



Illinois Department of Natural Resources • Education Section

RESOURCES TRUNKS

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Education Section has resources trunks available for loan to formal and non-formal educators. Each resource trunk is a large plastic container filled with supplemental items to enhance your lessons. Trunks are available on 10 topics. For a listing of lending locations, visit <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/>.

All items are correlated to the Illinois Learning Standards and/or the Illinois Early Learning Standards.

Trunks available at

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Aquatic Illinois: The *Aquatic Illinois* trunk includes many items to help you teach about biological, historical, chemical and other aspects of water. Books, posters, water-sampling tools, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs and activities are among the contents of this trunk. **Suggested grades:** 5 - 9.



Illinois Birds: The *Illinois Birds* trunk is a great way to enhance your lessons. This trunk is filled with field guides, books, track and egg replicas, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs, CDs with bird songs and calls and even bird replicas that sing! **Suggested grades:** PreK - 8 but can be modified for other grade levels.



Illinois Fossils: Studying fossils can be difficult if you have limited reference materials. The *Illinois Fossils* trunk can provide you with many hands-on items to enhance your lessons. The trunk contains field guides, posters, a video, a fossil reference kit, fossil molds, books and much more! **Suggested grades:** 7 - 10 but can be modified for other grade levels.



Illinois Insects and Spiders: Want to get your students interested in the creepy, crawly inhabitants of Illinois? The *Illinois Insects and Spiders* trunk contains field guides, books, lessons, activities, CD-ROMs, videos, DVDs, insect models and equipment for "bug hunting!" *Crime Solving Insects* shows how insects can be used in forensic science. **Suggested grades:** PreK - 6 but can be modified for other grade levels.



Illinois' Invasive Species: With this resources trunk, you and your students can learn why invasive species are detrimental, how they arrived in Illinois and what actions can be taken to control them. Field guides, books, lessons, DVDs, specimens, replicas and other items are included. **Suggested grades:** 7 - 12.



Illinois Prairies: Let the contents of the *Illinois Prairies* trunk help you to bring the prairie and its inhabitants alive for students. Field guides, activity books, reference manuals, bison artifacts, numerous lessons, CD-ROMs and other items are included for your use. **Suggested grades:** 4 - 8 but can be modified for other grade levels.



Illinois' State Symbols: Are you teaching about Illinois? Then borrow the *Illinois' State Symbols* trunk! Photos, replicas, actual examples, activity books and other items are included for your use. **Suggested grades:** K - 6 but can be modified for other grade levels.



Illinois Trees: The *Illinois Trees* trunk includes many items to help you teach about trees, forests and forestry careers. Books, posters, forestry tools, tree "cookies," real leaves, CD-ROMs, tree seeds, videos and DVDs, lumber samples and activities are among the tree-related contents of this trunk. **Suggested grades:** PreK - 10.



Illinois Wild Mammals: Are you teaching about mammals? Then borrow the *Illinois Wild Mammals* trunk! Field guides, furs, skulls, rubber tracks, rubber scat, lessons, CD-ROMs and other items are included for your use. **Suggested grades:** PreK - 8 but can be modified for other grade levels.



People and Animals from Illinois' Past: Learn about Native Americans in Illinois and animals that once lived in Illinois. The "*People*" section of the trunk includes items that Native Americans used for food, pottery replicas, books, a video, activities, daily staples of Native American life, posters and more. The "*Animals*" are represented by replica species, mammoth and mastodon replica teeth, activities and other items. **Suggested grades:** PreK - 6 but can be modified for other grade levels.

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