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SUBCHAPTER b: FISH AND WILDLIFE

PART 710  
THE TAKING OF WILD TURKEYS – SPRING SEASON

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### **Section 710.5 Hunting Zones**

- a) The Northern Zone includes that portion of Illinois north of Crawford, Jasper, Effingham, Fayette, Bond, and Madison counties.
- b) The Southern Zone includes the remainder of the State.

(Source: Added at 18 Ill. Reg. 1156, effective January 18, 1994)

### **Section 710.10 Hunting Seasons**

- a) Northern Zone Season Dates:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Season: Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14, 2017
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Season: Saturday, April 15-Thursday, April 20, 2017
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Season: Friday, April 21-Wednesday, April 26, 2017
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Season: Thursday, April 27-Wednesday, May 3, 2017
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Season: Thursday, May 4-Thursday, May 11, 2017
- b) Southern Zone Season Dates:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Season: Monday, April 3-Friday, April 7, 2017
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Season: Saturday, April 8-Thursday, April 13, 2017

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Season: Friday, April 14-Wednesday, April 19, 2017
- 4<sup>th</sup> Season: Thursday, April 20-Wednesday, April 26, 2017
- 5<sup>th</sup> Season: Thursday, April 27-Thursday, May 4, 2017

c) Open Counties:

NORTHERN ZONE

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

SOUTHERN ZONE

Alexander  
Bond  
Clay  
Clinton  
Crawford  
Edwards  
Effingham  
Fayette

Franklin  
Hamilton  
Gallatin-Hardin  
Jackson  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Johnson  
Lawrence  
Madison  
Marion  
Massac  
Monroe  
Perry  
Pope  
Pulaski  
Randolph  
Richland  
Saline  
St. Clair  
Union  
Wabash  
Washington  
Wayne  
White  
Williamson

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10630, effective July 20, 2016)

### **Section 710.20 Statewide Turkey Permit Requirements**

- a) To take, or attempt to take, a wild turkey, Illinois residents must first obtain a "Wild Turkey Hunting Permit" from the Department of Natural Resources for a fee of \$15. Lifetime licenses issued after August 15, 2006 shall not qualify a non-resident of Illinois for a resident turkey permit. Non-resident turkey hunters shall be charged the maximum fee as allowed by Section 2.11 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/2.11] for each wild turkey hunting permit. All hunters, except those exempted by Section 3.1 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.1] are also required to obtain a hunting license before hunting wild turkey. Permits are issued for a specific county or area and are valid only in the county or area designated on the permit. Applications for wild turkey permits shall be completed and submitted by visiting one of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' DNR-Direct License vendors, by applying on-line at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov), by calling DNR-Direct

License sales at 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648) or by mailing to:

Department of Natural Resources – Spring Turkey  
One Natural Resources Way  
P.O. Box 19446  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9446

- b) Applicants must supply all information necessary to complete the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected and fees returned. Each applicant must submit payment for his/her individual application at the time of application. Not more than 6 applications may be submitted for group hunters.
- c) Applications from Illinois residents will be accepted through December 1 for the First Lottery Drawing. Applications received in the permit office after December 1 will be included in the next computerized drawing. Permits are not transferable and refunds will not be granted. Permits will be allocated in a computerized drawing to be held in Springfield. Applicants rejected in this drawing will receive preference in the next year's drawing for spring season permits subject to guidelines outlined in subsection (g).
- d) Permits not issued during the first computerized drawing will be available in a Second Lottery Drawing. Applications for this drawing will be accepted through the first working day after January 10. Applications received after this date will be included in the next drawing. All hunters not receiving a permit in the first computerized drawing and non-residents are eligible to apply for permits remaining for this Second Lottery Drawing. All resident permit applications will receive preference over non-resident applications.
- e) Any hunter who has not received a permit, and hunters that have received only one permit, may apply for a first or a second permit in a third computerized lottery drawing for the remaining permits. All resident permit applications will receive preference over non-resident applications. Applications for this Third Lottery Drawing will be accepted through the first working day after February 8. Applications received after this date will be included in the next drawing.
- f) Permits remaining after the three lotteries will be available in a Fourth (and final) Lottery Drawing. All applications received on or before the first working day after March 8 will be processed in this final Lottery. Applications received after this date will be rejected and fees refunded. This drawing period is open to hunters applying for their first, second and/or third permits.
- g) The following criteria must be met to obtain preference in the first computerized

drawing:

- 1) The applicant must apply using the official agency application.
  - 2) The applicant must be a resident of the State, be eligible to receive a spring turkey permit, and not had turkey hunting privileges revoked.
  - 3) 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 as listed in Section 710.25 or for permit areas listed in Section 710.50(c).
- h) A \$3 service fee will be charged for replacement permits issued by the Department.
- i) The periods for accepting applications for the lotteries may be extended if applications are not available to the public by November 1. A news release will announce the extension of the application periods.
- j) It shall be unlawful to:
- 1) Submit applications before the second computerized lottery drawing for more than one permit for the same person.
  - 2) Submit applications before the third computerized lottery drawing for more than two permits for the same person.
  - 3) Apply for or receive more than three permits for the spring turkey season.
  - 4) Provide false and/or deceptive information on a permit application form. In addition to criminal charges, individuals found guilty of violating this section shall have their application rejected, permit revoked, and fees forfeited.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 10951, effective July 27, 2015)

### **Section 710.22 Turkey Permit Requirements – Landowner/Tenant Permits**

- a) The "immediate family" is defined as, and limited to, the spouse, children, and parents permanently residing on the same property as the landowner or tenant.
- b) A tenant for the purpose of this Part is one who rents 40 acres or more land for

commercial agricultural purposes under an agreement with a landowner. Commercial agriculture shall be defined as utilization of land for the raising of hay, grain crops or livestock for profit. A hunting rights lease, or other non-agricultural lease, is not valid for a landowner or tenant permit.

- c) Resident landowners who own 40 acres or more of land, and resident tenants renting or leasing 40 acres or more of commercial agricultural land, and members of their immediate family may apply for one free turkey permit for their property only in counties open for turkey hunting. Non-resident Illinois landowners of 40 or more acres of land and members of their immediate family are eligible to receive a permit for their property only for a fee of \$37.50. All landowners/tenants who do not reside on the property must possess a valid hunting license.
- d) Applicants for Landowner/Tenant permits must apply using the official application form. Applications for Landowner/Tenant wild turkey permits must be submitted to:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
POH Spring Wild Turkey Permit  
One Natural Resources Way  
P.O. Box 19227  
Springfield IL 62794-9227
- e) Applications for Landowner/Tenant permits will be accepted as soon as they are available. The application deadline for all Landowner/Tenant permit applications (both renewal and first time) is February 27.
- f) Landowners or tenants are not required to participate in the public drawing for permits. Landowner/tenant permits are valid for the entire 32 days encompassed by the 5 seasons, but allow the taking of only one wild turkey. This turkey hunting permit shall be valid on all lands the permit holder owns, leases, or rents in counties open for spring turkey hunting.
- g) Recipients of Landowner/Tenant permits to hunt their owned or leased property may apply for a second permit in the third lottery (deadline: the first working day after February 8), and a third permit in the fourth lottery (deadline: the first working day after March 8). Fees for these additional permits shall be \$15 for residents and the maximum fee as allowed by Section 2.11 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/2.11] for nonresidents.
- h) Proof of ownership for all landowner or tenant applications must be provided by

one of the following methods:

- 1) Submittal of a copy of property deed, recorded/file stamped by the County Recorder or County Clerk;
  - 2) Submittal of a copy of contract for deed, recorded/file stamped by the County Recorder or County Clerk;
  - 3) Submittal of copy of most recent real estate tax statement for the property that identifies the property acreage (upon which landowner's name appears as landowner or person signing application appears as landowner);
  - 4) Submittal of a current copy of a Farm Service Agency 156EZ form; or
  - 5) Submittal of a copy of trust agreement which must indicate that the trust owns at least 40 acres and the applicant is a current income beneficiary of the trust.
- i) If you are applying for a tenant permit, you are required to submit, in addition to the landowner certification and proof of ownership, a copy of one of the following:
- 1) Submittal of a copy of a lease (not a hunting rights lease) or rental agreement, file stamped as recorded by the County Recorder or County Clerk, covering the current year. The agreement must contain the landowner's signature, tenant's signature, description of monetary consideration, specified period of the lease and acreage involved and a statement that the lease is for agricultural purposes; or
  - 2) Submittal of a current copy of a Farm Service Agency 156EZ form.
- j) If the property is owned or rented by more than one person: Only one landowner (and his immediate family) or one tenant (and his immediate family) will be issued a permit for every 40 acres of owned or rented land. For example, if 3 persons own 90 acres, only 2 of the landowners and their immediate families may receive turkey permits.
- k) Shareholder/Member/Beneficiary/Partner Landowner Permits
- 1) Bona fide equity shareholders of corporations, bona fide equity members of limited liability companies, current income beneficiaries of trusts and bona fide equity partners of general or limited partnerships owning 40 or

more acres of land in a county may apply for a free permit to hunt the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership lands only. Only one permit per 40 acres, for a maximum number of 15 permits per county, shall be issued based on ownership of lands by corporations, trusts and limited liability companies. Only one permit for 40 acres, for a maximum of 3 permits per county, shall be issued based on ownership of lands by partnerships. Lands leased to corporations, limited liability companies, trusts or partnerships shall not be considered as a basis for a free permit for the shareholders/members/beneficiaries/partners of the lessee. Lands held in trust by corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships shall not be considered as a basis for a free permit by the shareholders/members/partners of the trustee. If application is made for a free permit based upon lands owned by the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership, a duly authorized officer of the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership must sign a notarized statement authorizing the applicant to hunt on the corporate, company, trust or partnership lands for which a permit is being requested. This statement must identify the applicant as a bona fide equity shareholder, member, beneficiary or partner as defined in subsections (k)(2), (3) and (4), identify authorization to hunt and identify that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership lands.

A) In addition:

- i) Corporation applicants must submit a copy of ownership interest in a for-profit corporation with a fully-executed stock certificate, articles of incorporation or corporate agreement;
- ii) limited liability company applicants must submit a copy of the limited liability company's articles of organization or the operating agreement;
- iii) limited partnerships, limited liability limited partners, and limited liability partnership applicants must submit a copy of the partnership agreement, certificate of partnership or statement of qualification; and
- iv) general partnership applicants must submit a copy of the partnership agreement.

- B) These documents must be attached to the application upon submittal to the Permit Office. This shareholder/member/beneficiary/partner turkey permit shall be free to resident shareholders/members/beneficiaries/partners and the cost to nonresident shareholders and members shall be \$37.50. Nonresident partners are not eligible to receive permits for partnership lands.
- 2) Bona fide equity shareholder means an individual who:
- A) 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
- B) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of stock for at least 5 years.
- 3) Bona fide equity member means an individual who:
- A) became a member upon the formation of the limited liability company; or has purchased a distributional interest in a limited liability company for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the limited liability company assets represented by the distributional interest in the limited liability company and subsequently becomes a member of the company pursuant to Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act [805 ILCS 180].
- B) intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years.
- 4) 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 that owns the land the applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent (such as surviving another person, reaching a certain age, etc.) other than the trustee distributing the income, and is listed by name in the trust documents as an income beneficiary.
- 5) Bona fide equity partner means an individual who:

- A) became a partner, either general or limited, upon the formation of a partnership or limited partnership, or has purchased, acquired, or been gifted a partnership interest accurately representing his or her percentage distributional interest in the profits, losses, and assets of a partnership or limited partnership;
  - B) intends to retain ownership of the partnership interest for at least 5 years; and
  - C) is a resident of Illinois as defined in Section 2.26 of the Wildlife Code.
- l) For the purpose of calculating acreage under this Section, 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.
  - m) Providing false information on an application is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38).

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 10951, effective July 27, 2015)

### **Section 710.25 Turkey Permit Requirements – Special Hunts**

- a) Special hunt sites are defined as those sites that are owned or controlled by agencies/entities other than the Department, or sites at which the Department only controls a portion of the property designated for turkey hunting, which issue turkey hunting permits through the statewide lottery process. The Permit Office issues turkey hunting permits through a computerized drawing for sites listed below, in addition to the Department-owned or -managed sites listed in Section 710.50(c).

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (check-in and check-out required at Visitor Information Center, windshield card required, area closed ½ hour after sunset to 1½ hours before sunrise, scouting allowed after noon including the afternoon of the day prior to the permitted hunting season)

Joliet Army Training Area (Will County) (check-in and check-out required at central check station; an additional turkey permit must be purchased from the Joliet Army Training Area)

Lake Shelbyville Project – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Moultrie

County

Lake Shelbyville Project – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Shelby County

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (an additional site hunting pass required; check-in, check-out and reporting of harvest required)

- b) Each applicant must enclose a separate fee (check or money order) payable to the Department of Natural Resources, or the application will be returned. Applicants should not send cash with their applications. The Department will not be responsible for cash sent through the mail.

(Source: Amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 3705, effective February 16, 2011)

### **Section 710.30 Turkey Hunting Regulations**

- a) It is unlawful:
- 1) to use live or electronic turkey decoys, recorded calls, dogs, or bait (an area is considered as baited during the presence of and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of the bait);
  - 2) to take any wild turkey except a hen with a visible beard or a gobbler (male);
  - 3) to take, or attempt to take, more than three wild turkeys during the spring season, one must have a valid permit for each turkey that is taken;
  - 4) to use any weapon except a shotgun or bow and arrow. #4 shot is the largest and #7½ is the smallest size shot that may be legally used or possessed while turkey hunting;
  - 5) to hunt except from ½ hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. during each day of the season;
  - 6) for any person having taken the legal limit of wild turkeys to further participate with a weapon in any hunting party for the purpose of taking additional wild turkeys;
  - 7) for any person to possess while in the field during wild turkey season any turkey permit issued to another person (permits are non-transferable);

- 8) to transport or leave a wild turkey without first affixing the adhesive-backed turkey permit securely around the leg. Immediately upon kill and before the turkey is moved, transported or field dressed, the hunter must cut out the designated notch on the leg tag to invalidate it, and the tag must be affixed to the turkey. Successful hunters must register their harvest by 3:00 p.m. on the same calendar day as the turkey was taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-ILCHECK or by accessing the on-line check-in system at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov). Hunters must provide all information requested by the check-in system, and will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. The confirmation number must be written by the hunter on the leg tag. The leg tag must remain attached to the leg of the turkey until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the turkey and the turkey has been checked in. The turkey must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in;
  - 9) for any person to shoot a wild turkey while it is in a tree before 7:00 a.m.;
  - 10) for any person to hunt wild turkeys without possessing a Wild Turkey Hunting Permit which shall include the hunter's signature recorded on the permit and carried on the person while hunting, except that a person without a weapon may accompany a turkey hunter as a caller or observer;
  - 11) for any person to use a turkey call that imitates sounds made by a turkey or to attempt to call a turkey by making these sounds while in the field in the Southern Zone from March 15 through the day before the 1<sup>st</sup> turkey season and in the Northern Zone from March 22 through the day before the 1<sup>st</sup> turkey season. This prohibition only applies in counties open to spring turkey hunting. This prohibition does not apply to participants in the Youth Turkey Hunt with a valid permit, or their accompanying adult, during that season as prescribed by Section 710.70.
- b) Archers may use:
- 1) Longbows, recurve bows or compound bows with minimum pull of 40 pounds at some point within a 28-inch draw. Minimum arrow length is 20 inches. Any mechanical device capable of maintaining a drawn or partially drawn position on a bow without the hunter exerting full string tension is illegal.
  - 2) Crossbows, so long as one or more of the following conditions are met:

- A) If the user is a person age 62 and older with a valid photo ID containing proof of age; or
  - B) If the user is a disabled person to whom the Department has issued a permit to use a crossbow, as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 760.
- c) Broadheads must be used. Broadheads may have fixed or expandable cutting surfaces, but they must have a minimum  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch diameter when fully opened. Broadheads with fixed cutting surfaces must be metal or flint-, chert-, or obsidian-knapped; broadheads with expandable cutting surfaces must be metal. Any mechanical device capable of maintaining a drawn position or partially drawn position on a bow is illegal. All other bows and arrows, including electronic arrow tracking systems using radio telemetry, are illegal.
- d) Specifications for legal crossbows and bolts are contained in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 760.

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10630, effective July 20, 2016)

#### **Section 710.50 Regulations at Various Department-Owned or -Managed Sites**

- a) Hunters who intend to hunt Department sites and who have a physical disability that requires special accommodations must contact the site superintendent at least 10 days before the date they wish to hunt. The site superintendent shall make reasonable accommodations necessary to allow the disabled person to participate in the hunting experience at the site. Disabled hunters who require an aide or assistant with them during the hunt are responsible for providing the aide or assistant and notifying the site superintendent that an assistant will be present, and whether the assistant will also be hunting.
- b) Hunters must sign in/sign out at all sites that are followed by a (1). Sites that require use of windshield cards by hunters as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10 are followed by a (2).
- c) Statewide regulations shall apply for the following sites:
  - Alvah Borah State Habitat Area (2)
  - Anderson Lake State Conservation Area (1)
  - Argyle Lake State Park (2)

Cache River State Natural Area (1)

Campbell Pond State Wildlife Management Area (2)

Cape Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Copperhead Hollow State Wildlife Area (2)

Cretaceous Hills State Natural Area (2)

Cypress Pond State Natural Area (1)

Deer Pond State Natural Area (1)

Devil's Island State Fish and Wildlife Area

Dog Island State Wildlife Management Area (2)

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Cedar Draper Bluff Hunting Area (1)

Flag Pond State Natural Area

Fort de Chartres State Historic Site (muzzleloading shotgun or archery only; no in-line muzzleloading shotguns or muzzleloaders with scopes allowed) (1)

Fort Massac State Park (2)

Giant City State Park (1)

Horseshoe Lake State Conservation Area – Alexander County (controlled goose hunting area and public hunting area only) (1)

Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County) – Gabaret, Mosenthein, Chouteau Island Units (all hunters must obtain a free site permit)

Jubilee State Park (archery only) (1)

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area (no hunting east of and

within 50 yards of the defined Baldwin Lake Waterfowl Rest Area's main north-south road, within 100 yards of any house or building, or south of the Dry Lake access road; a hunter with a P-2 handicapped certification, accompanied by a non-hunting attendant, may hunt at the site's designated handicapped hunting spot within this closed area; the hunting spot will be allocated on a first come-first served basis or via a drawing, if needed, held at the site office) (1)

Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, Gardner Division

Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area (Pools 25 and 26)

Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24

Nauvoo State Park (Max Rowe Unit only) (2)

Oakford State Conservation Area

Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area (except South Subunit)  
(1)

Pere Marquette State Park (designated area only) (2)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Rend Lake Project Lands and Waters except Wayne Fitzgerald State Park

Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sanganois State Conservation Area (2)

Sielbeck Forest State Natural Area (2)

Skinner Farm State Habitat Area (1)

Trail of Tears State Forest (1)

Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Union County State Conservation Area – Firing Line Unit and Public

Hunting Area only (1)

Weinberg-King State Park (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Cecil White Unit) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Spunky Bottoms Unit) (2)

Wildcat Hollow State Habitat Area (2)

Wise Ridge State Natural Area

- d) Statewide regulations shall apply except that all hunting is allowed by site-specific permit only. The Department of Natural Resources allocates permits for these areas through the lottery process set forth in Section 710.20. This permit is only valid for the specific site and season indicated on the permit.

Apple River Canyon State Park – Thompson and Salem Units (2)

Beaver Dam State Park (2)

Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (1)

Big River State Forest (2)

Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Butterfield Trail State Recreation Area (2)

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – East Fork Management Unit (2)

Castle Rock State Park (2)

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (2)

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Dixon Springs State Park (youth ages 10-15 only) (1)

Eagle Creek State Park (first two seasons only) (2)

Eldon Hazlet State Park (2)/South Shore State Park (2) (a single permit allows the permittee to hunt on either site)

Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area (2)

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area (1)

Fort Massac State Park (Youth Ages 10-15 only) (1)

Fox Ridge State Park (2)

French Bluff State Natural Area (2)

Green River State Wildlife Area (2)

Hamilton County State Conservation Area (2)

Hanover Bluff State Natural Area (2)

Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area (2)

Hidden Springs State Forest (2)

Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County)

Iroquois County State Wildlife Area (2)

Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park (2)

Kankakee River State Park (hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon) (1)

Kickapoo State Park (2)

Kishwaukee River State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Lowden Miller State Forest (2)

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Marseilles State Fish and Wildlife Area (site is open to hunting Monday through Thursday only; hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until 8:30 a.m. with potential additional hunting hours being posted by the site; unauthorized personnel may not be on the site outside of the posted check station operating hours; hunters may only enter the site from designated parking lots) (1)

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Matthiessen State Park (South of Vermilion River Area) (1)

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Meeker State Habitat Area (2)

Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Management Area (2)

Mississippi Palisades State Park (closed during the fifth season) (2)

Momence Wetlands (1)

Moraine View State Park (no hunting on weekends during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> season) (2)

Morrison Rockwood State Park (closed during the fifth season) (1)

Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center

Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Paul C. Burrus State Habitat Area (must have Fox Ridge State Park permit) (2)

Pere Marquette State Park (Piasa, Quotoga, Potawatomi Camp Areas) (no hunting allowed on weekends) (2)

Pyramid State Park (2)

Pyramid State Park – Captain Unit (2)

Pyramid State Park – Denmark Unit (2)

Pyramid State Park – East Conant Unit (2)

Pyramid State Park – Galum Unit (2)

Rall Woods State Natural Area (2)

Ramsey Lake State Park (2)

Randolph County State Conservation Area (a handicapped hunter with a P-2 handicapped certification, accompanied by a non-hunting attendant, wanting to hunt at one of the site's two designated handicapped hunting spots is not required to have a site-specific permit; these hunting spots will be allocated on a first come-first served basis or via a drawing, if needed, held at the site office) (1)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area – Dutch Creek Unit (2)

Red Hills State Park (2)

Red Hills State Park/Chauncey Marsh (2)

Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sam Dale Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sand Ridge State Forest (2)

Sandy Ford State Natural Area

Sangamon County State Conservation Area

Sanganois State Conservation Area (Squirrel Timber Unit) (2)

Sangchris Lake State Park

Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (2)  
Siloam Springs State Park (Buckhorn Unit) (2)  
Spoon River State Forest (2)  
Starved Rock State Park (1)  
Stephen A. Forbes State Park (2)  
Tapley Woods State Natural Area (2)  
Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)  
Vesely Land and Water Reserve  
Washington County State Conservation Area (1)  
Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area  
Weinberg-King State Park (Scripps Unit) (2)  
Weldon Springs State Park – Piatt County Unit (2)  
Winston Tunnel State Natural Area (2)  
Witkowsky State Wildlife Area (2)  
Wolf Creek State Park (first 2 seasons only) (2)

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10630, effective July 20, 2016)

### **Section 710.55 Special Hunts for Disabled Hunters**

Statewide regulations shall apply except that all hunting is allowed by site-specific permit only. The Department of Natural Resources allocates permits for these areas through the lottery process set forth in Section 710.20, except as noted. Permits are only valid for the specific site and season indicated on the permit. Disabled hunters must possess a Class P2A disability card in order to be eligible for the drawing.

Dixon Springs State Park

Eldon Hazlet State Park

Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Mississippi Palisades State Park (portion of site quota designated for disabled hunters; closed during the 5<sup>th</sup> season)

(Source: Amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 3705, effective February 16, 2011)

### **Section 710.60 Releasing or Stocking of Turkeys**

No person, except employees of the Department shall release any turkeys in this State at any time. Game Breeding and Shooting Preserve Areas licensed pursuant to Section 3.27 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.27] may release turkeys for the purpose of put-and-take hunting only. This Section encompasses all of the various subspecies of the turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*), which includes the native wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*), the domestic barnyard turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo gallopavo*) and all crosses between any two subspecies.

(Source: Amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 17075, effective October 22, 2003)

### **Section 710.70 Spring Youth Turkey Hunt**

- a) Hunting Dates
  - 1) Northern Zone: the Saturday and Sunday beginning 9 days prior to the opening date of the Northern Zone first spring turkey hunting season.
  - 2) Southern Zone: the Saturday and Sunday beginning 9 days prior to the opening date of the Southern Zone first spring turkey hunting season.
- b) Open Counties: All counties listed in Section 710.10 are open to Spring Youth Turkey Hunting.
- c) Eligibility: The Spring Youth Turkey Hunt is open only to hunters who have not reached the age of 18 prior to the opening date of the youth season. Hunters must have an apprentice or youth hunting license, or they must have completed a State-approved Hunter Education course and have a hunting license, unless exempt. In addition, hunters must have a Habitat Stamp, unless exempt.
- d) Permit Requirements – Spring Youth Turkey Hunt

- 1) All youth hunters must have a current, valid Youth Turkey Hunt Permit (\$10). Hunters are eligible to purchase only one Youth Turkey Hunt Permit. Hunting without a permit is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.9).
  - 2) For a county permit: Youth Turkey Hunt Permits valid for counties open to youth turkey hunting will be available for sale over-the-counter (OTC) from agents beginning the first Tuesday in March through the last day of the Youth Turkey Season.
  - 3) For a Special Hunt Area permit: Youth hunters may apply online (<http://dnr.state.il.us/admin/turkey.htm>) for a site-specific permit valid for one of the Special Hunt Areas. The application period begins the third Tuesday in January and ends the third Monday in February. Permits will be allocated via a lottery drawing in which Illinois residents will be given preference.
  - 4) The applicants must not have had their hunting privileges suspended or revoked in this State or any other state.
  - 5) A \$3 service fee will be charged for replacement permits issued by the Department, except when permits are lost in the mail, there will be no charge. Monies derived from this source will be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.
  - 6) The Youth Turkey Hunt Permit shall be valid only for the dates and counties/Special Hunt Area listed on the permit.
  - 7) A permit issued for the Youth Turkey Hunt will count toward the maximum number of permits (Section 710.20(j)(3)) an individual can receive for the Spring Wild Turkey Season.
- e) Youth Turkey Hunting Regulations
- 1) Each hunter participating in the Illinois Youth Turkey Hunt while using an Apprentice Hunter License or Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by a non-hunting, validly-licensed (Illinois hunting license) parent, guardian or grandparent. All other hunters (using other types of hunting licenses or license-exempt) participating in the Youth Turkey Hunt must each be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent, guardian or responsible adult) who has a valid Illinois hunting license or who has in his or her possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification

(FOID) Card. An Illinois resident serving as a youth supervisor must have a valid FOID card regardless of whether he or she has a valid Illinois hunting license. FOID cards are not issued to non-residents, so non-residents serving as youth supervisors must have a valid Illinois hunting license. The non-hunting supervisor must remain with the hunting youth so as to have the youth under immediate control. Each supervisor may only accompany a single youth at any given time during the hunt. The supervising adult shall be criminally liable for the actions of the youth in the hunting party and shall be subject to the criminal penalties provided by law.

- 2) All regulations prescribed by Section 710.30 apply during the Youth Turkey Hunt.
- f) The following sites will be open to holders of a valid Youth Turkey Hunt Permit for the county in which the site is located. Persons wishing to hunt one of the listed sites should contact that site prior to hunting for information about site regulations and restrictions. Sites that require use of windshield cards by hunters as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10 are followed by a (2).

Anderson Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Apple River Canyon State Park – Thompson and Salem Units (2)

Argyle Lake State Park

Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (Whiteside County)

Big River State Forest (2)

Cache River State Natural Area

Cape Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – East Fork Management Unit  
(2)

Copperhead Hollow State Wildlife Area (2)

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Public Hunting Area

Crawford County State Fish Wildlife Area

Cypress Pond State Natural Area

Deer Pond State Natural Area

Devil's Island State Fish and Wildlife Area

Dog Island State Wildlife Management Area

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Cedar Draper State Habitat Area

Giant City State Park

Green River State Wildlife Area (2)

Hanover Bluff State Natural Area (2)

Horseshoe Lake State Conservation Area – Alexander County

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area

Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Lake Shelbyville Project Land (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed)  
– Moultrie County

Lake Shelbyville Project Land (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed)  
– Shelby County

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area

Mermet Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Moraine View State Park (2)

Mississippi River Area Pools 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26

Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center (1)

Nauvoo State Park (Max Rowe Unit Only) (2)

Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Pere Marquette State Park (open area east of Graham Hollow Road only)  
(2)

Pyramid State Park (2)

Pyramid State Park – East Conant Unit (2)

Rall Woods State Natural Area (2)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Rend Lake Corps of Engineers-managed land in Jefferson and  
Franklin Counties

Rend Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area

Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sielbeck Forest State Natural Area (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (2)

Siloam Springs State Park (Buckhorn Unit) (2)

Skinner Farm State Habitat Area

Spoon River State Forest (2)

Tapley Woods State Natural Area (2)

Trail of Tears State Forest

Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area

Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area

Union County State Conservation Area

Weinberg-King State Park (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Cecil White Unit) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Scripps Unit) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park (Spunky Bottoms Unit) (2)

Winston Tunnel State Natural Area (2)

Wise Ridge State Natural Area

Witkowsky State Wildlife Area (2)

- g) Statewide regulations shall apply except that all hunting is allowed by site-specific permit only. The Department of Natural Resources allocates permits for these areas through the lottery process set forth in Section 710.70(d). This permit is only valid for the specific site and season indicated on the permit.

Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Butterfield Trail State Recreation Area (2)

Castle Rock State Park (2)

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (2)

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Closed Portion)

Eldon Hazlet State Park (2)

Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area (2)

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area

Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area (2)

Hidden Springs State Forest (2)

Iroquois County State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area

Kankakee River State Park

Kickapoo State Recreation Area (2)

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Momence Wetlands

Ramsey Lake State Park (2)

Sam Dale Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (2)

Sand Ridge State Forest

Sangchris Lake State Park

South Shore State Park (must have Eldon Hazlet State Park permit)

Stephen A. Forbes State Park (2)

Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area

Weldon Springs – Piatt County Unit (2)

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