

2026 Illinois Resident Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Permit Application

- ☐ **Lottery 1: 10/07/2025 - 12/01/2025** ☐ **Lottery 2: 12/12/2025 - 01/12/2026** ☐ **Lottery 3: 01/23/2026 - 02/09/2026**
- Limit 1 application
Group Hunts Allowed
POH Spring Turkey applicants/recipients
not eligible to apply.
- Limit 1 application
Group Hunts Allowed
- Up to 3 applications
May not exceed 3 total
Spring Turkey applications
No Group Hunts

ENTER BELOW YOUR HUNT LOCATION CHOICES AND SEASON IN THE ORDER YOU PREFER.

County or Special Hunt Area (See back of application)

Season

EXAMPLE

Choice 1

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County or SHA Season

Choice 1: UNION 2

Choice 2: UNION 3

Choice 3: FRANKLIN 2

Choice 4: FMSP 4

Choice 5: ARCSP 2

Choice 6: JEPC 1

For Marshall-Putnam, enter Marshall

For Gallatin-Hardin, enter Gallatin

County names and SHA acronyms on reverse side



R-L-ST

Choice 2

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Choice 3

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Choice 4

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Choice 5

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Choice 6

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Choice 7

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Choice 8

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Choice 9

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Choice 10

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Applicant's Signature (REQUIRED)

I certify to the truth of all statements including but not limited to state residency. By signing this application, I certify that I am not delinquent on a child support order. I further certify that the privileges applied for have not been suspended in this state, or by any other state or federal agency.

Please enter either your SSN or your IDNR Customer #. All applicants must have a valid SSN on file with IDNR for any type of license purchase.

Customer #

OR

SSN

DATE OF BIRTH

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

M.I.

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

Daytime Phone Number

Applicant's Email Address (Required)

This area for Group Hunt Applications only. No Group Hunt Applications in Lottery 3.

GROUP LEADER'S LAST NAME

GROUP LEADER'S FIRST NAME

MIDDLE INITIAL

GROUP LEADER'S CUSTOMER ID NUMBER (Required)

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND \$19 FEE to:

IDNR Resident Spring Turkey Application
One Natural Resources Way PO Box 19446
Springfield IL 62794-9446

DO NOT SEND CASH

*Applications received in our office after a deadline date will be entered into the next application period.

Save a stamp!

APPLY ONLINE
exploremoreil.com

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Landowner (POH) Spring Turkey applicants/recipients may not apply in Lottery 1.
- Permits are not transferable.
- A permit allows the holder to hunt with either a shotgun or a bow and arrow.
- A Lottery permit is valid only for the season and location indicated on the permit.
- The fee for an Illinois Resident Spring Wild Turkey Permit is \$19. You must enclose an individual check or money order with your application. Do not send cash.

PREFERENCE SYSTEM (This does not apply to special hunt areas.)

The following criteria must be met to obtain preference in the first computerized drawing:

- The applicant must apply using the official agency application.
- The applicant must be a resident of the State of Illinois, be eligible to receive a spring turkey permit, and not have turkey hunting privileges revoked.
- The applicant must apply for the same county and season choices which he/she listed on the previous year's application.

HUNTING ZONES

There are north and south turkey hunting zones with different season dates in each zone. Special Hunt Area permits are not valid anywhere else in the county. County permits are not valid for Special Hunt Areas listed on this application.

Location information, site maps, and regulations for Special Hunt Areas are available online at <https://huntillinois.org/directory>.

SEASON	SOUTH ZONE	NORTH ZONE
1st Season	April 6 - April 10	April 13 - April 17
2nd Season	April 11 - April 16	April 18 - April 23
3rd Season	April 17 - April 22	April 24 - April 29
4th Season	April 23 - April 29	April 30 - May 6
5th Season	April 30 - May 7	May 7 - May 14

APPLY ONLINE @ WWW.EXPLOREMOREIL.COM

Open South Zone Counties

Alexander, Bond, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin-Hardin, Hamilton, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, Williamson

Open South Zone Special Hunt Areas

Burning Star SFWA
Carlyle Lake SFWA - East Fork Unit
Chauncey Marsh
Crab Orchard NWR
Crawford County SFWA
Dixon Springs SP
Dixon Springs SP Disabled
Eldon Hazlet SP
Eldon Hazlet SP Disabled
Embarras River Bottoms SHA
Ferne Clyffe SP- Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area
Fort Massac SP
Fox Creek SFWA
Hamilton County SCA
Horseshoe Lake SP
Meeker SHA
Mermet Lake SFWA
Mermet Lake SFWA Disabled
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center
Newton Lake SFWA
Pyramid SP - Park Unit
Pyramid SP - Captain Unit
Pyramid SP - Denmark Unit
Pyramid SP - East Conant Unit
Pyramid SP - Galum Unit
Ramsey Lake SP
Randolph County SCA
Red Hills SP
Sahara Woods SFWA
Sam Dale Lake SFWA
Sam Parr SFWA
Stephen A. Forbes SP
Ten Mile Creek SFWA
Washington County SCA
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA
Zoeller SNA

County Located

Jackson
Clinton
Lawrence
Williamson
Crawford
Pope
Pope
Clinton
Clinton
Lawrence
Johnson
Massac
Richland/Wayne
Hamilton
Madison
Jasper
Massac
Massac
Jefferson
Jasper
Perry
Perry
Perry
Perry
Perry
Fayette
Randolph
Lawrence
Saline
Wayne
Jasper
Marion
Hamilton/Jefferson
Washington
Franklin/Jefferson
St. Clair

Acronym

BSSFWA
CLEFU
CM
CRAB
CCSFWA
DSSP
DSSPD
EHSP
EHSPD
EMBARR
FCSP
FMSP
FCSFWA
HCSCA
HLSF
MEEK
MLSFWA
MLD
MVGPC
NLSFWA
PSPPU
PSPCU
PSPDU
PSPECU
PSPGU
RLSP
RCSCA
RHSP
SW
SDLSFWA
SPSFWA
SAFSP
TMCSFWA
WCSCA
WFSRA
ZSNA

Open North Zone Counties

Adams, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeKalb, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, La Salle, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall-Putnam, Mason, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Rock Island, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Warren, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago, Woodford

Open North Zone Special Hunt Areas

Apple River Canyon SP-Thompson & Salem Units
Beaver Dam SP
Big Bend SFWA
Big River SF
Butterfield Trail SRA
Castle Rock SP
Chain O'Lakes SP
Clinton Lake SRA
Coffee Lake SFWA
Eagle Creek SP (1st & 2nd seasons only)
Fox Ridge SP
French Bluff SNA
Green River SWA
Hanover Bluff SNA
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA
Heidecke SFWA/Goose Lake Prairie SNA (1st & 2nd seasons only)
Hidden Springs SF
Iroquois County SWA
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA
Johnson-Sauk Trail SP
Jubilee College SP
Kankakee River SP (½ hr. before sunrise - noon)
Kickapoo SP
Kishwaukee River SFWA
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby
Lowden Miller SF
Mackinaw River SFWA
Marseilles SFWA
(M-Th only; ½ hr. before sunrise - 8:30 am)
Marshall SFWA
Matthiessen SP (South of Vermilion River Area)
Mautino SFWA
Middle Fork SFWMA
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie
Mississippi Palisades SP (No 5th season)
Mississippi Palisades SP Disabled (No 5th season)
Mormence Wetlands
Moraine View SP
(No Weekend Hunting 4th & 5th seasons)
Morrison Rockwood SP (No 5th season)
Paul C. Burrus SHA
Pere Marquette SP-Piasa, Quotoga, Potawatomi
Camp Areas
Rall Woods SNA
Ray Norbut SFWA - Dutch Creek Unit
Rockton Bog SNA
Sand Ridge SF
Sandy Ford SNA
Sangamon County SCA
Sanganois SCA - Squirrel Timber Unit
Sangchris Lake SP
Siloam Springs SP
Siloam Springs SP- Buckhorn Unit
Spoon River SF
Starved Rock SP
Tapley Woods SNA
Vesely Land and Water Reserve
Weinberg-King SP- Scripps Unit
Weldon Springs SP- Piatt County Unit
Winston Tunnel SNA
Witkowsky SWA
Wolf Creek SP (1st & 2nd seasons only)

County Located

Jo Daviess
Macoupin
Whiteside
Henderson
Iroquois
Ogle
Lake/McHenry
DeWitt
Montgomery
Shelby
Coles
Carroll
Lee
Jo Daviess
Vermilion
Grundy

Acronym

ARCSP
BDSP
BBSFWA
BRSP
BTSRA
CRSP
COLSP
CLSRA
CLSFWA
EAGLE
FRSP
FBSNA
GRSWA
HBSNA
HBWSNA
HSFWA

HSSF
ICSWA
JEPC
JSTSP
JCSP
KKKRSP
KSP
KRSFWA
LSPMOU
LSPSHE
LMSF
MRSFWA
MSFWA

MARSWA
MATSP
MTSFWA
MFSWMA
MNTP
MPSP
MPSPD
MW
MVSP

MRSP
PCBSHA
PMSP

RALL
RNSFWDU
RBSNA
SAND
SF
SCSCA
SSCA
SLSP
SSSP
SSBUCK
SRSP
TWSNA
VESELY
WKSCRSP
WSSPPU
WTSNA
WSWA
WCSP