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**Illinois State Museum Returning to Pre-Pandemic Hours**

*Springfield and Lewistown locations are now open seven days a week.*

SPRINGFIELD — After more than two years of reduced operating hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois State Museum (ISM) today announced its flagship facility in Springfield and its Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown returns to pre-pandemic operating hours on February 1, 2023.

The Museum's flagship facility in downtown Springfield will now open to visitors seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4:30 PM on Sunday.

Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown will open seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Sunday.

ISM's Lockport Gallery in Lockport will remain operating five days a week. The location's hours are 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Saturday.

Additionally, the Illinois State Museum flagship facility in Springfield and all its affiliated locations will continue to offer free admission to all visitors.

For more information on the Illinois State Museum's location and hours, visitors can learn more at [www.illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org).

**About the Illinois State Museum**

Established in 1877, the Illinois State Museum is a dynamic institution that inspires the exploration of Illinois' past and present to inform and enrich everyday life and promote stewardship of cultural and natural resources. Headquartered in Springfield with branch facilities in Lewistown and Lockport, ISM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and a proud member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

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