Hiking
Swimming
Fishing

Wooded area and will take you within sight of a thriving variety of opportunities. The half-mile Tanglewood Self-Dawson is one of the site's most popular activities, whether and boat rentals are available at the concession stand. Check with site for dates and times. There are no lifeguards. Enjoy yourself, but please be careful. Labor Day. However, no alcohol or pets are allowed on the beach where swimming is permitted from Memorial Day to yellow perch and northern pike. Whether from the 5 miles of Drifting and bobbing on the glittering expanse of Lake

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■ White groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park’s facilities. They are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
■ At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
■ Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
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Fishing
The lake is regularly stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, bulhead, crappie, channel catfish, walleye, yellow perch and northern pike. Whether from the 5 miles of shoreline on the lake itself, or off the handicapped-accessible fishing pier, the angling is always good.

Boating
Drifting and bobbing on the glittering expanse of Lake Dawson is one of the site’s most popular activities, whether aboard a sailboat or in a motorcraft of 10 horsepower or less. There is a two-lane launching ramp and dock facility, and boat rentals are available at the concession stand.

Swimming
The Black Locust picnic area includes a public, sandy beach where swimming is permitted from Memorial Day to Labor Day. However, no alcohol or pets are allowed on the beach, and swimmers are to remain in the busied area. There are no lifeguards. Enjoy yourself, but please be careful. Check with site for dates and times.

Hiking
For inquiring exploration, Moraine View contains a variety of opportunities. The half-mile Tanglewood Self-Guiding Nature Trail winds around the lake finger in a wooded area and will take you within sight of a thriving

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History
In 1959 the state of Illinois purchased 760 acres in the area and maintained the area as a recreational site. December 1962, the area was opened to the public for use. In 1963, Moraine View State Recreation Area opened to the public. Moraine View State Recreation Area

In the middle of the sprawling feature, Moraine View State Recreation Area—just minutes east of Bloomington/Normal—hits its mark. The 1,687-acre Moraine View State Recreation Area sits between the Illinois River at Peoria east to the Wabash River in Indiana. In 1959 the state of Illinois purchased 760 acres in

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If you enjoy the outdoors, Moraine View State Recreation Area is a great place to be.

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When the glaciers of the last Ice Age moved through central Illinois 15,000 years ago, they pushed massive amounts of rock and earth before them, leaving in their wake long and expansive ridges that ripple across the landscape. These irregular crests are called moraines, and on their gentle swells and in their broad valleys they are now dotted by scattered groves of white oak, red oak, black walnut, maple, hickory, ash and elm.

History

When early Europeans first arrived in this area, they found the Kickapoo and Potawatomi Indian tribes peacefully sharing the countryside. Following the War of 1812, the tribes signed a treaty with the Europeans enabling them to continue to live on the land and take game until white settlers moved in. In 1830 there were 630 Kickapoo living here, but in 1832 they were moved to a reservation in Kansas and the Kickapoo continued to live on the land and take game until white settlers moved in.

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History

In 1959 the state of Illinois purchased 760 acres in Dawson Township, and by 1962 construction had begun on a dam on the North Fork tributary of Salt Creek between U.S. 150 and Illinois Route 9. The resulting lake, called Dawson Lake after the families of early settlers, was opened for fishing, boating, horseback riding and hunting in 1963.

Originally known as McLean County Conservation Area, additional acquisitions have expanded the area to its present 1,687 acres, and in 1975 it was designated as Moraine View State Recreation Area. Development of full recreational facilities has since made this one of the state’s sterling examples of how economic and social necessity also can provide opportunities for conservation and recreation.

Picnicking

For the day visitor, there is ample parking throughout the area and eight picnic areas in shaded spots, with tables and fireplaces. In addition there are five picnic shelters, three available for reservations and two for first-come, first-served use. There are five playground areas for the kids.

Camping

For longer stays, there are 137 Class A trailer campites with water, electricity and a sanitation facility. A boat launch and dock is also situated in this area. There are 61 reservation sites.

There are 33 primitive Class D tent campites, two group camp sites able to accommodate 275, and 30 Class A equestrian campites in a separate area, complete with water, electricity and hitching racks.

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beaver dam and lodge. Tall Timber Trail, a 1.5-mile backpack and hiking trail over moderate terrain, also provides sites for primitive camping along its course. The Timber Point Handicapped Trail is a half-mile-long opportunity for the disabled visitor to enjoy the pleasures of the woods as well.

**Horseback Riding**

More than 10 miles of bridle paths on Timberline Ridge Trail wind through most of the area. There is an equestrian campground available, and horses also are available at the stables for group trail rides.

**Winter Sports**

When the season brings sufficient snow, 7 miles of trails are open for cross-country skiing, and the field trail trails accommodate the high horsepower of snowmobiles. Ice fishing and ice skating are available when the ice is thick enough.

**Hunting**

Thirteen hundred acres of the area are open to public hunting in season. There are nine weeks of controlled pheasant hunting annually. Moraine View is one of eight sites in Illinois which has controlled pheasant hunting. The Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt is scheduled the first Sunday of the permit season. Please consult the park office for specific information concerning hunting and opening dates for various species.

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