



# STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## 2024 Spring Turkey Lottery Application Information

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### SPRING TURKEY APPLICATION FEES

**Illinois Resident Lottery (R-L-ST):** \$19

**Nonresident Lottery (NR-L-ST):** \$129

### SPRING TURKEY APPLICATION INFORMATION

**Lottery 1:** Illinois resident hunters may apply for one turkey permit – excludes hunters who have applied for, or are already in possession of, a landowner spring turkey permit.

- Group Hunt applications allowed: Yes
- Landowner spring turkey permit applicants/recipients eligible to apply: **NO**
- **Application period:** October 3, 2023 - December 1, 2023

**Lottery 2:** All hunters are eligible to apply for one turkey permit, but hunters who have not already been awarded a permit will receive preference.

- Group Hunt applications allowed: Yes
- Landowner spring turkey permit applicants/recipients eligible to apply: Yes
- **Application period:** December 11, 2023 - January 11, 2024

**Lottery 3:** All hunters are eligible to apply. Hunters may submit up to 3 applications; however, no one may receive more than 3 permits in total for spring turkey hunting.

- Group Hunt applications allowed: **NO**
- Landowner spring turkey permit applicants/recipients eligible to apply: Yes
- **Application period:** January 22, 2024 - February 9, 2024

**Landowner (POH):** Individuals apply for, or receiving, a spring turkey landowner permit may not apply in the Lottery 1 Spring Turkey drawing.

- Landowner application deadline date: February 9, 2024.

### OVER-THE-COUNTER SALES PERIOD

Permits remaining after the Lottery 3 Drawing will be available over the counter from license vendors throughout the state on a first-come, first-served basis beginning March 12, 2024. Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted, or until the close of the specific turkey season segment (i.e., of seasons 1 through 5) in the Zone (north vs. south).

### HUNTING LICENSE and HABITAT STAMP

In addition to your turkey permit, you must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's, Youth Hunting/Trapping, or Apprentice License, unless exempt. 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.

### GROUP HUNT INFORMATION

Up to six individuals may apply to hunt as a group during the First and Second Lottery Drawings. Groups must identify a group leader, and all applicants must list the same group leader in their submitted application. Groups must list the same county or special hunt area of choice and complete, in an identical fashion, all options regarding hunting locations and the season choices. **THERE ARE NO GROUP HUNTS IN LOTTERY 3.**

### HUNT LOCATION & SEASON CHOICES

There are ten rows of boxes to allow the applicant to make up to ten DIFFERENT COUNTY or SPECIAL HUNT AREAS choices of combined locations and seasons (the 2nd through 10th choices are optional). When the applicant is drawn during the lottery, if the 1st choice is not available, the 2nd choice will be considered and so forth.

### PREFERENCE SYSTEM - LOTTERY 1

*(This does not apply to special hunt areas.)*

The following 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. Preference will not be granted for special hunt areas.

### PERMIT SPECIFICATIONS

- 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 (county/Special Hunt Area) indicated on the permit.
- A landowner permit is valid for all 5 seasons of the Northern or Southern zone where the landowner's property is located.

### IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO

- Submit applications before the second computerized lottery drawing for more than one permit for the same person.
- Submit applications before the third computerized lottery drawing for more than two permits for the same person.
- Apply for or receive more than three permits for the spring turkey season. The three-permit total includes lottery-drawn, youth, landowner, and OTC permits.

## 2024 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON DATES

SEASON	SOUTH ZONE
1st Season	April 8 - April 12
2nd Season	April 13 - April 18
3rd Season	April 19 - April 24
4th Season	April 25 - May 1
5th Season	May 2 - May 9

### YOUTH SPRING TURKEY

#### HUNTING SEASON March 30 & 31 and April 6 & 7, 2024

The North and South Zones are open concurrently for all 4 days of the Youth Season.  
<https://dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/youth-turkey-information.html>

SEASON	NORTH ZONE
1st Season	April 15 - April 19
2nd Season	April 20 - April 25
3rd Season	April 26 - May 1
4th Season	May 2 - May 8
5th Season	May 9 - May 16

### 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

Special Hunt Area	County	Acronym
Burning Star SFWA	Jackson	BSSFWA
Carlyle Lake SFWA - East Fork Unit	Clinton	CLEFU
Chauncey Marsh	Lawrence	CM
Crab Orchard NWR (No 1st Season in 2024)	Williamson	CRAB
Crawford County SFWA	Crawford	CCSFWA
Dixon Springs SP	Pope	DSSP
Dixon Springs SP Disabled	Pope	DSSPD (*2)
Eldon Hazlet SP	Clinton	EHSP
Eldon Hazlet SP Disabled	Clinton	EHSPD (*2)
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	Lawrence	EMBARR
Ferne Clyffe SP- Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area	Johnson	FCSP
Fort Massac SP	Massac	FMSP
Fox Creek SFWA	Richland/Wayne	FCSFWA
Hamilton County SCA	Hamilton	HCSCA
Horseshoe Lake SP	Madison	HLSP
Meeker SHA	Jasper	MEEK
Mermet Lake SFWA	Massac	MLSFWA
Mermet Lake SFWA Disabled	Massac	MLD (*2)
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	Jefferson	MVGPC
Newton Lake SFWA	Jasper	NLSFWA
Pyramid SP—Park Unit	Perry	PSPPU
Pyramid SP—Captain Unit	Perry	PSPCU
Pyramid SP—Denmark Unit	Perry	PSPDU
Pyramid SP- East Conant Unit	Perry	PSPECU
Pyramid SP—Galum Unit	Perry	PSPGU
Ramsey Lake SP	Fayette	RLSP
Randolph County SCA	Randolph	RCSCA
Red Hills SP	Lawrence	RHSP
Sahara Woods SFWA	Saline	SW
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	Wayne	SDLSFWA
Sam Parr SFWA	Jasper	SPSFWA
Stephen A. Forbes SP	Marion	SAFSP
Ten Mile Creek SFWA	Hamilton/Jefferson	TMCSFWA
Washington County SCA	Washington	WCSCA
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA	Franklin/Jefferson	WFSRA
Zoeller SNA	St. Clair	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

Special Hunt Area	County	Acronym
Apple River Canyon SP-Thompson & Salem Units	Jo Daviess	ARCSP
Beaver Dam SP	Macoupin	BDSP
Big Bend SFWA	Whiteside	BBSFWA
Big River SF	Henderson	BRSP
Butterfield Trail SRA	Iroquois	BTSRA
Castle Rock SP	Ogle	CRSP
Chain O'Lakes SP	Lake/McHenry	COLSP
Clinton Lake SRA	DeWitt	CLSRA
Coffeen Lake SFWA	Montgomery	CLSFWA
Eagle Creek SP (1st & 2nd Seasons Only)	Shelby	EAGLE
Fox Ridge SP	Coles	FRSP
French Bluff SNA	Carroll	FBSNA
Green River SWA	Lee	GRSWA
Hanover Bluff SNA	Jo Daviess	HBSNA
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	Vermilion	HBWSNA
Hidden Springs SF	Shelby	HSSF
Iroquois County SFWA	Iroquois	ICSFWA
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	Cass	JEPC
Johnson-Sauk Trail SP	Henry	JTSP
Jubilee College SP	Peoria	JCSP
Kankakee River SP (½ hr. before sunrise - noon)	Kankakee/Will	KKKRSP
Kickapoo SP	Vermilion	KSP
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DeKalb	KRSFWA
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	Moultrie	LSPMOU
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	Shelby	LSPSHE
Lowden Miller SF	Ogle	LMSF
Mackinaw River SFWA	Tazewell	MRSFWA
Marseilles SFWA		
(M-Th only; ½ hr. before sunrise -8:30am)	La Salle	MSFWA
Marshall SFWA	Marshall/Peoria	MARSFWA
Matthiessen SP (South of Vermilion River Area)	La Salle	MATTSP
Mautino SFWA	Bureau	MTSFWA
Middle Fork SFWMA	Vermilion	MFSWMA
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	Will	MNTP (*1)
Mississippi Palisades SP (No 5th season)	Carroll	MPSP
Mississippi Palisades SP Disabled (No 5th season)	Carroll	MPSPD (*2)
Momence Wetlands	Kankakee	MW
Moraine View SP		
(No Weekend Hunting 4th & 5th seasons)	McLean	MVSP
Morrison Rockwood SP (No 5th season)	Whiteside	MRSP
Paul C. Burrus SHA	Coles	PCBSHA
Pere Marquette SP-Piasa, Quotoga, Potawatomi		
Camp Areas (No Weekend Hunting)	Jersey	PMSF
Rall Woods SNA	Jo Daviess	RALL
Ray Norbut SFWA - Dutch Creek Unit	Pike	RNSFWDU
Rockton Bog SNA	Winnebago	RBSNA
Sand Ridge SF	Mason	SAND
Sandy Ford SNA	La Salle	SF
Sangamon County SCA	Sangamon	SCSCA
Sanganois SCA - Squirrel Timber Unit	Mason	SSCA
Sangchris Lake SP	Sangamon/Christian	SLSP
Siloam Springs SP	Adams/Brown	SSSP
Siloam Springs SP- Buckhorn Unit	Brown	SSBUCK
Spoon River SF	Knox	SRSF
Starved Rock SP	La Salle	SRSF
Tapley Woods SNA	Jo Daviess	TWSNA
Vesely Land and Water Reserve	Will	VESELY
Weinberg-King SP- Scripps Unit	Schuyler	WKSCRIP
Weldon Springs SP- Piatt County Unit	Piatt	WSSPPU
Winston Tunnel SNA	Jo Daviess	WTSNA
Witkowsky SWA	Jo Daviess	WSWA
Wolf Creek SP (1st & 2nd Seasons only)	Shelby	WCSP

\*1 An additional site hunting pass is required

\*2 P2A disability & non-hunting helper