which assist the site.

b) For any person to exceed a speed of 20 M.P.H. unless it is otherwise posted by sign on any paved, concrete, asphalt or other all-weather roadway, or to exceed 10 M.P.H. unless otherwise posted by sign on any unpaved, gravel or dirt roadway or in any parking area.

c) For any person to park a motor vehicle in any area which is not posted as a parking area, or to park a vehicle in any area for the purpose of repair, except those immediate repairs necessary to remove the vehicle from the area immediately.

d) For any person to exceed a combined vehicle and content weight limit of 20,000 lbs. (10 ton) unless it is otherwise posted by sign on any Department roadway except that Site Superintendents shall, if it is to the Department's benefit, grant written permission to individuals or contractors to operate such vehicles on posted roadways. These exceptions will include, but not be limited to, access by lessees utilizing farm equipment to get to leased property or adjacent private property; access by contractors to the contract work sites; access by vendors delivering materials.

e) For any person to operate a snowmobile in any portion of a park or recreation area with less than four inches of snow cover.

f) Except in cases of emergency, for any person to land or attempt to land any aircraft on Department property without prior authorization from the Department.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 2268, effective January 28, 2005)

Section 110.165 Bicycles - Operation on Roadway - Designated Trails

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle except on a roadway designated for vehicular use, parking lot, or posted bicycle trail or in a direction opposite of a posted one-way trail. An authorized employee of the Department may close the trail for safety reasons or to prevent damage to the trail or natural resources.

(Source: Amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 2268, effective January 28, 2005)
Section 110.170 Weapons and Firearms - Display and Use

It shall be unlawful for any person, other than authorized peace officers, to display or use on Department-controlled lands, except as authorized by the Department on hunting (reference 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510, 530, 550, 570, 590, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 710, 715, 720, 730, and 740), field trials (reference 17 Ill. Adm. Code 910), target or special event areas, any gun including shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver, air or BB gun, sling shot, bow and arrow, switchblade knife with spring loaded blade, throwing knife, tomahawk or throwing axe, or martial arts devices.

(Source: Amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 12556, effective August 7, 2000)

Section 110.175 Nudity Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to sunbathe nude, or expose their genital area in a public place on Department owned or controlled property.

(Source: Amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 12556, effective August 7, 2000)

Section 110.180 Violation of Rule

a) Any person who violates any provision of this Part shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.

b) Any person who violates any provision of this Part shall be subject to arrest and/or removal from the premises under applicable statutes including Section 21-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 [720 ILCS 5/21-5], Criminal Trespass to State Supported Land.

(Source: Amended at 19 Ill. Reg. 6471, effective April 28, 1995)

Section 110.185 Emergency Modification of Site Rules

In the event of a national or State emergency, declared as such by the federal or State government, that directly or indirectly affects the operations or programs at State parks or other properties of the Department, including leased properties, any site specific administrative regulations affected by the emergency situation may be modified by posting the modification at the site and by issuance of a public announcement. The modification shall not extend beyond the period of the declared emergency or disaster, unless implemented through the Illinois Administrative Code. Recission of the modification shall be posted at the site and publicly announced.
(Source: Added at 26 Ill. Reg. 1206, effective January 16, 2002)

SUBPART B: ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Section 110.200 Purpose

The purpose of the Adopt-a-Trail program is to promote public involvement in and increased public appreciation of the many trails throughout the State of Illinois by allowing volunteer groups to assist in maintaining and enhancing trails on State-owned land.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.210 Definitions

"Accessibility projects" – means projects that provide improved access to trails or trail amenities for all trail users, but especially for trail users with disabilities.

"Adopt-a-Trail Agreement" – means a legally binding document on and between a volunteer group and the Department in which the volunteer project is fully described and the parties' individual responsibilities as related to the volunteer project are defined.

"Adopt-a-Trail Program" or "Program" – means the program created by Section 805-45 of the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law [20 ILCS 805/805-45].

"Application" – means a request, submitted on a form provided by the Department, by a volunteer group proposing to engage in a volunteer activity on a trail or a segment of a trail.

"Authorized representative" – means an individual who has been approved to act on behalf of the Department.

"Department" – means the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"Eligible member" – means an individual who has complied with all existing Department procedures, as well as any other federal, State or local requirements, to participate as a volunteer of the Department.

"Law" – means the Department of Natural Resources (Conservation) Law [20 ILCS 805].
"Public information and assistance" – means projects that are associated with events in which volunteers may provide information and assistance during the event.

"Responsible party" – means an individual who will coordinate an approved volunteer group, and ensure compliance with the submitted project proposal, Section 805-45 of the Law and this Part while that group is engaged in Adopt-a-Trail activities on Department land.

"Special events" – means a function or occasion held on an adopted trail, trail segment or trail system in association with a specific purpose for attendance or participation.

"Spring cleanups" – means projects that assist in the removal of natural debris and plant materials that may have accumulated over the period of closure.

"Trail" – means a named trail, or segment of a named trail, agreed upon and approved by the Department.

"Trail maintenance, enhancement or realignment" – means projects that focus on general maintenance and removal of trash and natural debris. Enhancement means projects that focus on Department approved alterations that enhance and improve the trail and trail user experience.

"Training" – means projects that educate volunteers on the Adopt-a-Trail program or elements associated with projects.

"Volunteer group" – means a group of individuals approved by the Department that consists of at least 6 eligible members who are 18 years of age or older, or a school or scout group that will be supervised by someone 18 or older, who offer to perform services or undertakings approved by the Department through an Adopt-a-Trail project.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

**Section 110.215 Registration**

a) Volunteer groups must register with the Department to participate in the program.
b) Individual members must also register with the Department to participate in the program.

c) No unregistered persons will be permitted to take part in any Adopt-a-Trail activities.

d) Members, whether a group or an individual, shall be responsible for updating any changes in their personal information.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.220 Application

Volunteer groups that wish to participate in the Adopt-a-Trail program are required to submit an Adopt-a-Trail application pursuant to Section 110.235. All applications are subject to review, amendment and acceptance by the Department.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.225 Agreements

a) After the Department accepts a volunteer group's application, the Department will provide that group with an Adopt-a-Trail Agreement to review, sign and return to the Department's authorized representative. The Department may unilaterally suspend or terminate an Agreement at any time for any reason.

b) Adopt-a-Trail Agreements shall involve:

1) a two-year term of work, that involves at least 200 hours of service;

2) a group of at least 6 eligible members.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.230 Type of Work Permitted

a) Any Adopt-a-Trail Agreement may propose certain volunteer activities to be performed solely by registered volunteers at their own risk. Adopt-a-Trail volunteer activities may include any of the following:

1) Spring cleanups;
2) Accessibility projects;

3) Trail maintenance, enhancement or realignment;

4) Public information and assistance; or

5) Training.

b) Volunteer activities shall not include work historically performed by Department employees, including activities that result in a reduction of hours or compensation or that may be performed by a Department employee on layoff, nor shall volunteer activities be inconsistent with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement. [20 ILCS 805-45]

c) The Department may approve other proposed volunteer activities on a case-by-case basis.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.235 Form of Submittal of Adopt-a-Trail Applications

Adopt-a-Trail applications shall be submitted to the Department by providing the application to the site superintendent. Application forms are provided on the Department's website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. Applications shall be submitted during January or at the request of the Department throughout the year, as determined by operation needs.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.240 Department Approval

The Department has the sole and final authority to accept, modify or deny an Adopt-a-Trail application or Agreement. The Department may elect to have multiple Adopt-a-Trail Agreements for specific trails and may select more than one group to cover any given trail or trail segment. The operational needs of the Department for work at any particular site will determine how proposed volunteer activities are selected and executed.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.245 Coordination
The Department shall be responsible for coordination of Adopt-a-Trail and similar programs such as Adopt-a-Park.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)

Section 110.250 Volunteer Responsibilities

Volunteer groups shall, at all times, comply with the Act, this Part, Department application procedures, and any subsequent Adopt-a-Trail Agreement.

(Source: Added at 43 Ill. Reg. 1624, effective January 17, 2019)