

Discovery Guide

Compiled and offered by the Land and Name
Acknowledgement Task Force of Blackhawk Presbytery

1. Apple River Fort and other 1832 Blackhawk War sites
- 2-3. Black Hawk State Historic Site & Hauberg Museum: Saukenuk village was home to Black Hawk and his tribe
4. Thomson Causeway: Woodland Indian Mound
5. Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve: Thunderbird Effigy Mound
6. Dunleith Mounds / Gramercy Park: E. Dubuque: 20 mounds, trails & markers
7. Albany Mounds Historic Site: Important archaeological site
8. Sinnissippi Mounds, Sterling Parks: Mound group located at a 2000-year old trading crossroads
9. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, Evanston: A hands-on, family-friendly education center.
10. Cahokia Mounds: Largest prehistoric settlement north of Mexico, with mounds and interpretive center (check for renovation status)
11. Dickson Mounds State Museum: Important archaeological site. Culturally sensitive reinterpretation efforts ongoing (see The Repatriation Project)
12. Piney Creek Ravine Nature Preserve: Petroglyphs (rock art)
13. Millstone Bluff Archaeological Area: Petroglyphs and evidence of a village and burial grounds
14. Trail of Tears National Historic Trail: In the winter of 1838-1839, thousands of Cherokee suffered and died in IL during this forced migration

Please find this guide, links and more information at
blackhawkpresbytery.org/land-and-name-acknowledgement/

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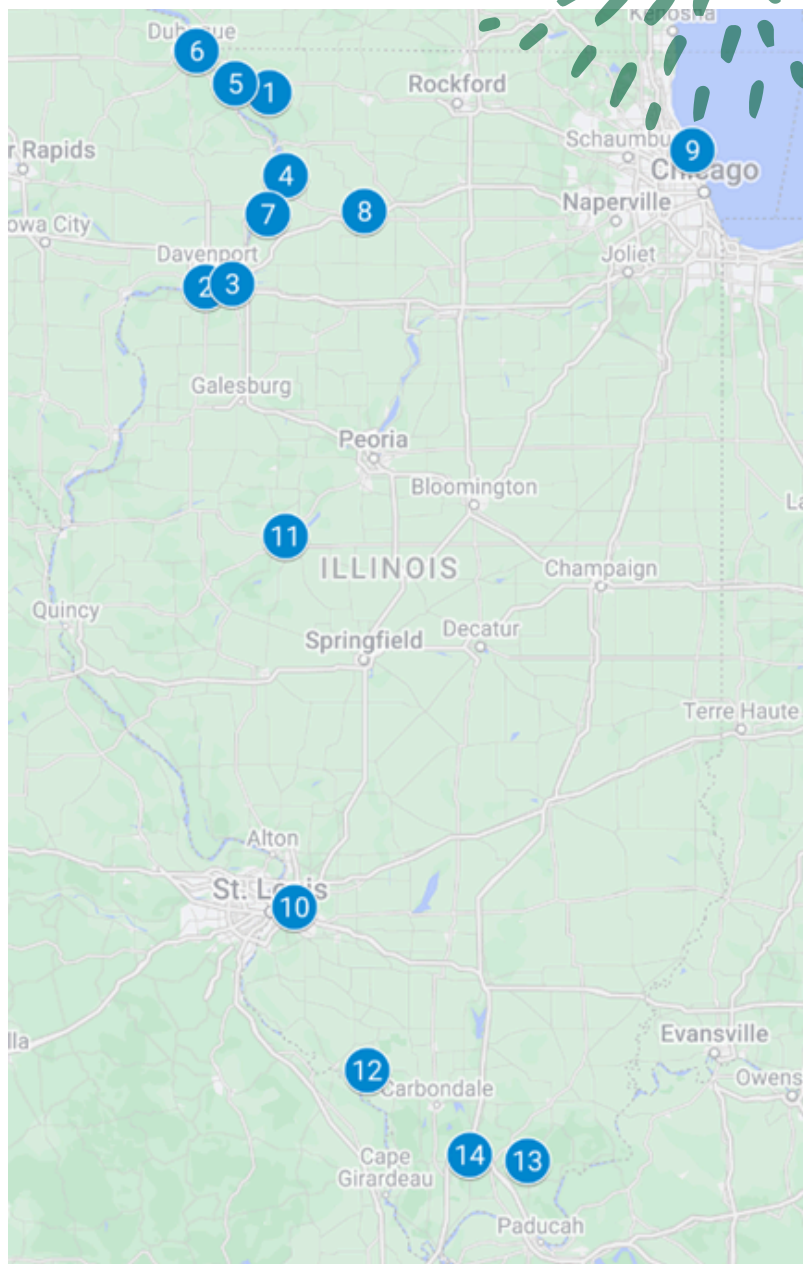
You are invited to learn more about the
Indigenous people who were the first to call Illinois home

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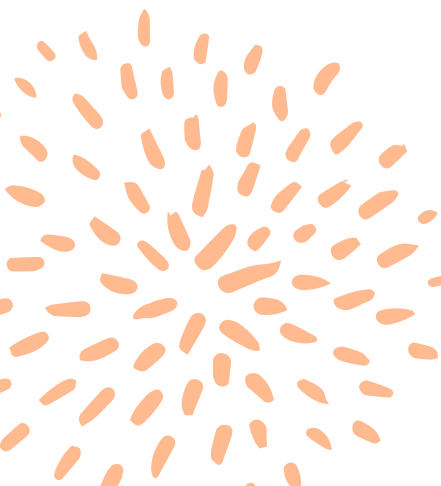
to Native American Sites in Illinois



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Note: This is not an all-inclusive list of sites



Blackhawk Presbyterians are encouraged to educate themselves about the history of our land and our name, and to honor that history and the Indigenous people who lived here before us.

May we recognize and acknowledge that throughout the last several centuries, the rights of Native Americans were severely abused by both church and state. This history has had lasting implications. Beginning with knowledge and confession, may we seek paths of reconciliation with the living descendants of Indigenous peoples.