

## **Illinois Department of Natural Resources**

### **Oakford Conservation Area**

Located in Mason County adjacent to the Sangamon River, Oakford Conservation Area is just under 115 acres in size. Cover is mostly abandoned crop ground converted to warm season grasses, and there are some willow thickets in old oxbow portions. Almost all of the property is surrounded by a drainage district levee. Access is via a one lane cinder/dirt township road.

The site can be reached from IL. Rt. 97 by turning east on Menard County Rd. 1400N at the north edge of Oakford, going less than 1 mile, then turning north on county road 300E, known locally as "Watkins Road". 300E will take you back to the area. Interested parties are advised to be aware of weather conditions, especially when rain is in the forecast.

**All boundaries are posted, and all statewide regulations are in effect.**

For further information, contact Sand Ridge State Forest, P.O. Box 111, Forest City, IL., 61532., phone (309) 597-2212, fax (309) 597-2240 or go online <<http://dnr.state.il.us>>.

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