

East Central Illinois

River Experiences

Illinois has over 120,000 miles of rivers and streams.

Get outside and enjoy our natural treasures.

Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area

--formerly Railsplitter Park

RIVER: Lake Fork and Salt Creek

Logan County

WHAT TO DO: Biking, canoeing, fishing hiking, picnicking, and wildlife viewing

1366 1010th Ave
Lincoln, IL 62656
217/732-1552

WEBSITE: www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r4/EDMAD.HTM

Nearby Supplies: Scheells Sports, 3801 South MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62711, 217/726-6330

Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area lies along Salt Creek just south of the City of Lincoln. Full of duck, quail, and pheasant, the park offers bird watching in a pristine habitat. The park also houses a canoe launch with a popular mid-length trail to Rocky Ford Bridge as well as fishing along the banks of Salt Creek.



Fox Ridge State Park

RIVER: Embarras River

Coles County

WHAT TO DO: Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, and wildlife viewing

18175 State Park Rd
Charleston, IL 61920
217/345-6416

WEBSITE: dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r3/fox/fox.htm

Nearby Supplies: Prairie Outfitters Inc., 930 18th Street, Charleston, IL 61920-2939, Phone: 217/348-6770

Fox Ridge State Park offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation on the banks of the Embarras River. The 2,000 acre, family friendly natural area is equipped with a picnic ground, rest rooms, running water, and Class A campsites available by reservation. Two canoe launches allow river recreation enthusiasts the opportunity to paddle 5 miles of the Embarras, or angle for catfish, bluegill, and bass, which is allowed in river and by reservation on Ridge Lake. 9 miles of trail meander through the park, including long stretches along the bluffs beside the banks of the river itself, offering excellent wildlife viewing and scenic overlooks.

Kennekuk County Park

RIVER: Middle Fork River

Vermilion County

22296-A Henning Rd
Danville, IL 61834
217/442-1691

WHAT TO DO: Hiking, fishing, boating, canoeing, biking, picnicking, hayrides, mushroom hunting, and wildlife viewing

WEBSITE: <http://www.vccd.org/gikennekuk.html>

Nearby Supplies: Wild Country Outfitters, 2012 N Prospect Rd, Champaign, IL 61822, 217/351-4754

Fishing on the Middle Fork River on a series of lakes and ponds, or canoeing along the Middle Fork National Scenic River, Kennekuk houses some of the finest riverine opportunities in East Central Illinois. Just north of Danville, the area is part of a complex of parks in the area protecting wildlife along the Middle Fork which includes Middle Fork State Wildlife Area and Kickapoo State Park. The myriad of recreation opportunities and 17.5 miles of accessible trails and facilities make Kennekuk a prime spot for outdoor and riverine recreation.



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