



2025 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING APPLICATION

APPLICATION & QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Applications will be accepted September 1 through October 1. You must use an official 2025 Illinois Youth Waterfowl Hunting Application. Only one application per envelope will be accepted. No fee is charged for this permit. If more than one application is submitted by an individual, all applications from that individual will be rejected and permits revoked. **Permits are not transferable.** Prior years hunters are eligible to apply, however **first-time applicants will be given preference.** Applicants must be between the ages of 10 and 17 at the time of the hunt. Arrangements for transportation, lodging, and ammunition must be provided by the parent or guardian. Each Illinois youth permit holder is required to be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult, who may or may not hunt, depending on the location.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTS

- Oct. 11 & 12 at **Moraine Hills SP – Black Crown Marsh Unit.** No blinds or decoys provided.
- Oct. 18 at **Clinton Lake - Salt Creek/Disabled Units.** Blinds assigned through permit system.
- Oct. 18 at **Larry D. Closson Habitat Area.** Blinds assigned through permit system.
- Oct. 18 & 19 at **Marshall SFWA Duck Ranch Unit.** Blinds available.
- Oct. 18 & 19 at **Banner Marsh SFWA.** Blinds, boats and decoys available.
- Nov. 9 at **Spring Lake-Spring Lake Bottoms Unit.** Blind allocation only - no special events.
- Dec. 28 at **Union County and Horseshoe Lake** hunting areas & at participating clubs in Southern Illinois. A pre-hunt orientation will be held for permit holders and their parents/guardians on Dec. 27.

LICENSE INFORMATION

You must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's, or Apprentice License unless you are:

- An Illinois resident who is disabled. A state I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
- An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- A disabled veteran. A veteran's disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.

Hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Training Course provided by the Department unless you are:

- Age 18 or under and hunting with a Youth Hunting and Trapping License and under the supervision of a legally licensed adult who is at least 21 years old. The youth hunter shall not hunt or carry a hunting device unless the youth is accompanied by, and under the close personal supervision, of one of these individuals.
- Hunting with an Apprentice Hunting License. This license is available one time only to resident or non-resident hunters. Apprentice Hunting License holders must be accompanied by a validly licensed adult at least 21 years of age.
- To obtain information about Hunter Safety Education classes scheduled in your area, call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599 or online at: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/safety.html>

FIREARM OWNER'S I.D. 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 I.D. (F.O.I.D.) Card unless he or she is: a licensed out-of-state sportsman hunting in Illinois, or under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid F.O.I.D. Card. Only one supervising adult in a hunting party is required to have a valid FOID card if the youth hunters in the hunting party stay under the immediate control (accompanying youth hunters at all times) of the supervising adult possessing the valid FOID card.

WATERFOWL STAMP & H.I.P REGISTRATION

Unless exempt, hunters must possess both a Federal and State Migratory Waterfowl stamp. Hunters under 16 years of age are not required to have a State or Federal Stamp. Habitat Stamps are not required to hunt waterfowl. Registration with HIP is required to hunt migratory game birds in Illinois, including doves, ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock, coots or rails. All licensed hunters must register with HIP if they intend to hunt migratory birds. Licenses, stamps, and HIP certifications are available at [vendor locations](#) or online at: www.exploremoreil.com.



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Number the selection boxes 1-11 providing your selection choices. 1 being first priority, 11 being last priority. It is not necessary to number every box, only the sites you have an interest in hunting.

	Banner Marsh SFWA, October 18, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Banner Marsh SFWA, October 19, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Clinton Lake Salt Creek/Disabled Unit, October 18, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Larry D. Closson SHA, October 18, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Marshall SFWA – Duck Ranch Unit, October 18, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Marshall SFWA – Duck Ranch Unit, October 19, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Moraine Hills SP – Black Crown Marsh Unit, October 11, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Moraine Hills SP – Black Crown Marsh Unit, October 12, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Spring Lake SFWA – Spring Lake Bottoms Unit, November 9, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Union County & participating clubs in Southern IL, December 28, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO
	Horseshoe Lake & participating clubs in Southern IL, December 28, 2025 Have you participated before?	YES	NO

APPLICANT INFORMATION – Please Print

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address City State Zip Code

		(20 gauge or larger)
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Parent/Guardian Phone Number Parent/Guardian Email Address Applicant's Shotgun Gauge

Date of Birth:

Month	Day	Year

**YOUTH HUNTERS MUST BE
BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10-17,
INCLUSIVE, ON THE DATE OF
THE YOUTH HUNT.**

MAIL APPLICATION TO: **IDNR Youth Waterfowl Hunt**
One Natural Resources Way
P.O. Box 19457
Springfield, IL 62794 – 9457

Applicant's Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice License Number:

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Parent/Guardian's Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice License: (if hunting)

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Applicant's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's Signature (Signature implies applicant's permission to hunt)

Questions? Please call the Special Events, Programs and Promotions Office at: (217) 782-9175 or for TTY: (217) 785-8955 Additional copies of this form can be obtained online from: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/waterfowl/onlinepermitapplication.html>