



**2026 Nonresident Landowner Application
and Permit Purchase Process**
Please read in full prior to completing the application.

Programs	Application Deadline Date	Dates to Purchase Permits (Approved Applicants Only)
2026 Spring Turkey	February 9, 2026	Nov. 17, 2025 - Feb. 20, 2026
2026 Deer and Fall Turkey	September 1, 2026	March 9, 2026 - Sept. 11, 2026

Important: Please apply *at least* 4 weeks in advance of the application deadline date for the program you wish to purchase permits for. Applications and all required POL documents must be received in our office and approved by the application deadline dates listed above. Additionally, approved applicants must purchase their permits within the date ranges listed above. Exceptions for late applications and permit purchases cannot be made.

Step 1: Individual submits the 2026 NR-POH application and required Proof of Land (POL) documents:

Mail a fully completed **2026** Nonresident Landowner Eligibility Application (attached), along with all required POL documents to the address listed on the application prior to the application deadline date.

Step 2: Application and document review:

IDNR will review the application and required POL documents to determine the applicant's eligibility for the 2026 landowner hunting programs.

- If the applicant is deemed eligible, IDNR will place Landowner Eligibility on the applicant's ExploreMoreIL Customer Profile.
- If an applicant is deemed ineligible, the application is incomplete, or all required documents are not submitted, the application will be returned.

Please note: IDNR is unable to notify each person of their application status. To check your application status prior to an application deadline date: Email DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov; **OR** call the Permits Office at 217-782-7305; **OR** log in to your ExploreMoreIL.com account to purchase permits. If the Nonresident Landowner permits are available in the Product Catalog, your application was approved.

Step 3: Approved applicant purchases permits before the deadline dates (instructions attached):

Applicants determined to be eligible, and who have Landowner Eligibility placed on their Customer Profile by IDNR, must purchase their 2026 Nonresident Landowner permits within the purchase date ranges outlined above.

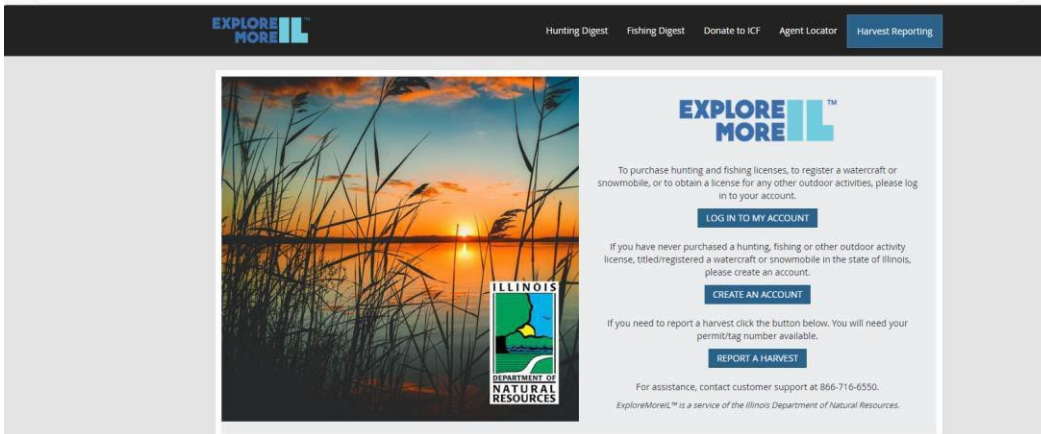
Step 4: IDNR mails permits to customer prior to start of hunting seasons.

Note: In addition to any required permits, nonresident landowners must also purchase a nonresident hunting license and habitat stamp (unless exempt). The hunting license and habitat stamp can be purchased online at [ExploreMore IL - Home](#) and printed from home or purchased in person at any [Illinois License Vendor](#).

Visit [Hunting and Trapping Regulations](#) for further information.

PERMIT PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. To purchase Nonresident Landowner permits, go to exploremoreil.com and select “Log In To My Account.” [ExploreMore IL - Home](http://exploremoreil.com)



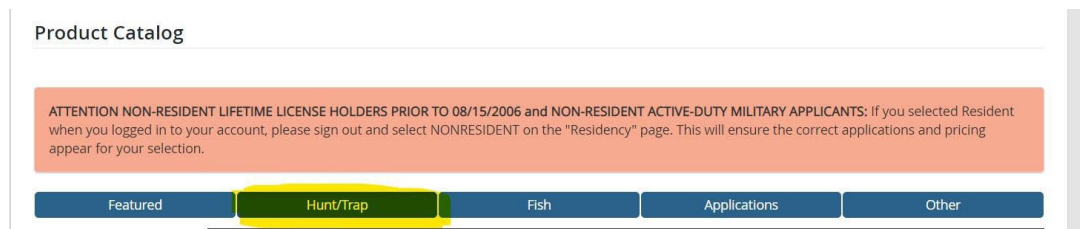
2. Log in to your account with your Customer Number, DOB, and Zip Code.

The screenshot shows the 'Access or Create Your Account' page. It has a header with the ExploreMore IL logo. Below the header is a section titled 'Access or Create Your Account' with a paragraph explaining the login process. A yellow banner says 'Can't remember your Customer Number? Click here to submit your email address and we'll send you your account information.' Below this are two columns. The left column is titled 'Find Your Account' and has radio buttons for 'Individual' (selected) and 'Organization'. It contains a search form with fields for 'Customer Number Required', 'Date of Birth Required' (mm/dd/yyyy), and 'Zip Code Required'. There are 'Cancel', 'Submit', and 'Forgot Customer Number?' buttons. Below the form are three expandable sections: 'Search by Driver's License / ID Number', 'Search by Visa / Passport Number', and 'Log In with Username / Password'. The right column is titled 'Need to create an account?' and contains a paragraph explaining the process and a 'Create New Account' button.

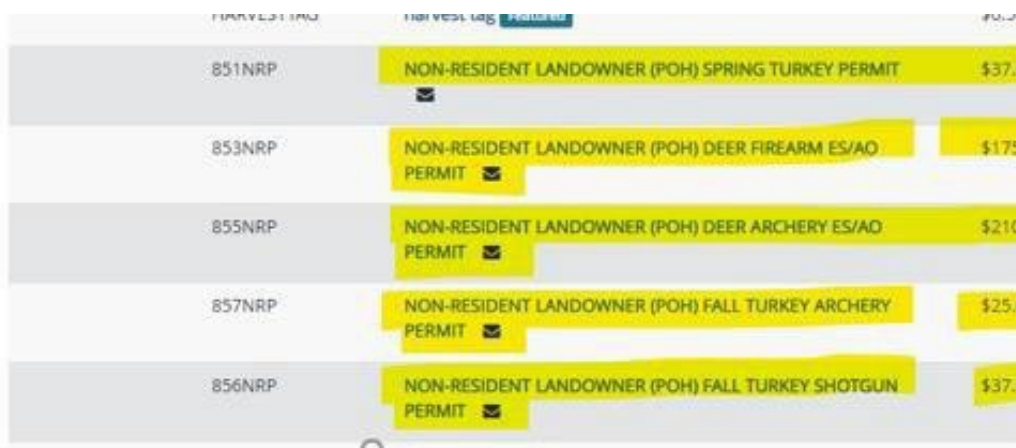
3. On the Customer Homepage, select “Buy Licenses/Permits.”

The screenshot shows the Customer Homepage. It has a dark header with the ExploreMore IL logo. Below the header are four main sections. The first section is 'Licenses' and contains two buttons: 'Buy Licenses/Permits' (highlighted in yellow) and 'Purchase History'. The second section is 'Watercraft and Snowmobile Registration' and contains three buttons: 'New Registrations', 'Renew Registrations', and 'Transfer Renewal', along with a 'My Registrations' button. The third section is 'Applications and Points' and contains two buttons: 'Buy Applications' and 'Submitted Applications', along with a 'No Points' button. The fourth section is 'Harvest Reporting' and contains two buttons: 'Report a Harvest' and 'Harvest History', along with a 'Current Tags/Harvest Authorizations: No tags to display' button.

4. Select the Hunt/Trap tab.



5. Under the Product Catalog, select the Nonresident Landowner permits you wish to purchase for 2026 and follow the prompts.



NOTE: The Management Zone/Unit is the county in which your land is located. This county must be identical to the county listed on your application.

The screenshot shows a form for selecting a permit. The permit is '854T - LANDOWNER (POH) DEER ARCHERY ES TAG'. The price is \$0.00. There are dropdown menus for 'Management Zone/Unit Required' (set to MONTGOMERY) and 'Time Period Required' (set to OCT 1, 2022 - JAN 15, 2023). An 'Add To Cart' button is at the bottom.

6. Once you have completed the checkout process, please download and print the receipt for your records. Please ensure your address is up to date on your ExploreMoreIL Customer Profile. ***If you wish to have your permits mailed to an address other than the address on your ExploreMoreIL Customer Profile, please contact our office directly at (217) 782-7305.**

IDNR will mail your permits to you prior to the start of the respective hunting program's season.

Order Receipt - Adele Monroe

Transaction #23365

The following products have been added to your account.

Name	Qty	Price	Line Total
853NRP - NON-RESIDENT LANDOWNER (POH) DEER FIREARM ES/AO PERMIT	1	\$175.00/ea	\$175.00
853T - LANDOWNER (POH) DEER FIREARM AO TAG Tag #: 221269540323	1	\$0.00/ea	\$0.00
852T - LANDOWNER (POH) DEER FIREARM ES TAG Tag #: 226325205350	1	\$0.00/ea	\$0.00
855NRP - NON-RESIDENT LANDOWNER (POH) DEER ARCHERY ES/AO PERMIT	1	\$210.00/ea	\$210.00
855T - LANDOWNER (POH) DEER ARCHERY AO TAG Tag #: 225189536010	1	\$0.00/ea	\$0.00
854T - LANDOWNER (POH) DEER ARCHERY ES TAG Tag #: 227795225980	1	\$0.00/ea	\$0.00
Subtotal			\$385.00

This application determines your eligibility status to purchase 2026 Nonresident Landowner permits.

Permit Purchase Deadline Dates: Please refer to attached instructions for dates.

IDNR Nonresident POH Eligibility Application
One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

2026 Nonresident Landowner (NR-POH) Eligibility Application for Landowner Turkey and Deer Hunting Permits

PROOF OF LANDOWNERSHIP

ALL applications must include a copy of one of the following: *ORIGINALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED*

- A) a recorded property deed;
- B) a recorded contract for deed; or
- C) the most recent real estate tax statement or most recent notice of property assessment for the property (upon which the landowner's name and acreage appears)

LANDOWNER ELIGIBILITY

A Nonresident Landowner is a landowner of 40 acres or more of land in Illinois whose place of residence is not in Illinois. This includes the landowner's immediate families that are permanently residing on the same property as the landowner. For the purposes of establishing eligibility for Property-Only Hunting permits, the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of an acre up to the next whole acre [520 ILCS 5/2.11 & 2.26].

TRUST

Bona fide current income beneficiary means an individual who at the time of application for a permit, is entitled to income (whether income exists or not) from the trust which owns the land the applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent (such as surviving another person, reaching a certain age, etc.) and is listed by name in the trust documents as an income beneficiary.

IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- A copy of the trust documents which show that the applicant is listed by name as a current income beneficiary of the trust **OR** a notarized statement from a licensed attorney stating the applicant is a current income beneficiary of the trust. All notarized statements shall include the state license number of the attorney making the statement.
- A notarized statement signed by the current trustee of the trust identifying the applicant as a bona fide current income beneficiary and authorizing the applicant to hunt on the trust lands for which a permit is being requested.

CORPORATIONS

Bona fide equity shareholder means an individual who purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock shares in a corporation; purchased shares of a privately-held corporation for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets represented by the ownership in the corporation; or is a member of a closely held family-owned corporation and has purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of ownership, and intends to retain the ownership of the shares of stock for at least 5 years.

IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- A copy of ownership interest in a **for-profit** corporation with a fully executed stock certificate, articles of incorporation or corporate agreement
- A notarized statement signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity shareholder, authorizing the applicant to hunt on the lands for which a permit is being requested, and declaring that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the corporation.

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

Bona fide equity member means an individual who became a member upon the formation of the LLC; or has purchased a distributional interest in a LLC for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the company pursuant to Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act; and intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years; Members of Foreign LLCs must include the latest, file-stamped, filing with the Illinois Secretary of State as part of the application for a permit.

IN ADDITION TO PROOF OF OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- A copy of the LLCs articles of organization or the operating agreement identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity member. If the articles of organization or the operating agreement submitted to the Department does not include a listing of the members of the LLC, then the application shall include a notarized statement from a manager of the LLC that the applicant is a member of the LLC.
- A notarized statement signed by a duly authorized officer of the LLC identifying the applicant as a bona fide equity member, authorizing the applicant to hunt on the lands for which a permit is being requested, and declaring that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the LLC.

LIMITATIONS FOR SHAREHOLDERS OF CORPORATIONS/MEMBERS OF LLCS/TRUSTS

Bona fide equity shareholders of corporations or bona fide equity members of LLCs owning 40 or more acres of land in a county may apply for one permit to hunt the corporation or LLC lands only. Only one permit per 40 acres, for a maximum number of 15 permits per county for corporations and LLCs, shall be issued based on ownership of lands by corporations or LLCs. Lands leased to corporations, LLCs, or trusts shall not be considered as a basis for a permit of the lessee. Lands held in trust by corporations or LLCs shall not be considered a basis for a permit for the shareholders/members as bona fide current income beneficiaries of the trust.

Lands held in trust by corporations, LLCs, or partnerships shall not be considered a basis for a permit for the shareholders/members/partners as bona fide current income beneficiaries of the trust.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A LANDOWNER OR A BONA FIDE CURRENT INCOME BENEFICIARY

The immediate family of a landowner or a bona fide current income beneficiary means, and is limited to, the spouse, children, brothers, sisters and parents permanently residing on the same property as the landowner or bona fide current income beneficiary of a trust. Immediate family designations do not apply to bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation or bona fide equity members of an LLC. See 17 IAR 528 et al.

HABITAT STAMP and HUNTING LICENSE: 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 shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war shall not be required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Any person who obtained a Lifetime License before January 1, 1993, shall not be required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Nonresidents must purchase a nonresident hunting license unless exempt.

PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION, PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

For further details please visit: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/non-resident-landowner-program.html>