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Swimming is allowed along the beach area in both units (except in the swimming areas and nature preserves), plus there are several small inland fishing ponds, including Sand Pond, where rainbow trout are stocked in the spring and fall. No fishing is allowed in the vicinity of the dunes, and parts of the surrounding countryside succumbing to sand dunes and pasture and homesteads, legislative efforts to save the area finally came together at the end of the 19th century. When the Southern Illinois Club, best known by the general public for his “Great Outdoors” show, which aired for many years on WON-AM Radio, has spent nearly 50 years promoting fishing in the Midwest and supporting a multitude of outdoor-related organizations and events.

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Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.

For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 or call (217) 782-8000.

For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity’s Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-300-CONNECT.

Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources’ TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the American Relay Number, 1-800-600-6044.
From guided nature hikes to individual treks, Illinois Beach provides excellent hiking opportunities. The southern part of the park features 5 miles of trails, including a 2.2-mile loop trail with a gravel surface. In the north, Camp Logan Trail is a 1.8-mile multi-use loop that cross-country skiers also can use. Cross-country skiing is not allowed in the nature preserve.

Visitor Center

The park’s Visitor Center is located in the southern unit’s nature preserve area. The center contains park related exhibits, restrooms and classroom space. Educational programming is available to familiarize visitors with the natural, historical and recreational features of the park. Park staff may limit the hours which the center is open and the programs available, so please phone ahead to get accurate information.

Recreational Trails Program

This trail brochure was made possible due to funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Monies are funded through the Federal Motor Fuel Tax and administered through the National Recreational Trails Fund Act. Trail projects are supported by the federal government, which provides up to 80% reimbursement of cost. State funds provide the balance of the funding for the projects. The trails program encourages trails management practices to serve a wide variety of trail users. The program is administered in Illinois by the Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Lodging

For comfortable accommodations, the Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center is located in Illinois Beach State Park. For information and reservations, please call (847) 625-7300.

Cullerton Complex

On May 9, 2000, the area encompassing Illinois Beach State Park and North Point Marina was officially designated by Governor George H. Ryan as the Cullerton Complex in honor of William J. Cullerton.