



# Sierra Club

Great Lakes Chapter

P. O. Box 22  
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March 29, 1979

State Representative Jim Reilly  
49th District, Illinois  
Illinois House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Jim:

I enjoyed walking with you through the area of Pere Marquette targeted by the DOC for tree cutting. I understand that you were later able to get Director David Kenney to accompany you for his first inspection of the logging area. This is very good. When the leaves are out in about 6 weeks, the visual impression will be even more striking.

Jim, I hope that you can co-sponsor HB 353, the Dyer-Neff bill, which would discontinue game hunting in Illinois State Parks. The State Park hunting issue has been one of the top priority concerns of the Sierra Club in Illinois for the past four years. The Dyer-Neff bill is scheduled for a hearing before the House Committee on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources on Thursday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. in Springfield, and the Great Lakes Chapter (Illinois) of the Sierra Club hopes that you can actively endorse this much needed legislation. I hope that you can put in a good word for the bill with committee members, also.

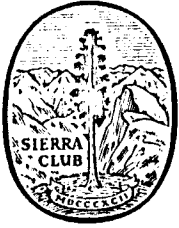
As you may remember, we believe that game hunting in a State Park is an inappropriate activity which is inconsistent with the purposes intended for a park: a sanctuary for people and for living things, designed to preserve outstanding natural features for this and future generations. (I am enclosing a Fact Sheet prepared in the past by the Sierra Club and the Illinois Audubon Society as well as a more recent one done by Defenders of Wildlife.)

I plan to testify personally at the hearing in behalf of our 6000 members in Illinois. Jim, I think that Illinois has to begin to shed its image of a park poor, environmentally neglected, and conservation backward state.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund W. Woodbury  
Chairman

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State Representative Sam W. Wolf  
56th District, Illinois  
Illinois House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Sam:

A belated congratulations on your election victory! I remember very warmly our hike together in Pere Marquette State Park, and it is ironic that I am writing to you on the same issue which is still not resolved.

I hope that you can co-sponsor HB 353, the Dyer-Neff bill, which would discontinue game hunting in Illinois State Parks. I urge your strong support. This State Park issue has been one of the top priorities of the Sierra Club in Illinois for the past four years. The bill is scheduled for a hearing before the House Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources on April 5 at 2:00 p.m. in Springfield. Hope that you can put in a good word.

As you may remember, we feel that game hunting in a State Park is an inappropriate activity which is inconsistent with the purposes intended for a park: a sanctuary for people and for living things designed to preserve outstanding natural features for this and future generations. This inherent incompatibility of State Park hunting is graphically emphasized by the fact that there are over 11 million private and public acres already open to game hunting in our state of Illinois while there are only 103,500 acres of State Parks. (I am enclosing a Fact Sheet prepared in the past by the Sierra Club and the Illinois Audubon Society as well as a more recent one done by Defenders of Wildlife.)

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