



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Bruce Rauner, Governor

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1. The main branch of the Illinois State Museum is located in the State Capitol Complex, 502 South Spring Street.

Other facilities subject to the closure order:

- The Research & Collection Center: 1011 East Ash, Springfield
- Dickson Mounds Museum: 10956 North Dickson Mounds Road, Lewistown, IL
 61542
- Lockport Gallery: 201 West 10th Street, Lockport, IL 60441
- Illinois Artisans, Chicago: James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 2-200, Chicago, IL 60601
- Southern Illinois Art & Artisans Center: 14967 Gun Creek Trail, Whittington, IL 62897-1000
- 2. 68 employees. Most of the employees will be laid off, but a small staff will be retained to maintain and secure the museum to protect the artifacts and exhibits.
- 3. Remaining staff would work at existing facilities. Museum branches would be closed to the public but maintained and secured.
- 4. Currently located in the State of Illinois Complex good condition.
- 5. See answer to #3
- 6. FY16 operating budget for the five museums under DNR is \$6,290,500 million. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget projects an annual savings of \$4.8 million, which leaves a difference of \$1,490,500 million in annual expenses for the closed museums.
- 7. Visitors to the Illinois State Museum and the Research and Collection Center spend about nearly \$17 million in the Springfield community each year (based on Illinois Office of Tourism minimum estimates of visitor spending).



9. The five branches of the Illinois State Museum will be closed to the public. Programs and special events scheduled following the time of closure will not be held.

2014 attendance at all sites:

Illinois State Museum main facility in Springfield plus Research and Collections

Center: 199,304

Dickson Mounds: 50,297

Chicago Gallery: 64,300

Illinois Artisans Shop Chicago: 39,896

Lockport Gallery: 14,253

Southern Illinois Art Gallery: 18,700

System Total for 2014: 386,750

The museum will return art objects owned by other entities that are currently on display. Consigned Illinois Artisan works also will be returned, as well as scientific collections from other museums and universities that have been borrowed for research purposes. The museum's staff will call back artifacts and specimens that are on loan to other entities for research and exhibition. Closure will come after the museum's professional staff has adequate time to ensure that collections are properly accounted for and stored. Some staff will be required for security, maintenance and care of the collections.

- 10. N/A
- 11. No transition costs available at this time.
- 12. \$1,490,500 million annually for the museum system under DNR.
- 13. Closure of state facilities such as the Illinois State Museum system are being made in response to budget shortfalls estimated to be \$3 \$4 billion in FY16. To address budget realities, cuts and closures are being made across state government, not just within IDNR.