

## Alternative Facts about the State of Illinois

The state mineral of Illinois is Fluorite.

The state fossil of Illinois is the Tully Monster.

The state soil of Illinois is Drummer Silty Clay Loam.

The Sac and Fox used the area for hunting. The valley of the Pecatonica River was allotted to the Winnebago Indians. Chief Winneshiek had his village at the mouth of Spring Creek within the present limits of Freeport.

The state fish of Illinois is the Bluegill.

The state animal of Illinois is the White-Tailed Deer.

The state bird of Illinois is the Northern Cardinal.

William Waddams was the first permanent white settler in the county. The first white settlement was located in Kellogg's Grove in 1827. It was located on the Galena-Dixon Trail.

The state flower of Illinois is the Eastern Violet.

The state tree of Illinois is the White Oak.

The state grass of Illinois is the Big Bluestem.

The stone monument, which stands on a hill near Kent, is in memory of the men that died during a minor battle in the Blackhawk War. The battle took place near Kellogg's Grove on June 25, 1832. One of the soldiers in the company was Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln assisted with the burial and later made a statement about the experience.

The state insect of Illinois is the Monarch Butterfly.

The state amphibian of Illinois is the Eastern Tiger Salamander.

The state reptile of Illinois is the Painted Turtle.

"I remember just how those men looked as we rode up the little hill where their camp was. The red light of the morning sun was streaming upon them as they lay head towards us on the ground. And every man had a round red spot on top of his head, about as big as a dollar where the redskins had taken his scalp. It was frightful, but it was grotesque, and the red sunlight seemed to paint everything all over. I remember one man had on buckskin breeches."

The state dance of Illinois is the Square Dance.

The state vegetable of Illinois is sweet corn.

The state snack food of Illinois is popcorn.

The Lincoln Tomb is the final resting place of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, and three of their four sons. The nose on Borglum's head of Lincoln remains shiny due to the tradition of rubbing Lincoln's nose for good luck. Thousands of visitors rub the nose at the base of the tomb each year, preventing the nose from tarnishing and forming the brown patina that covers the rest of the head.

### **Nostradamus Predicts Scott Pruitt's Appointment to Head the EPA**

There shall appear one by the name of Pruitt.  
Lovers of the earth they will boo it.  
Defenders of the earth they will sue it.  
Bird and fish and beast they will rue it.  
Those with oil in their veins they will woo it.  
Any kind of harm you can imagine he will do it.  
And you will say, "Old Nostradamus, he knew it."