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IDNR Announces Campsite Reservations Open for Sites in Solar Eclipse Zone

Southern Illinois Will Experience Total Solar Eclipse Aug. 21, 2017

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced today that campsite reservations are now available at southern Illinois State Parks and the World Shooting and Recreational Complex for visitors making plans to view the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017.

IDNR sites normally can be reserved no more than six months in advance. The reservation window has been extended for portions of southern Illinois. To reserve a campsite, visit www.ReserveAmerica.com.

More than 2,000 campsites over 12 state-owned sites are available in the portion of southern Illinois where the eclipse will be total. The World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta is home to 1,000 campsites. The Complex also has great stargazing and eclipse viewing opportunities with open spaces, plenty of parking and paved walkways. Campsites at the Complex may be reserved for dates following the ATA Grand American World Trapshooting Championships, starting Aug. 15, 2017.

The following IDNR sites are within the portion of the state that will experience a total eclipse:

Cave-in-Rock State Park: 59 sites: 34 with electric service, 25 tent camping only
Randolph County State Recreation Area: 138 sites
Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area: 45 sites
Dixon Springs State Park: 49 sites
Ferne Clyffe State Park: 93 sites, plus additional tent camping and equestrian campground
Giant City State Park: 99 sites, plus 24 sites in equestrian campground
Fort Massac State Park: 50 sites
Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area: 88 sites
Lake Murphysboro State Park: 74 sites
Pyramid State Recreation Area: 54 sites

Trail of Tears State Forest: 15 primitive campsites
World Shooting and Recreational Complex: 1,001 campsites
Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area: 283

For more information on Illinois State Parks and individual parks listed, visit:
www.dnr.illinois.gov/recreation.

The City of Carbondale is organizing activities around the eclipse. Visit:
www.carbondaleeclipse.com.

Southern Illinois University also has an eclipse Website: www.eclipse.siu.edu.

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