



IDNR Announces Summer Urban Fishing Clinics

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GRAFTON – Learning how to fish is fun and free for youngsters and families during Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Urban Fishing Program summer fishing clinics at select locations throughout southern Illinois. The free clinics are open

to kids, families, seniors, and groups interested in learning to fish and enjoying a day outdoors.

Fishing instructors present information on fish and other aquatic life, rules and regulations for fishing, as well as basic instruction on baiting a hook, tying a knot, casting, important tactics on how to catch fish, and how to handle and return fish to the water. As part of each clinic, participants are provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for catch-and-release fishing. Current health and safety protocols will be observed.

The locations and schedules for southern Illinois clinics this summer are listed below. For more information on fishing opportunities in Illinois, check the I Fish Illinois website at www.ifishillinois.org.

IDNR Urban Fishing Program 2021 Summer Clinics in Southern Illinois

Frank Holten State Recreation Area, East St. Louis

Monday through Friday through Aug. 13, 2021

Two clinics each day - 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p

Reservations/Information: 618-874-7920 or 618-250-2446

Gordon F. Moore Community Park, Alton

Monday through Friday through Aug. 13, 2021

Two clinics each day – 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p

Reservations/Information: 618-917-6296

Evergreen Park, Carbondale

Monday through Friday through Aug. 13, 2021

Two clinics each day - 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p

Reservations required – please call 217-415-0043

Glazebrook Park, Godfrey

Monday through Friday through June 30, 2021 only

Two clinics each day -- 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p

Reservations/Information: 618-466-1483 or 618-604-5865

Veterans Park, Mt. Vernon

Monday through Friday through July 9, 2021

Two clinics each day – 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p

Reservations/Information: 618-314-0437

Woodland Park, Collinsville

Monday through Wednesday, June 14-16, 2021 only

9:00-11:30a and 1:00-2:30p each day
Reservations/Information: 618-346-7529

Belk Park, Wood River

Monday through Friday, June 21-25, 2021 only
Two clinics each day – 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p
Reservations/Information: 618-917-6296

Pere Marquette State Park, Grafton

Tuesday through Saturday, July 6-10, 2021 only
11:00a-12:30p and 4:00-5:30p; Open fishing: 12:30-4:00p
Reservations/Information: 618-604-5465 or 618-786-3323

Foundation Park, Centralia

Monday through Friday – July 13-Aug. 13, 2021
Two clinics each day – 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p
Reservations/Information: 618-314-0437

Bryant Park, Bethalto

Monday through Friday, July 13-23, 2021 only
Two clinics each day – 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p
Reservations/Information: 618-874-7920

LeClaire Park, Edwardsville

July 27-30, 2021 and Aug. 2-5, 2021 only
Two clinics each day -- 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p
Reservations/Information: 618-692-7538 or 618-604-5465

Wock Lake, Jerseyville

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6 and 7, 2021
Two clinics each day -- 9:00-11:30a and 1:00-3:30p
Reservations/Information: 618-604-5465