

## Picnicking

The park has 7 picnic areas and each area has tables, grills, ground stoves, parking, restroom facilities and plenty of shade. Pleasant View is the only area with playground equipment and drinking water. Firewood is not provided but it can be purchased at the concession.

Large picnic shelters are located at Twin Points, Breezy Point, Hickory Grove and Pleasant View. The shelters at Pleasant View and Twin Points can be reserved.

## Hiking

Hikers, joggers and nature-study enthusiasts can utilize over 5 miles of trails:

- Whispering Pines Trail weaves through the nature preserve and is 1.75 miles long.
- Woodpecker Trail meanders beside the lake and is 1 mile in length, with .5 mile being handicapped accessible. This trail is also a self-guiding, tree identification, interpretive trail.
- The Observatory Trail starts from the Whispering Pines Trail and provides the best access to the Embarras River bottomlands. The total round-trip is 2.35 miles.
- Also, hikers and joggers can create a 3 mile exercise loop by using the main park road and the Gray Squirrel -to-Twin Points connecting trail.

## Winter Sports

Ice fishing and ice skating are allowed on the lake. Cross-country skiers are welcome to use existing trails and park roads.

## Hunting

Squirrel and archery deer hunting are allowed in the two wildlife management areas. The total acreage of these two areas, Observatory and Bower Woods, is approximately 173-acres. Raccoon hunting is allowed in all park locations, except the nature preserve. Hunters should contact the park office for current information and specific details.

## Concession

The concession is open from April through October. Items and services include an extensive food menu, ice cream, drinks, ice, bait, firewood and boat rental.

On occasion, the concession also hosts free musical entertainment. When open, the concession phone number is (217) 346-3281.

## Camping

Sixty-one campsites offer campers many options. From Class A campsites, featuring electric hook-ups, to Class C campsites for walk-in tent campers. Group camping (youth -or- adult) is also offered.

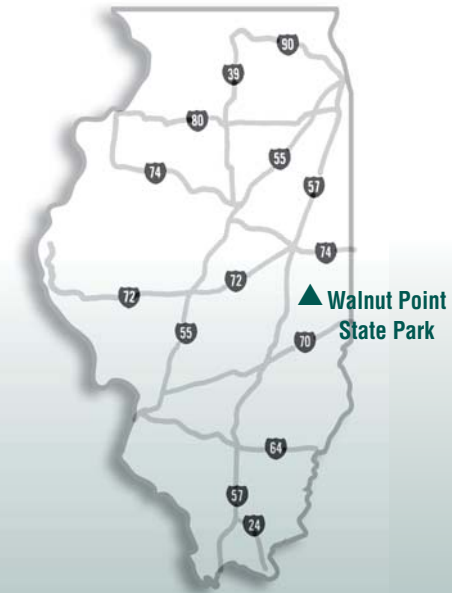
Each campsite has a table, ground stove and plenty of shade. Water hydrants, restroom facilities and a modern shower building are close by. A sanitary dump station is also available. Firewood is not provided but it can be purchased at the concession.

The campground is always open but during cold weather, some facilities are subject to closure. Also, due to campground popularity, reservations are recommended for stays that include weekend days.

## Reservations

Reservations are accepted for the following: Class A campsites, Class C campsites, Group Camp and the large picnic shelters located at Pleasant View and Twin Points. If not reserved, all of the above are available on a first-come/first-serve basis.

Please note, reservations cannot be made by telephone and credit cards are not accepted. Contact the park office for current information, specific details and reservation applications.



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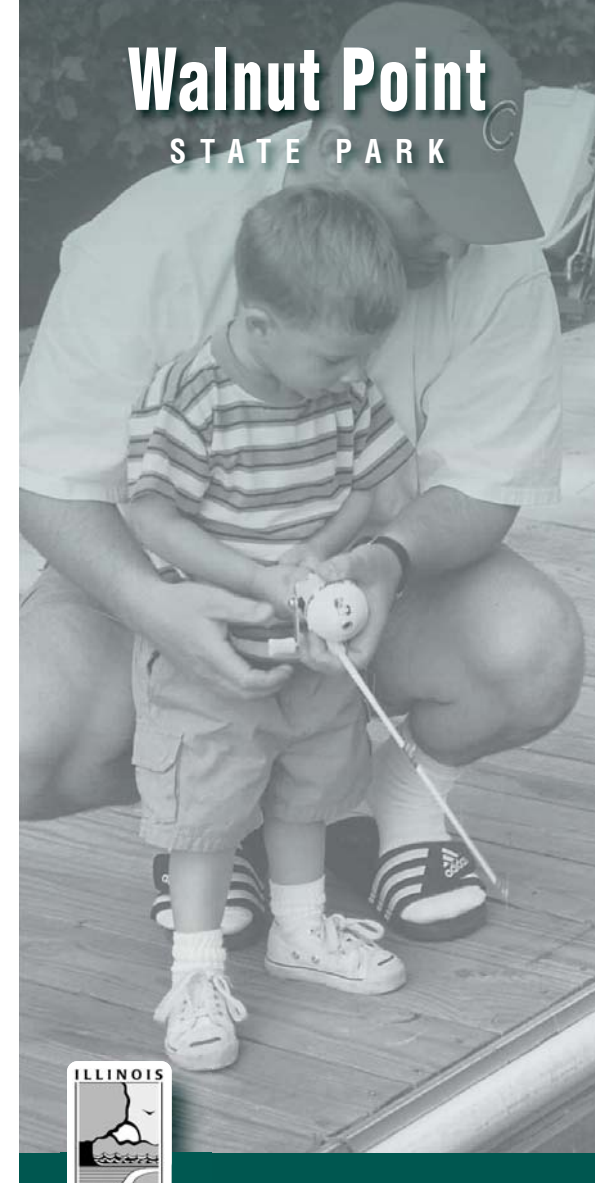
- While groups of 25 or more are welcome and encouraged to use the park's facilities, they are required to register in advance with the site office to avoid crowding or scheduling conflicts.
- At least one responsible adult must accompany each group of 15 minors.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Actions by nature can result in closed roads and other facilities. We hope you enjoy your stay. Remember, take only memories, leave only footprints.
- For more information on state parks, write to the Department of Natural Resources, Clearinghouse, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 visit our website at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us).
- For more information on tourism in Illinois, call the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Bureau of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.
- Hearing-impaired individuals may call the Department of Natural Resources' TTY number, (217) 782-9175, or use the Ameritech Relay Number, 1-800-526-0844.

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## STATE PARK



## The Park

With its woods, water and wildlife, Walnut Point has it all - from fishing, camping and hiking to picnicking, hunting and great ice cream cones.

Located 3 miles north of Oakland, the park is in close proximity to Interstate 57, US Highway 36 and Illinois Highway 133.

Walnut Point was named for Douglas County's first pioneer settlement. Established in the 1830's, but no longer in existence, the settlement was located about 2 miles west of the park. Walnut Point opened in 1968 and the 671-acre park is managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## The Natural Scene

Located amid a vast agricultural landscape, Walnut Point is an oasis of majestic hardwoods, wildflowers and wildlife.

In the spring, the park comes alive with redbuds, wildflowers and songbirds. In the fall, the park's extensive wooded acres dominate the eye with foliage colors that are varied and spectacular.

During any time of the year, wildlife viewing opportunities are everywhere, especially in the 65-acre, Upper Embarras Woods Nature Preserve.

## The Lake

Walnut Point Lake is the focal point of the park. The lake has a surface-area of 52-acres, a maximum depth of 32 feet and an average depth of 12.5 feet. Wooded shorelines and finger-like coves provide a beautiful setting for both anglers and boaters. Swimming is not permitted but a nice community pool is only 3 miles away in Oakland.

## Handicapped Accessibility

Numerous accessible and barrier free facilities are available for use throughout the park. They are too numerous to designate on the park map.

## Fishing

Anglers can try their luck fishing for largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie and channel catfish.

Floating docks, fixed piers and two single-lane boat ramps are available for use. Only pole-and-line fishing is permitted. Boat motors are restricted to electric trolling motors only.

Anglers should contact the park office for current regulations and existing creel limits.

