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# What the glaciers left behind

## VOLO BOG OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE NATURE, WILDLIFE

By **Sandra Landen Machaj**

CORRESPONDENT

Those who haven't been to Volo Bog might want to visit this summer, or any other time of the year as it's open daily. It's a unique area, overflowing with the beauty of nature, highlighted by natural plants and animals who make it their home. Most important is the natural quaking bog located on site, the only one in Illinois.

Summer, when people of all ages tend to fill their days with a variety of activities, is an ideal time to visit. It will likely be a treat – whether a family outing, a picnic lunch with friends, or a day spent taking photographs of the landscape and all the living creatures and plants that can be found there.

Volo Bog is in Ingleside and is the result of when the Wisconsin glacier began its final melt thousands of years ago. The receding glacier left a covering of debris that included clay, sand, gravel and sometimes even large boulders. Also imbedded in with the debris were extremely large chunks of ice, some so large that as the climate continued to warm, they melted into lakes, bogs and marshes which remain today and are responsible for the landscape of this portion of northeast Illinois.

"This bog is unique in that it is the only open water quaking bog in Illinois," shared Carol Janssen, a volunteer docent as she prepared to begin a recent morning tour of the bog with a group of visitors.

"To be a bog it must have five different distinctive rings of vegetation surrounding an open water area. Closest to the water is the herb mat, then a low shrub zone, the tamarack zone, and finally the tall shrub zone. As we walk the trail through the bog to the open eye, we will see each of these areas. The three innermost rings are not on solid soil but are floating above a pond that is 50 feet deep," Janssen explained.

The trail through the bog includes a floating plank trail which takes visitors over the wetlands. The floating plank bounces with the movement of those walking on it and does not have any handrails so can pose a challenge, especially for young children and others with balance concerns. Visitors are advised to wear sturdy shoes to help with balance and, though it should go without saying, the sturdier ones in a family or group should hold on to children and the elderly while traversing it.

While the trail may be difficult to maneuver, the walk through the bog is certainly worth the extra effort.

It's filled with unique plants – including some that are blooming, and walkers will go past the Tamarack trees, a surprising sight to many to see such tall trees that growing in the sphagnum moss.

The walk ends with the arrival at the eye, the original lake of open water that is the center of the bog. Visitors often describe it as beautiful and serene, and many spend time there simply taking in the scenery before heading back to the Visitor Center.

"There are additional trails that visitors may use for hiking. The Tamarack View Trail is perfect for hiking and covers 2.75 miles. This trail is a good way to view the diversity of the grounds," Janssen said.

She said from the higher elevations, those on the trail can look down into the bog basin.

"This trail begins just south of the Visitor Center and is a one-way trail. Pick up the trail brochure before starting down the trail," Janssen advises.

In the winter, the Tamarack View Trail is available for cross country skiing when there is an appropriate amount of snow. Two other hiking trails offer an additional two miles of hiking, and, according to the docents, they take hikers through another two miles of woods, fields and prairie restoration areas.

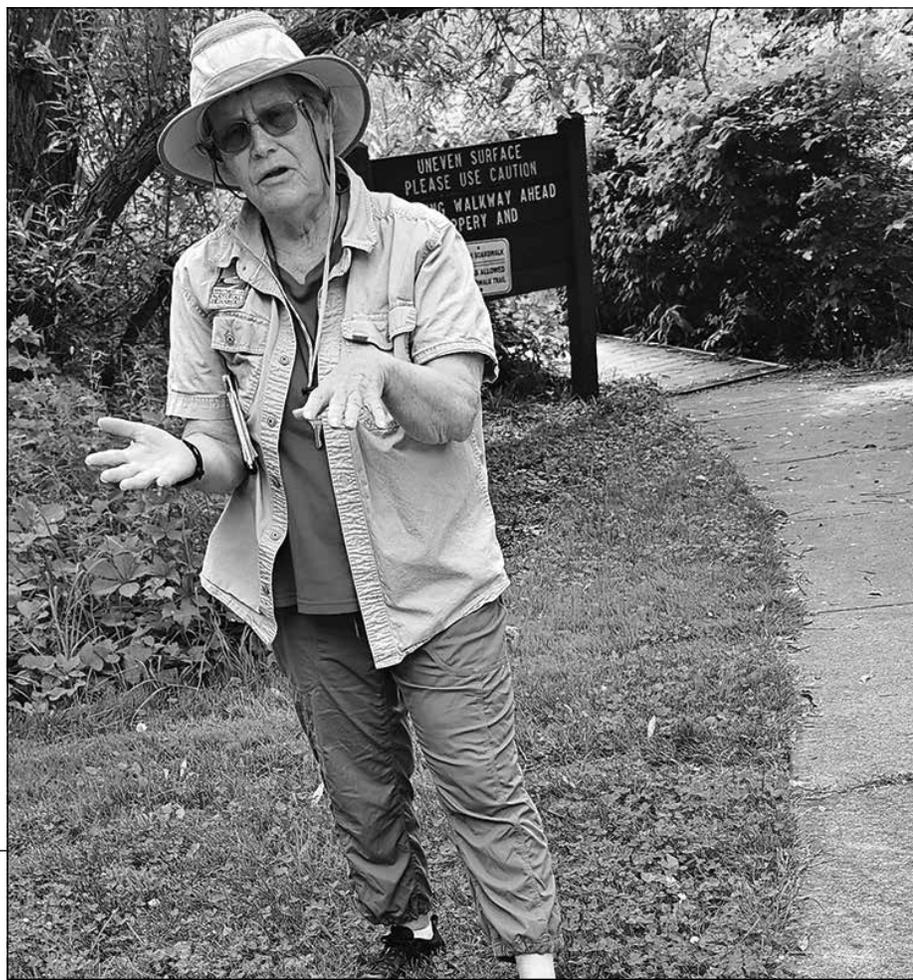
### What a discovery

Volo Bog was first discovered in 1921 by W. G. Waterman and was originally named the Sayer Bog, after the land's owner George Sayer, a local dairy farmer.

Sayer was known as a wealthy butcher from Chicago who was said to have invented a sausage filling machine before he moved out to the Ingleside area and invested in multiple dairy farms. He also built and lived in the largest home on Pistakee Bay, known as the Rose Villa, named after his wife Rose, and her favorite flowers, roses.

The barn on Sayer's property in Ingleside now serves as the Visitor Center where volunteer docents explain the history of the bog, discuss the activities held there and share information about the many items

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**top:** The eye of the bog is a clear lake, a beautiful and reflective spot. **at right:** Volunteer Carol Janssen shares the story of the bog with members of a tour before beginning group walks through the bog recently.

# Sheriff's marine patrols to resume on Lake Michigan

Groundbreaking  
kicks off  
modification to  
100-year-old dam

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Fremont Township Highway Department and Lake County Board gathered on June 18 to celebrate the start of construction on the 100-year-old Sylvan Lake Dam in unincorporated Mundelein.

The Sylvan Lake Dam, which was built in 1924, has exceeded its useful life. The aging dam currently does not provide the necessary level of protection from a sudden release of water, which could damage local properties and roads and significantly impact the environment.

As part of the project, the Sylvan Lake Dam will be reconstructed to protect nearly 300 nearby homes and Sylvan Lake. Work includes relocating the above-ground sanitary sewer pipe, increasing the dam's flood storage and installing a sidewalk.

Rainfall, storms and the natural environment significantly impacted the Sylvan Lake Dam over the past century. The dam had an exposed sewage pipe that was at risk of being damaged by high-velocity drainage and overflow from the dam's spillway when water is released downstream.

"A dam failure would be harmful to the health and safety of many families in addition to causing unnecessary disruption to some of our local roadways. I am so grateful that Lake County SMC, the Fremont Township Highway Department, and all our other partners were able to move this important project forward," said Jessica Vealitzek, Lake County Board Member District 10.

The Sylvan Lake Dam project received Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant funding through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency as part of the 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending championed by Representative Lauren Underwood's office. Funding for this project comes from Fremont Township Highway Department, FEMA and the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg is proud to announce the Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit will resume patrolling Lake Michigan waters located in Lake County.

Lake County contains over 900 square miles of Lake Michigan water. Since 2018, the Lake County Sheriff's Office has been unable to patrol these waters due to an outdated watercraft being retired because of multiple mechanical and safety issues. Earlier this year, the Lake County Board approved the replacement of the watercraft that retired in 2018.

This spring, the sheriff's office received delivery of a new Fluid Watercraft Inflatable Patrol Boat. The boat has two 225 horsepower engines and can carry 14 passengers.

Sheriff Idleburg commissioned the new watercraft, and it has been operational by Marine Unit Deputies since the onset of this year's boating season. The Marine Unit is conducting patrols of Lake Michigan and will be capable of responding to emergencies within Lake County's nautical boundaries.

Through an ongoing partnership with the United States Coast Guard and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police, the sheriff's office will coordinate patrols with both agencies. Members of the Coast Guard and/or Conservation Police will have the ability to respond with the Sheriff's Marine Unit to emergencies on the new watercraft. The new watercraft will be operated by sheriff's personnel who possess a Coast Guard Captain's License.

The new boat is named in memory of fallen Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Gary



The Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is resuming patrols on Lake Michigan thanks to a new Fluid Watercraft Inflatable Patrol Boat. Sheriff John D. Idleburg receives a briefing from Marine Unit Sergeant Ari Briskman. The new watercraft is named in memory of fallen Deputy Gary D. Murphy.

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D. Murphy, who was killed in the line of duty in June of 1976. When not in use, the watercraft is stored in a secure dock at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor, thanks to a generous in-kind contribution.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Adding a sheriff's office watercraft on Lake Michigan is very significant. Response time in an emergency is crucial, and

having a sheriff's boat available will increase the likelihood of lives saved during search and rescue missions. We are grateful for our partnership with North Point Marina and thankful for their assistance in allowing us space to dock our boat."



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From the left: A Safe Place Chief of Development Damaris Lorta, Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart and Assistant State's Attorney Lauren Callinan recently announced a new program that aims to reduce domestic violence.

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## New program to counter domestic violence

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office announced today that it has been selected by a statewide committee to pilot a regional "Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team." The team will work to prevent future domestic-violence related fatalities and to reduce the severity and frequency of domestic violence. Five regions throughout Illinois will each have one team as a pilot program.

The Lake County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team consists of Lake County State's Attorney First Assistant Lauren Callinan and Executive Director of A Safe Place, Pat Davenport, as the co-chairs. Chenel Vanden Berk, a Forensic Nursing Specialist at the International Association of Forensic Nurses serves as the secretary for the team.

"The DVFR will save lives by pressing deeper into the problem of domestic violence that has plagued Illinois for centuries. Innovative and urgent approaches are the way forward to ending domestic violence, and I am so proud that our county was awarded this pilot," said State's Attorney Eric Rinehart.

Ms. Davenport stated "Thank you to

the State's Attorney's Office for partnering and agreeing to lead the State of Illinois in developing a Regional Fatality Review committee. I believe that the process of fatality review will help us learn a great deal about improving our systems."

The Lake County DVFR Team includes 30 professionals from the community that have agreed to be part of this partnership. This group includes prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, probations officers, the Coroner's Office, members of law enforcement, social service providers, offender treatment providers, a Guardian Ad Litem, DCFS personnel, nurses, substance abuse and behavioral counselors, and legal aid attorneys.

The Illinois Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act was signed into law in 2021. Under this legislation, a Statewide Committee is responsible for overseeing the formation of regional domestic violence review teams across Illinois and providing technical assistance and support. The Statewide Committee will gather policy and system recommendations

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## County supervisor gains insight into military training

By Paul J. Hettich  
CONTRIBUTOR

The United States strives today to engage the civilian population and conduct community outreach activities and events to tell the "Army" story. Many U.S. Army installations conduct events such as concerts, celebrations, and tours, which allow civilians' access to experience them and observe what Army life looks like.

On Monday, June 17, the 88th Readiness Division (Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and Fort Snelling, Minnesota) hosted a Community Leader Engagement to inform and educate selected civilians for this opportunity.

The 88th Readiness Division Public Affairs Office and Strategic Outreach Planning Team invited 20 distinguished visitors including elected local representatives and senators, business and corporate leaders, community partners, etc. for this Community Leader Engagement.

The Community Leader Engagement started with a welcome by the 88th Readiness Division Commander, Major General Baker. The first event was the Medical Simulation Center, a state-of-the-art center where Soldiers train in real-world medical situations ultimately culminating in complex military medical and Soldiering events.

From there, participants had the opportunity to fire M4 rifles in the simulation weapon complex. Next, some participants flew in Blackhawk Helicopters while others visited the Fort McCoy Historical Museum and Barracks. The final event was going to a range in the field to actually observe Soldiers from Rockford, Illinois qualifying on their M4 weapons.

Mrs. Michele Bauman, Avon Township Supervisor (Lake County, Illinois) was recommended by U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador – Illinois (Colonel (Retired)

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Among these soldiers in formation is Madeline Bauman at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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# Support small businesses

The tenants of the McHenry Riverwalk Shoppes this year are: AteaCo Coffee and Tea, Bright Nest, Edge Designs, KEST Jewelry, Marvin's Toy Store, Patina Wine Shop, Preserved Peculiarities, The Bumble Bread Co., The Pieceful Project and Vintage Mercantile. Riverwalk, which is at 1202 Riverside Dr., McHenry, is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Save-A-Pet Presents:

### 2nd Annual Country Concert

On Sunday, Aug. 11, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., join Save-A-Pet for its 2nd Annual Country Music Concert at Jesse Oaks, 18490 W. Old Gages Lake Rd., Gages Lake, Ill.

Starring Dave & Taro who offer an acoustic experience like no other. They'll cover all your favorite songs in their signature, charismatic style. Their "crowd-interactive show" will have you and your friends laughing, singing and rockin' out all afternoon.

The event will feature raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and much more!

Proceeds from this event support the animals rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed by Save-A-Pet.

Tickets are \$40 a person. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/CountryConcert2024>.

### Fox Lake Concert Series with Blooze Brothers

Friday, Aug. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lakefront Park, 71 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake, Ill.

The Village of Fox Lake invites you to a free concert at the Lakefront Park with Blooze Brothers.

Bring your lawn chairs, snacks, and blankets to watch a musical performance.

Come hungry and partake in delicious eats from local restaurants and food trucks. Black Lung Brewing will be onsite along with Your Sister's Tomato, Mijo's Mexican Food and Perricone's: A Soup and Sandwich Joint.

### Lake County Hikers Summer Camp Party

Sunday, Aug. 25, from 3 to 7 p.m.

at the Century Park Boat Dock Picnic Shelter, 1001 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hill, Ill.

Get ready for an epic party with Lake County Hikers! Join them for BBQ, kayaking, games, music, and fun with all proceeds donated to Lake County Forest Preserves.

The party will take place on the shore of Big Bear Lake under a beautiful "Camp" shelter with access to restrooms, and plenty of parking. If you have a kayak, bring one and launch.

Lake County Hikers was formed in January 2022 and has since added more than 1,000 members from Lake County. The group hikes year-round and has a weekly 5- to 6-mile hike in a different Lake County Forest Preserve every week, followed by a beverage and/or lunch at a local restaurant.

The group consists of people 18 and older with a love of the outdoors.

The party is BYO Beer.

Tickets are \$20 individual or \$35 for a couple. To purchase tickets, visit Eventbrite.com, search "Lake County Hikers" and scroll down to the "Lake County Hikers Summer Camp Party 2024."

### Strut Your Mutt Uptown with Pet Expo

Sunday, Sept. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Check-in begins at 10:30, the walk at 11:30) at Williams Park, 400 Williams St., Antioch at the large pavilion.

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your dog with our obstacle course.

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Fees are \$35 individual (in advance), \$125 for a family of four; \$40 for walk-ins that day. Includes: the walk, lunch by Antioch Pizza (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), free obstacle course, free pet expo, t-shirt if registered by Sept. 1; and a dog bandana.

For more information or to register, visit [canines4comfort.org](http://canines4comfort.org).

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Thunder on the Chain

Drag boat races at Blarney Island are held 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays, through Aug. 29.

The unique world of Blarney Island Drag Boat Racing is now in its 37th season. Blarney Island is on Grass Lake Antioch.

Want to watch the Races? Take the Blarney Island Shuttle Boat Service from the Port of Blarney.

If you have your own boat, there is an expanded section of free parking on Blarney Island during race nights, now including the brat bar row.

The front row to the racecourse (Blarney Island pier parking) is reserved or pay by race night spots. The pit area is

racing boat parking only! Once the races are over, all slips are once again open to free parking.

All Thursday night racing is run by the Northern Illinois Drag Boat Association.

Contact NIDBA if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of. For more information, call 847-395-3804.

Blarney Island is at 27843 W. Grass Lake Rd., Antioch.

### Fox Lake Farmers Market

The Fox Lake Farmers Market is committed to supporting locally grown and produced foods. Located at Lakefront Park, 71 Nippersink Blvd. every Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. through August.

Link Match dollars allowed; they're provided by LinkUp Illinois. Spend \$1 in Link, earn \$1 in Link Match for fresh fruits and vegetables, up to \$25 per transaction.

For additional information, call 224-225-1404 or email [kuhnj@foxlake.org](mailto:kuhnj@foxlake.org).

### Antioch Farmers Market

The Antioch Farmers Market is held 4 to 7 p.m., Thursdays, through Sept. 12.

Local farmers, crafters and other artisans gather each Thursday to offer goods. Free admission.

For more information, call 847-395-2160. Antioch Farmers Market is held at the corner of Main and Orchard streets in Antioch.

*The calendar of events is compiled from a variety of sources including the Antioch Chambers of Commerce and the Lake County Visitor's Bureau. It contains events available as of press time.*

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Paul J. Hettich of Antioch, to attend this event. Michele is an Illinois elected official and also serves as a member of various organizations, including the Grayslake area Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, National Exchange Club, and co-founder of the Lake County Military Families United As One.

Without previous experience in the military and a daughter who sought to serve her country, Michele founded the Lake County Military Families United As One, as a venue to connect those affiliated with the military and experienced backgrounds with newcomers to the military life. Michele diligently advocates for the U.S. military and has built a relationship with the Round Lake Recruiting Station due to her only daughter, Madeline enlisting there.

This is a unique story in which, both the mother (Michele) and daughter (Madeline) were actually training at the same time, doing Army "stuff" with Michele firing an M4 at the weapons simulation center at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, and Madeline

**NEW PROGRAM**

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from each regional review team and make recommendations. The Committee will serve as a statewide resource for addressing domestic violence-related fatalities and near-fatalities.

First Assistant, Lauren Callinan, shared that she is honored to co-chair such an important group. "Legislation like this, and support from so many different disciplines in our community, are important pieces in the work of eradicating domestic violence and domestic related fatalities."

The Lake County review team has already attended trainings offered by the Statewide Committee and held its first official meeting, where the Board was elected on June 23.

The other four Fatality Review Teams have been established in Will County, Madison and Bond County, Rockford County, and Kankakee County.

The Lake County State's Attorney's office has worked closely with A Safe Place since 1978 when the non-profit organization was founded to serve survivors of domestic violence. In 2022, A Safe Place and the Lake County State's Attorney's Office were also awarded a joint grant to reduce Human Trafficking in Lake County. In 2024, State's Attorney Rinehart was selected to serve on A Safe Place's Honorary Board of Directors.

Since December 2020, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office has increased the number of domestic violence prosecutors, total number of victim-support professionals, and Spanish-speaking victim specialists to improve the quality of service in all communities.

working with her M4 to zero at Fort Sill, Oklahoma hundreds of miles apart.

Perhaps a more sobering moment, Michele shared, was the medical simulation center tour. It was surreal for her to see the training simulations and learn that the training she saw was to prepare medics to be ready to go into a hostile environment to help save the lives of Soldiers.

Michele's daughter's job will be in medical logistics where Madeline may be responsible for ensuring that medics have the equipment they need to help our injured Soldiers. Every Soldier has a job, and every job has a role in the Army.

At the rifle range, Major General Baker made an impactful statement, saying 'our enemies were shooting at us because of the flag we wear on our uniform.' Her daughter wears the same uniform as every Soldier. When Michele left the Community Leader Engagement event, she noticed an American flag inside a display cabinet and when she looked closer at the flag, there was a picture of a Soldier and the words Freedom is Never Free. That Soldier was someone's son.

Less than one percent of people serve in the military today. For families with a military service background, enlisting in one of our military branches may be relatively normal and uneventful. However, for a family and a daughter without any military experience, to join the Army was a life-changing event. This is where the crucial role of community support comes in, making the transition

smoother and the journey less daunting for these families.

Michele Bauman was with her only daughter, Madeline, throughout the entire Army enlistment process - a process, which was difficult, complex, and long, but ultimately extremely rewarding.

Madeline joined the U.S. Army Reserves and was recently accepted into the Northern Illinois University ROTC program. The 88th Readiness Division Community Leader Engagement was an educational, professional, and humbling experience for the new military mom.



**above:** Michele Bauman stands in front of a tank outside the 88th Readiness Division Headquarters at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. **top:** During her visit, Bauman was able to stand in a gunners turret of a HMMWV (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle). This picture was in the battle simulation center. **at left:** Master Gunner Baker and Bauman are in the weapons simulation center where she was able to fire an actual M4 rifle.

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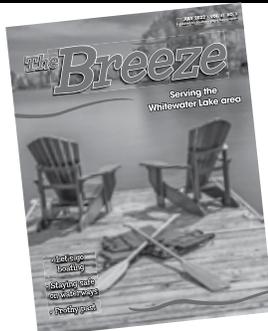


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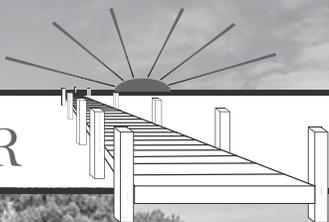
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on display.

After being documented by Waterman, Cyrus Mark, the first director of the Illinois Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, began a fundraising effort in 1958. That led to \$40,000 being collected, mostly in donations from school children, groups and individuals for the purchase of the property covering 47.5 acres.

The property was deeded to the University of Illinois, which retained ownership of the land until 1970 when it was transferred to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. That was done to ensure the protection of the bog as developers began encroaching on the area.

An additional 1,100 acres of land have been purchased to protect and enlarge the state preserve, which now includes marshes, prairie restoration areas, woodlands and two additional bogs.

Volo Bog, because it includes all stages of bog succession, was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1972. A plaque noting the designation can be seen at the beginning of the bog path.

## Special events

Each summer on the fourth Sunday of July, this year on July 28, International Bog Day is celebrated at Volo Bog State Natural Area from noon to 4:30 p.m. A live band, The Prissillas, will be providing musical entertainment from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Bog tours will be available throughout International Bog Day. For the children in attendance, there will be a variety of crafts for them to enjoy during the afternoon.

The highlight of the day will be the artwork on display known as the Bogs in Art. An artists' reception will be held noon to 2:30 p.m. and offer guests an opportunity to meet some of those who specialize in creating art about bogs.

There will be a silent auction to raise funds for the support of the bog. The bidding will stop at 2 p.m. and 25% of the funds raised will go to the Friends of Volo Bog. And of course, the event will be an opportunity to learn more about the bog and meet other like-minded people who enjoy and appreciate nature.

Bogs In Art is on display now at Volo Bog and will be until July 28. These beautiful art pieces share the beauty and essence of bogs.

## Beyond the bog

The visit to the barn is a favorite stop among visitors who enjoy seeing the variety of past and current wildlife that have, or do, make their home on the land. There is also a large meeting room where various talks and programs take place.

"We offer a variety of programs here. From fun and educational programs that appeal to most ages, to historical programs to share the story of the bog. School groups often make field trips here" Janssen said.



**above, left:** This plaque outside the visitor center recognizes that Volo Bog is a Registered National Landmark as recognized by the Department of Park Services in 1973.

**above:** This family of Sandhill cranes makes its home on the grounds of Volo Bog as do several other cranes.

**at left:** Located at 28478 W. Brandenburg Rd. in Ingleside, Volo welcomes visitors year-round.

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*The Breeze*

Volunteer naturalists lead the one-hour public tours of the bog on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. They request advance registration for the tours but if visitors happen to be there and there is room on the tour, they of course will allow late additions.

There is no charge to participate in the tour and visitors will leave not only with a wealth of knowledge about the bog but also how it continues to survive.

There are additional educational programs led by the naturalists that offer deeper knowledge about Volo Bog. Working with trained volunteers there are a variety of programs including those that focus on insects and aqua safaris, bats and prairie walks to name a few.

A complete list of upcoming programs can be found at the Visitor Center or on the website.

Those interested in learning more about the bog and spending time there are encouraged to visit and if they so choose, bring lunch, which can be enjoyed in the picnic area adjacent to the parking lot. There are two grills on site while some choose to bring their own.

It's important to note that ground fires are not allowed, and alcohol is not permitted in the park.

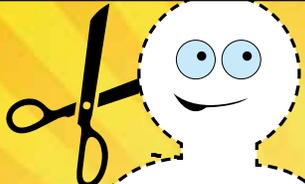
Guests are responsible for removing all their garbage when they leave. There are no garbage bins in the park because they are a magnet for a variety of wildlife such as raccoons, opossums, and other animals

found in the area and, eating garbage is detrimental to wildlife.

Not having garbage pickup in the park saves taxpayers money and preserves the beauty of the area for visitors. The park is open 363 days per year, closed only on Christmas and New Year's. The gates open daily at 8 a.m. while closing times vary based on sunset. Guest should check the posted sign when arriving to be certain that they can retrieve their vehicle prior to the park closing. Parking is free.

The Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

Volo Bog is at 28478 Brandenburg Rd., Ingleside. For more information call 815-344-1294 or visit [www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.volobog](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/parks/park.volobog).



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