



United States Department of Agriculture



“The Land before Lincoln: Midewin in 1818”



Endorsed as an official Illinois Bicentennial Event

WHAT: A one-hour celebration of the Illinois bicentennial! Illinois became a state two hundred years ago in 1818. While southern Illinois had already been settled by Euro-American agriculturalists from the southeast, what was going on here in the vicinity of Midewin? Join Midewin Archaeologist, Heritage Program Manager and Tribal Liaison Joe Wheeler to explore what life was like here at the time of statehood and its immediate aftermath, and what traces still exist on the land.

WHEN: Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments provided by the Midewin Alliance.

WHERE: USDA Forest Service Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, 30239 S. State Route 53, Wilmington, IL 60481

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