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Danville Area / Vermilion County



WELCOME TO SPRING & SUMMER 2026 IN THE HEART OF VERMILION COUNTY!

As the Midwest shakes off winter and the forests come alive with fresh color, there's no better time to rediscover two of Vermilion County's most treasured outdoor destinations: **Kickapoo State Recreation Area** and **Kennekuk County Park**. Whether you're seeking peaceful hikes, thrilling trail adventures, abundant wildlife, or family-friendly recreation, these parks offer unforgettable experiences all season long.

KICKAPOO STATE RECREATION AREA: ADVENTURE AWAITS

Kickapoo State Recreation Area springs into action this year with a full lineup of outdoor opportunities. The park is known for its scenic wooded trails, sparkling lakes, and abundant wildlife—and 2026 brings even more ways to enjoy it.

This season also welcomes signature events like the Wild Wild Wilderness trail race, taking place September 12, 2026, offering both a 5K and a challenging 7.45-mile trail run through steep hills, creeks, wooded paths, and stunning natural terrain. Runners alike will find camping options available at the park's two major campgrounds, which feature 184 sites including electric hookups, shower buildings, and a sanitary dump station.

Whether you're hiking, paddling, fishing, or enjoying a peaceful picnic, Kickapoo's diverse landscape invites you to unwind and explore.



SPRING 2026

Newsletter Highlights

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Spring has Sprung!

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KENNEKUK COUNTY PARK:

NATURE AT ITS BEST

Just a few miles away, Kennekuk County Park offers more than 3,000 acres of natural beauty—oak-hickory forests, tallgrass prairie, and the serene 170-acre Lake Mingo. Founded in 1974 and located west of Danville, this expansive park borders the Middle Fork National Scenic River and offers miles of trails, excellent fishing, canoeing, and wildlife viewing.

The park is also home to three Illinois Nature Preserves and unique features such as the Bunker Hill Historic Area, Kennekuk Marshes, and scenic lookouts over the Middle Fork River. With over 200 documented bird species and 400 wildflower varieties, it's a perfect destination for photographers, hikers, and nature lovers alike.

Visitors can enjoy open picnic shelters, rental facilities, educational centers, and an inviting seasonal visitor center—making the park ideal for families, reunions, weddings, and peaceful afternoons surrounded by nature.

YOUR SEASON OF EXPLORATION STARTS NOW

Whether you're gearing up for a trail race, planning a weekend camping trip, or simply craving a quiet moment in nature, Kickapoo State Recreation Area and Kennekuk County Park offer something for every outdoor enthusiast. Here's to longer days, wildflower blooms, fresh trails, and the joy of experiencing Vermilion County's natural beauty all season long.



	Ball Diamond	Basketball	Concessions	Fishing	Playground	Picnic Area	Shelter	Soccer	Sprayground	Stage	Tennis	Trail	Restrooms	Amenities
Danville City Parks														
Cannon Park 1701 N. Jackson St.														
Carver Park 420 E. Williams St.														Football
Douglas Park 520 S. Bowman Ave.														Horseshoes, Skate Park
Ellsworth Park 100 Ellsworth Ave.														Disc Golf, Football
Elmwood Park 498 Elmwood Ave.														
Garfield Park 820 N. Griffin St.														Danville Aquatics Center at Garfield Park
Fetch Dog Park / Espenscheid Park 1600 N. Kimball														
Liberty Park 200 E. Liberty Lane														Pickleball Courts
Lincoln Park 1000 Logan Ave.														Lamon House, Danville Tennis Center
Meade Park 20 S. Oregon St.														
Wayland-Young Athletic Facility (Danville High School) 211 Sidell St.														Practice Fields, All Weather Track
Winter Park 900 E. Winter Ave.														Sand Volleyball, Cross Country Course
Winterview Park 1200 E. Winter Ave.														

Vermilion County City Parks

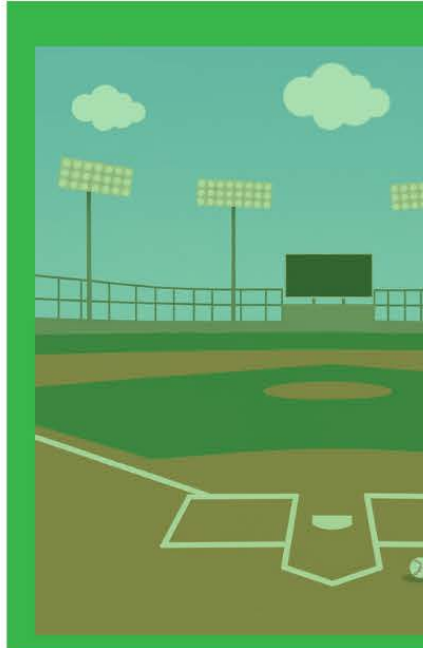
Catlin Splash Park 300 W. Vermilion St. • Catlin														Pickleball Courts, Gaga Ball Pit
Brentlinger Park 200 W. Donald St. • Fithian														
McFerren Park 301 W. Main St. • Hoopeston														Civic Center, Miniature Golf, Public Pool, Skate Park
North Side Park 500 N. Market St. • Hoopeston														
South Side Park 933 S. Sixth Ave. • Hoopeston														Backstops
Union Park 619 E. McNeil St. • Hoopeston														
Oakwood Park 203 Longstreth St. • Oakwood														
Veterans Park 258 Barbara Dr. • Oakwood														
Herschel Lake 1 Herschel Dr.														Boat Ramp, Docks
Thomas Park 201 W. Fifth St. • Tilton														
Zamberletti Park 499 IL Route 1 • Westville														

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN DANVILLE / VERMILON COUNTY PARKS!

The wait is over—Danville's parks are blooming back to life! As the days grow longer and the air turns warmer, our green spaces are ready to welcome you for another season of outdoor fun, fresh air, and community connection.

From peaceful morning walks along tree-lined trails to lively afternoons at our playgrounds and sports fields, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



DANVILLE DANS OPENING DAY – 2026 SEASON

Dan's Baseball is back in Danville, and ready to swing into another unforgettable summer at Danville Stadium. The Danville Dans officially open their 2026 season on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30PM, hosting the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes in what promises to be an exciting start to a packed season.

Join us at the ballpark we welcome back the crack of the bat, the smell of ballpark popcorn, and the energy only Dans fans can bring. Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to the stand's, Opening Day is the perfect time to cheer on our hometown team.

Mark your calendars, grab your Dan's gear, and bring the whole family out for an evening of baseball under the lights. Let's fill the stadium and show the league what Danville Pride looks like.

See you on May 26th – **Go Dans!**

You're Gonna LOVE IT



MAY-JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		May 26 SPR	27 SPR	28 REX	29 REX	30 DEC
31	June 1	Doubleheader CHA	2 ILV	3 SPR	4 JHN	5 JHN
6 REX	7	8 DEC	9 DUB	10 ALT	11 BUR	12 BUR
13	14 SPR	15	16 REX	17 REX	18 KOK	19 DEC
20 DUB	21	22 KOK	23 KOK	24 JAX	25 JAX	26 BUR
27	28 OFH	29 DEC	30			

Eastern Conference

CHA - Champion City
DAN - Danville
DEC - Decatur
DUB - DuBois County
JHN - Johnstown
KOK - Kokomo
LAF - Lafayette
REX - Terre Haute

Western Conference

ALT - Alton
BUR - Burlington
CAP - Cape Girardeau
ILV - Illinois Valley
JAX - Jackson
OFH - O'Fallon
SPR - Springfield



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JULY-AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			July 1 ALT	2 CHA	3 LAF	4 DUB
5	6	7 Prospect League All-Star Game	8	9 SPR	10 OFH	11 BUR
12 KOK	13	14 DEC	15 SPR	16 LAF	17 CAP	18 CAP
19 REX	20	21 ILV	22 KOK	23 DUB	24 ILV	25 KOK
26 ALT	27	28 DEC	29 CHA	30 CHA	31 DUB	August 1 DEC

Home Games at Danville Stadium

610 Highland Blvd

(Jackie Robinson Way)

Monday - Saturday 6:30 pm start

Sunday 4:30 pm start

Gates Open 1 hour before gametime

What to expect on Opening Night:

- First pitch @ 6:30PM
- Freshly updated ballpark concessions
- Family-friendly atmosphere and community spirit
- A great matchup to launch the 2026 season



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