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Danville Area / Vermilion County



Photo by Deb Edwards

## ABOUT THE DANVILLE DANS

Opening day . . . May 27<sup>th</sup> - First Pitch 6:30 PM

The Danville Dans is a collegiate summer baseball team that competes in the Prospect League. Founded in 1989, the Dans are one of the league's original members and have been a staple in Danville, Illinois community for over 30 years.

Each summer, talented college players from across the country come to Danville to play for the Dans and develop their skills against top-level competition. The team plays its home games at Historic Danville Stadium, which has been home to the Dans since the team's inception.

The Dans are committed to providing a fun and family-friendly environment for fans of all ages. We also have a strong commitment to giving back to the community. The team and its players are actively involved in various charitable and community service initiatives and are proud to be a positive influence in the Danville and Vermilion County area.

We hope you'll come out to Danville Stadium this summer to enjoy some great baseball and be a part of the Danville Dans community!

[www.danvilledans.org/schedule/](http://www.danvilledans.org/schedule/)

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## Newsletter Highlights

BATTER UP -  
Danville Dans

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
April - August 2025



Calendar of Events



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The Danville Area Visitors Bureau wishes to thank these businesses for providing food and supplies for the Hospitality Room at the 2025 NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship.

#### 3-POINT LEVEL

- American Legion Post #210
- Arby's
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Culver's
- The Custard Cup
- Fujiyama Japanese Steakhouse
- Gilbert Street Café
- Jimmy John's
- Jocko's
- Lee's
- Mad Goat Coffee
- Meijer
- Possum Trot
- Rawhide Meat Co.
- Royal Donut
- Snapper's at Turtle Run Golf Club
- Sysco Foods – Central Illinois
- Vermilion River Beer Company
- Whitney Jones with Bash It Up

#### LAYUP LEVEL

- Back Door Pizza
- Cahill's Family Restaurant
- Castle's Candles
- MiMi's Kitchen & Catering
- Papa John's Pizza
- Sol Del Mar
- Wendy's
- Wolf Creek Golf Club
- Anker Florist (Floral Arrangement)
- David S. Palmer Arena

#### FREE THROW LEVEL

- Applebee's
- Burger King - Main
- Ela's Eatery
- Elliott's Satellite Tavern
- Green Island Chinese
- La Potosina
- Little Caesar's
- Monical's Pizza
- Moon Glo
- MSI
- Penn Station East Coast Subs
- Rich's Deluxe
- Shark Grill
- South Street Saloon & Grill
- Subway
- \* Tacos Calvillo Restaurant

#### JUMP BALL LEVEL

- Buen Apetito
- Charlotte's
- County Market
- Danville Boat Club
- El Toro
- Lake Harbor Chinese Restaurant
- Pizza Hut
- Danville Floral & Gifts (Floral Arrangements)

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## Kickapoo State Recreation Area



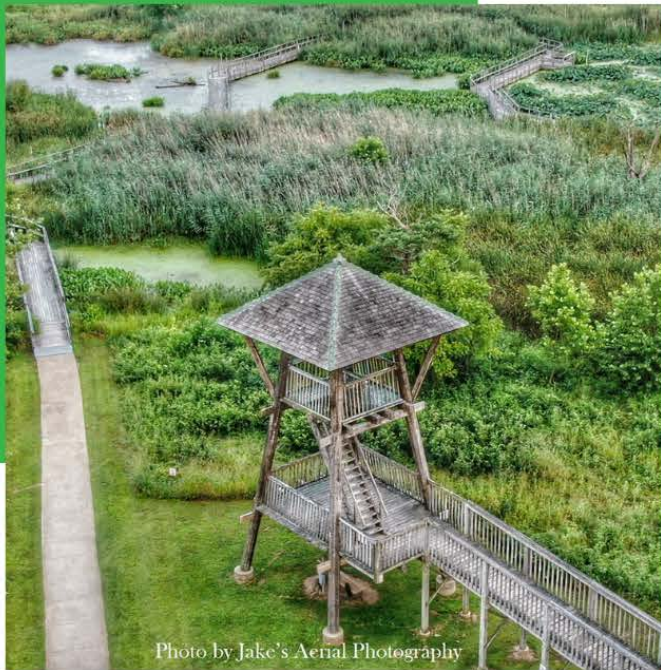
Threaded by the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River there's a wonderland for outdoor recreation a little more than ten minutes out of Danville.

Almost 3,000 acres of hardwood forest, river and lakes, the Kickapoo State Recreation Area was established in 1939 on land known to have been inhabited by the Native American Kickapoo people until around the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

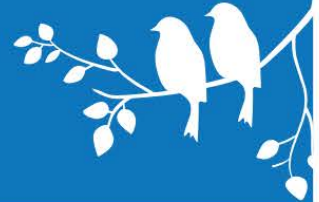
In the century before the park was founded this was the site of strip coal mines, and the pits and spoil piles have since become forested hills and lakes open to boating and paddle sports.

There are 2 campgrounds with a combined 184 sites, 22 water bodies for fishing, 12 launching ramps on nine lakes for boating, 7 marked hiking trails and 11 mountain bike routes.

Come and experience Kickapoo this  
spring, summer and fall!



## Vermilion County Conservation District



### **Kennekuk County Park**

Bordered on the west by the Middle Fork River, Kennekuk County Park offers 3,000 acres of oak-hickory forests, prairies, and wetland habitats for visitors to explore. The 170-acre Lake Mingo, as well as other smaller ponds, providing fishing opportunities. Hikers can traverse six unique trails ranging from 1/3-mile to 7-1/2-mile in length. Bird watching, wildlife viewing, picnicking, playgrounds, kayaking, and more can also be enjoyed.

### **Forest Glen Preserve**

Wildlife watching is abundant throughout Forest Glen Preserve's 2000-acres of beech-maple forests, tallgrass prairie restoration, Vermilion River Valley, and Willow Creek. A 72-foot Observation Tower, as well as trails ranging from 1/3-mile to 11-miles provide plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities for visitors. Bird watching, wildlife viewing, camping, picnicking, playgrounds, kayaking, and more can also be enjoyed.

### **Lake Vermilion / Heron County Park**

The 1000-acre Lake Vermilion provides visitors with a great location for water sports, boating, fishing, and wildlife viewing. North of Lake Vermilion, the second longest floating boardwalk at 950-feet can be found at Heron County Park. A trail along an oxbow lake, and a 30-foot Observation Tower add to the possibility to see aquatic wildlife, including great blue herons, sandhill cranes, bald eagles, river otters, beavers, waterfowl, muskrats and more.

### **Kickapoo Rail Trail**

Visitors can bike, run, walk, roll, or stroll the 3.1-mile section of the Kickapoo Rail Trail in Vermilion County. This railroad-converted trail is designed for non-motorized use and will eventually connect to Urbana, Illinois. The 1/4-mile Trestle Bridge, owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, towers 90 feet over the Scenic Middle Fork River.