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IDNR seeking campground hosts for 2025 camping season

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is seeking campground hosts for the 2025 camping season for state parks, recreation areas, and historic sites across Illinois.

Campground hosting is a perfect position for anyone who enjoys camping and helping other people. Hosts are often the first face to greet state park visitors. They check on arrivals and departures, write camping permits, acquaint campers with park facilities and regulations, answer questions about local and statewide attractions, help visitors plan outings, and more.

Campground hosts have the privilege of free camping in their own RVs, motor homes, or trailers at designated spots within state parks.

“Above all, the quality all campground hosts possess is a passion for working with the public,” said **Calvin Beckmann, chief of parks and recreation for IDNR**. “If hosting sounds appealing to you, we would love to hear from you.”

Anyone interested in being a campground host can complete and submit a [campground host program packet](#). Questions can be directed to the [superintendent at the appropriate site](#). The following IDNR sites currently have host positions available:

Clinton County

[Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area](#)

Coles County

[Fox Ridge State Park](#)

Franklin County

[Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area](#)

Hamilton County

[Hamilton County State Fish and Wildlife Area](#)

Henry County

[Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area](#)

LaSalle County

[Illini State Park](#)
[Starved Rock State Park](#)

Madison County
[Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area](#)

Menard County
[Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site](#)

Randolph County
[World Shooting and Recreation Complex](#)

Shelby County
[Hidden Springs State Forest](#)

Vermilion County
[Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area](#)

Whiteside County
[Prophetstown State Park](#)

Winnebago County
[Rock Cut State Park](#)

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