

Explore and Discover Vermilion County, Illinois...

Everything but Ordinary outdoor activities and trails.



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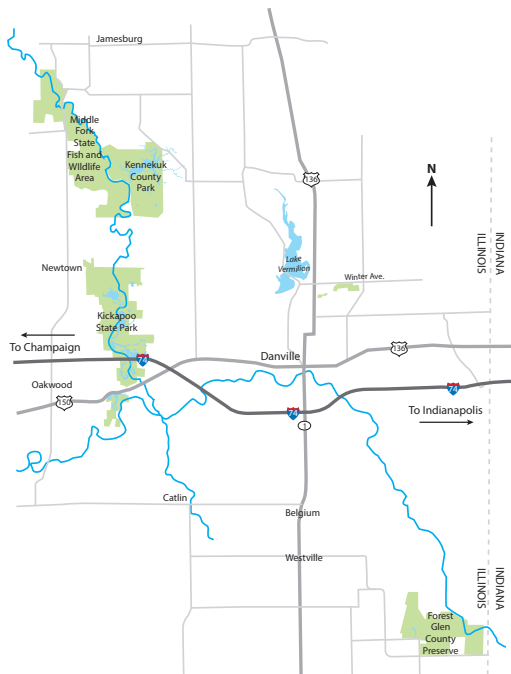
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Ready to explore the wonder and beauty of nature in Vermilion County and Danville Illinois? With over 100 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails that wind their way through more than 15,000 acres, we've got a trail that fits you!

If you like to casually enjoy nature, you'll discover many species of flowers, trees, and wildlife on the miles of natural trails. If you are more interested in physical fitness, you'll find a wide variety of trails to challenge beginners and experienced hikers. From equestrians to cyclists to hikers, Vermilion County's remarkable trails allow you to get up close and personal with nature.





Kickapoo State Park

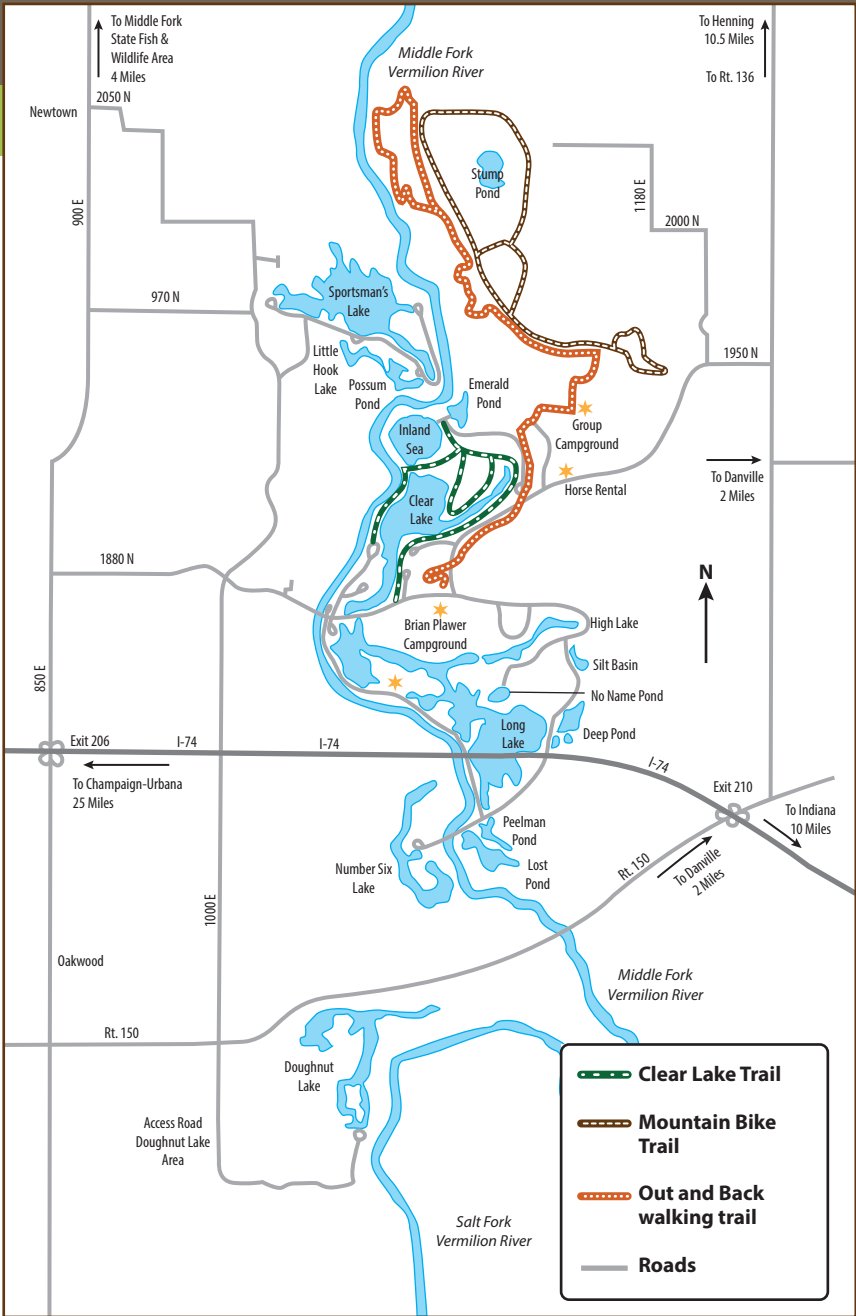
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- 2,850 acre park built on former strip-mined land
- Over 16 miles of hiking and 14 miles of biking trails
- 22 deep-water ponds for fishing and boating
- Access to the Middle Fork National Scenic River
- Campground and shelter rentals available
- Hunting, mountain biking, scuba diving, and ice skating permitted
- Canoe, kayak, tube, and paddleboat rentals available.
- Dine indoors or by the lake! Dockside Café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner during season.

Kickapoo State Park and Recreation Area provides an outdoor playground that offers something appealing to each member of the family. Seven marked trails run through the park, including the most challenging, the 7.6 mile **Out and Back Trail** takes hikers through the forest and edges of cropland. The 12 mile **Mountain Bike Trail** winds through the forest, abandoned strip mine area, and along the Middle Fork River. Some of the other shorter trails include: **Clear Lake Trail** (3 miles), **Riverview Trail** (2 miles), **High Lake Trail** (1.5 miles) which has a 0.2-mile portion which is ADA accessible, **Nature Trail** (0.75 miles), and **Brian Plawer Nature Trail** (0.9 miles).

Mountain Biking: For a challenging ride, try the 12 miles of the best singletrack mountain biking trails in Illinois. This multiple trail system is rated easy to very technical. There are plenty of features on these trails to keep the ride interesting: log jumps, climbs, and technical switchbacks, as well as wooded hills and ravines. Visit Kickapoo Mountain Bike Club website for detailed information and maps. www.kickapoombc.org



Kickapoo Rail Trail, a 24.5 mile trail linking Kickapoo State Park westward to Urbana, is under construction. The first leg between Urbana and Vermilion County line is completed. The trail is being developed on an historic rail line constructed in 1869 and will be open to both pedestrians and bicyclists.



Forest Glen County Preserve

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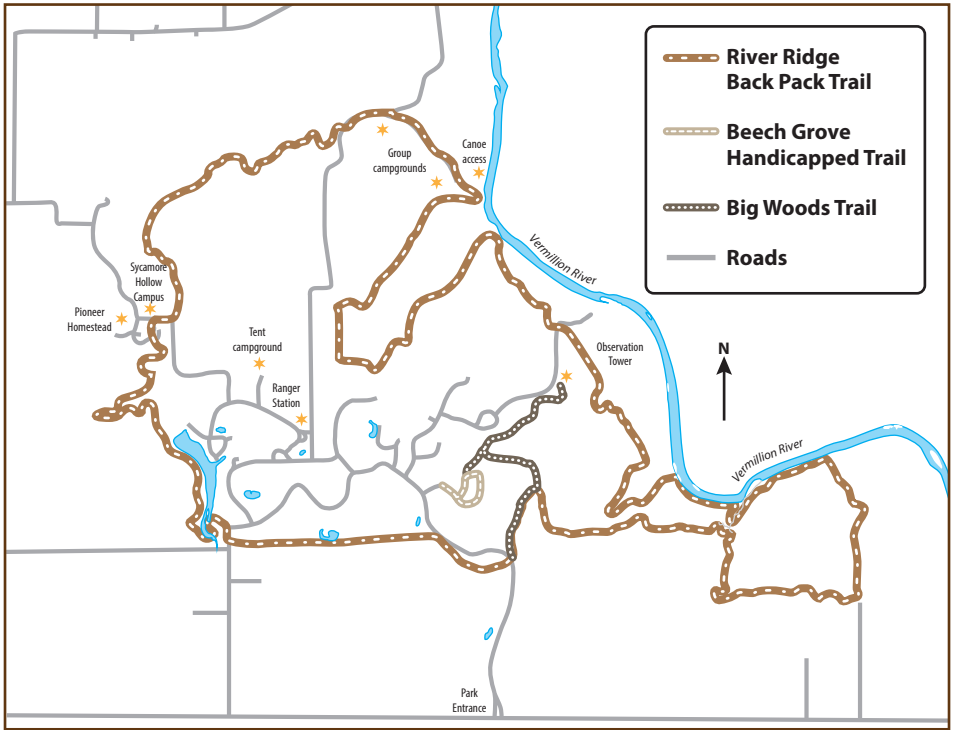
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- 1900 acre park for all seasons
- 25 miles of walking trails
- 72 foot observation tower
- Campground and shelter rentals available
- Features the 40 acre Michael G. Reddy Arboretum

Forest Glen offers thirteen trails, featuring the 11 mile **River Ridge Back Pack Trail** that can be hiked in one day but is set up with back country campsites for backpack camping. It winds around the perimeter of the park and links together several smaller trails.

Due to the increased popularity of River Ridge Back Pack Trail, pre-registration is required. For more information contact 217-662-2142 or visit our website www.vccd.org/riverridgerules.htm.

Remaining trails range from 2 miles to the 1/3 mile **Beech Grove** asphalt, handicapped trail overlooking woodland valley. The **Big Woods Trail** is 1 mile long and is the most rugged of all trails in the preserve. The trails also feature a historic observation tower. The 72-foot tower gives a spectacular view of the Vermilion River bottoms.





Kennekuk County Park

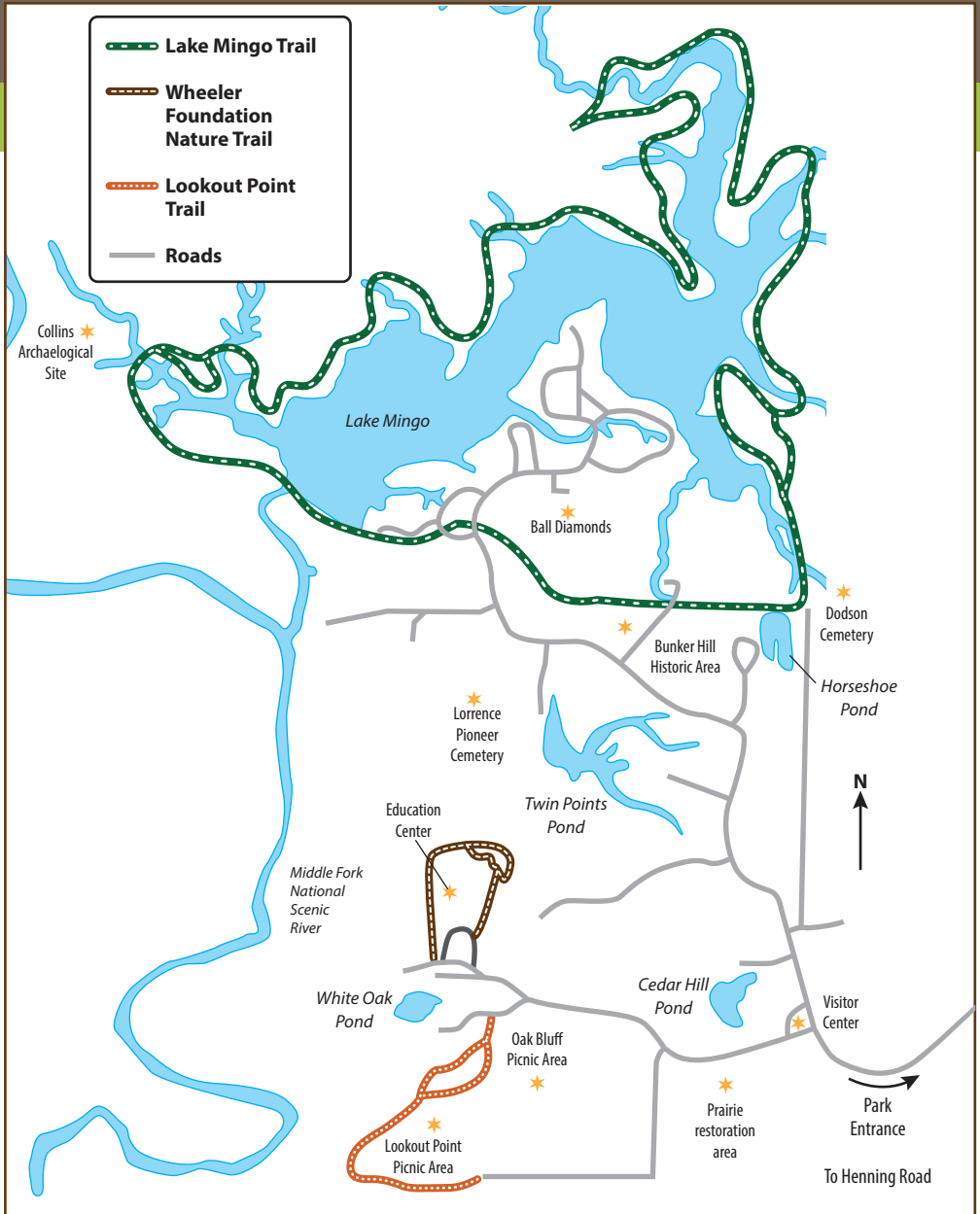
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- 3,000 acre park featuring forested and prairie habitat
- Over 15 miles of walking trails
- 170 acre Lake Mingo
- Access to the Middle Fork National Scenic River
- Historic area including buildings from the 1800s
- Shelter rentals available
- Visitors center including natural history exhibits

Kennekuk County Park, located five miles west of Danville, is an oak-hickory forest type with native tall grass prairie areas. It contains two Illinois Nature Preserves within its boundaries (Windfall Prairie and Horseshoe Bottoms). Visit the new Environmental Education Center at Kennekuk County Park to learn about Illinois wildlife. View rotational exhibits, art and photography showcases and special events at the Center throughout the year.

Kennekuk features eight trails including 7.2 mile **Lake Mingo Trail**. Remaining trails are approximately one mile or less. The most popular being the one mile, scenic **Lookout Point Trail** where hikers can look out across the Middle Fork River Valley at one of the highest elevations in the park. **Wheeler Foundation Nature Trail**, located at Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, is a ¼ mile concrete trail that is ADA accessible.



Check out the Kennekuk Environmental Education Center.
 Stop by the Kennekuk County Park Visitor's Center for hours.

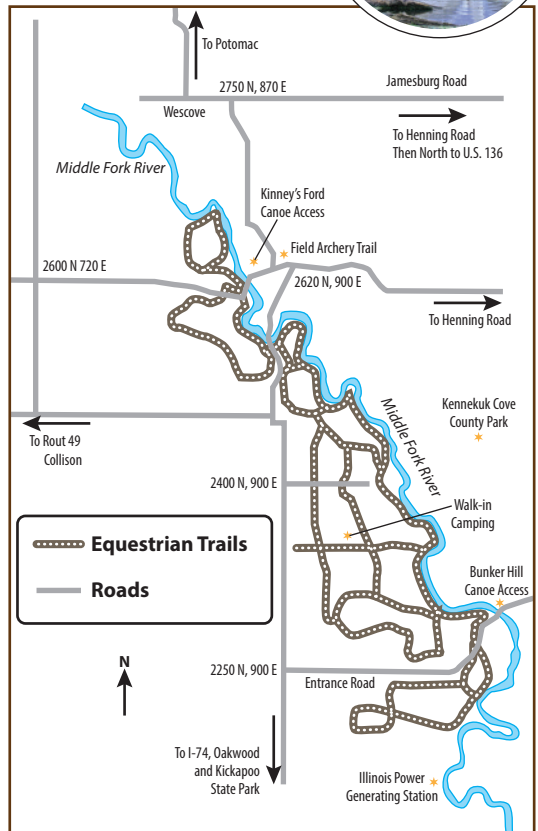
Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area

Access through Kickapoo State Park
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- 2,700 acre area
- 35 miles of marked scenic trails for equestrian, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling
- Campground and equestrian campground rentals available
- Hunting, canoeing, and picnicking permitted

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area borders Illinois' only Wild and Scenic River. Designed as the state's first Scenic River in 1986, and named a National Wild and Scenic River in 1990, the Middle Fork branch of the Vermilion River flows through Vermilion County on the state's eastern border.





Southgate Habitat Area Trail

Exit 220, off I-74

Southgate Drive • Danville • Illinois 61834

Located in the Southgate Industrial Park at the intersection of Southgate Drive and Borgen Drive, the ADA-compliant paved trail is 3/4 mile. It is mostly flat and loops around a 4.5 acre pond. The surrounding area features native trees, shrubs, and grasses. A variety of wildlife including ducks, herons, and other waterfowl are present. Paved parking and a small picnic shelter is available.

Winter Park Cross Country Course

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Located around the Danville Area Soccer Complex, the courses begin near the entrance to Winterview Park. There is a choice of 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5 3, and 3.1 mile moderate cross country courses to run or walk. The grass and dirt paths guide through gently rolling open and forested areas.

Fetch Dog Park Espenscheid Park

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Fetch Dog Park is a fully fenced, off-leash dog park. There is a 3/4 mile fitness trail and over 1 mile of trails in the park.

There are many other smaller walking areas at Danville, Illinois city parks. For more information go to <http://www.danvilleareainfo.com>



 **Danville** Area
Convention and Visitors' Bureau



For more information about what is available in the Danville area visit
www.danvilleareainfo.com or call 800-383-4386

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