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## **Illinois State Museum to Offer Behind-the-Scenes Tours of Research & Collections Center**

*RSVP Required*

**Saturday, July 30**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois State Museum will provide guided tours of the Research and Collections Center (RCC), 1011 E Ash St, Springfield, IL 62703, on Saturday, July 30. Tours will be scheduled between 9 a.m. and Noon and 1 - 4 p.m. The RCC houses the State of Illinois' collection that consists of more than 13 million objects. The RCC's parking lot is on 10 1/2 Street between Ash and Laurel.

Guided groups of approximately 15 persons each will depart from the RCC lobby every 15 minutes for a one hour behind-the-scenes tour featuring the anthropology, art, geology, and zoology collections. Museum curators and other experts will explain the process of collecting, conserving, and studying objects that represent the natural and cultural heritage of Illinois. At the end of the tour, visitors will have an opportunity to submit questions to the Museum staff that will be answered through social media and future programs. An activity for children will also be available before and after each tour.

This event is free, but advanced registration is required. You may register online at <http://bit.ly/ismrctour>, by email at [rsvp@museum.state.il.us](mailto:rsvp@museum.state.il.us), or by calling the Museum at (217) 782-5949. Space is limited, so the Museum recommends registering early. Get a preview tour here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GCPRb5uMTU>.

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