



Fall Wild Turkey Shotgun Permit Application for Residents and Nonresidents Season Dates: Oct. 24 - Nov. 1, 2026

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- You must use an official **2026** IDNR Fall Wild Turkey Shotgun Permit Application form. In-person and mailed applications will receive equal treatment.
- Permits are not transferable.
- It is unlawful to submit applications before the second lottery for more than one permit for the same person.
- It is unlawful to receive more than 2 permits for the Fall Wild Turkey Shotgun Season, **and only 1 of those permits may be obtained via the Lottery process.** Permits remaining after the Lottery drawings will be available for sale over the counter (OTC) beginning 09-21-2026 (pending availability).
- Landowners who receive a Fall Turkey Shotgun permit in the 1st or 2nd Lottery drawing are not eligible to receive a Landowner Fall Turkey Shotgun permit.
- Individuals who have received a Landowner Fall Turkey Shotgun permit, or who have submitted application for same that is still pending, may not apply for additional permits in the 1st or 2nd Lottery Drawing. Landowners who wish to obtain an additional permit may purchase one over the counter (pending availability) beginning 09-21-2026.
- Violations of these provisions will result in all applications being rejected, or permits revoked, and fees forfeited.
- If you have questions, please call the IDNR Permitting office at (217)782-7305, (TTY) (217)-782-9175 or visit our website at www.dnr.illinois.gov

APPLICATION DATES

FIRST LOTTERY - Applications from Illinois residents will be accepted through July 6th.

SECOND LOTTERY - Applications from non-residents and residents that do not have a permit will be accepted through August 24th. Illinois residents will be given preference for permits allocated in the Second Lottery.

Permits remaining after the Second Lottery drawing will be available over the counter beginning Monday, September 21st. Persons may purchase one or two permits during this period, except that no one may exceed the limit of two permits in total, which includes Lottery, Landowner and OTC permits.

HUNTING LICENSE

In addition to your turkey permit, you must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's, Youth or Apprentice License, unless you are a person who is disabled and able to show proof of disability in the form of:

- a) a State Disabled Person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the Driver's License Examining Station) showing a P2, P2A, H2, or H2A disability, or
- b) a Veterans Disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices **OR IF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:**
You are an Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces

To be issued a license, hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980, must show proof that they have successfully completed the IDNR Hunter Safety Training Course (except Youth or Apprentice) or must show a previous year's hunting license. To obtain information about classes scheduled in your area visit our website www.illinois.gov/safety or call 1-800-832-2599.

HABITAT STAMP

(\$5.50) Before any person 18 years of age or older takes, attempts to take or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code (except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state-controlled pheasant hunting areas) he or she must first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans, former prisoners of war and persons who obtained a Lifetime license before Jan. 1, 1993, are not required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

FIREARM OWNER'S ID CARD (Issued by Illinois State Police)

Regardless of who owns the gun, anyone who has a firearm or firearm ammunition in their possession must have in their possession a valid Firearm Owner's ID (FOID) Card unless he or she is: a) a licensed out of state sportsman hunting in Illinois, or b) under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid FOID Card.

FOID Card Information (217) 782-7980

Open Counties (Require County-Specific Permit)

Adams	Jackson	Pope
Alexander	Jasper	Pulaski
Brown	Jefferson	Randolph
Calhoun	Jersey	Richland
Carroll	Jo Daviess	Rock Island
Cass	Johnson	Saline
Clark	Knox	Schuyler
Clay	Lawrence	Scott
Crawford	Macoupin	Stephenson
Edwards	Madison	Union
Franklin	Marion	Wabash
Fulton	Mason	Warren
Gallatin-Hardin (enter: Gallatin)	Massac	Washington
Greene	McDonough	Wayne
Hamilton	Menard	White
Hancock	Mercer	Whiteside
Henderson	Monroe	Williamson
	Morgan	Winnebago
	Perry	
	Pike	

Open Special Hunt Areas (Require Site-Specific Permit)

Special Hunt Area	Acronym	County Located
Apple River Canyon SP**	ARCSP	Jo Daviess
Crawford County SFWA	CCSFWA	Crawford
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	EMBARR	Lawrence
Flag Pond SNA	FPSNA	Clay
Hamilton County SCA	HCSCA	Hamilton
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	JEPC	Cass
Meeker SHA	MSHA	Jasper
Newton Lake SFWA	NLSFWA	Jasper
Sam Parr SFWA	SPSFWA	Jasper
Sand Ridge SF	SAND	Mason
Ten Mile Creek SFWA	TMCFWA	Hamilton/Jefferson
Witkovsky SWA	WSWA	Jo Daviess

**Thompson & Salem units