



# - Private Land Turkey Hunt

## Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

### Information and Application Instructions



The Private Land Spring Turkey Hunting for YOUTH and ADULTS will take place on private property leased by IDNR during **Youth Season**, and **Regular Seasons 3 and 4**. IRAP has obtained access for three different types of hunters; YOUTH, FIRST-TIME Adult, and ADULT turkey hunting. Access has been provided through the cooperation of landowners and the hard work of the IL Dept. of Natural Resources and the National Wild Turkey Federation volunteers. Participating in this program is a special privilege. Please be respectful, ethical, and safe hunters.

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## ELIGIBILITY

### **A Youth hunter must:**

- Not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the start of the Turkey Season (youth, third or fourth) for which they are applying for.
- Have completed a Department-approved Hunter Education Course and, if possible, possess a Firearms Owners Identification Card (FOID).
- Have a “supervising non-hunting adult” (parent, legal guardian, or adult authorized by a parent or legal guardian) accompany the youth hunter throughout the entire hunting experience and the non-hunting adult must possess a FOID card if the youth hunter does not have one.
- Have a valid IDNR Turkey Hunting permit for Youth Season or Season 3 or 4 for the county in which they have applied for, a hunting license, and habitat stamp.

### **An Adult hunter:**

- If applying as a “First-Time Adult Hunter”, must not have hunted turkey in the last five years.
- Must have completed a Department-approved Hunter Education Course (if born in 1980 or after), and possess a Firearms Owners Identification Card (FOID) card.
- May have a non-hunting adult (mentor) accompany them throughout the entire hunting experience. The mentor cannot hunt or carry a firearm or archery equipment and must complete attachment B and C and submit along with the hunter’s application.
- Must have a valid IDNR Turkey Hunting Permit for Season 3 or 4 for the county in which they have applied for, a hunting license, and habitat stamp. (*Apply online early for your permit in the IDNR lottery*)

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

- A YOUTH applicant may submit up to three applications, each for a different IRAP turkey hunting season (Youth, Regular 3 & 4) and an ADULT applicant may submit an application for each season 3 & 4.
- For Regular Spring Season 3 and 4, applicants **must** apply first for a turkey permit through IDNR’s turkey lottery system. Because of limited availability, turkey hunters are encouraged to apply for **EARLY** for seasons 3 and 4 turkey permits in IDNR’s lottery system.
- Legibly provide all of the information requested on the application, liability waiver (attachment B) and the Adult authorization form (Attachment C) if applicable
- The completed *Application* (Attachment A), *Release and Waiver of Liability* (Attachment B), and *Authorization Form* (Attachment C, if applicable), must be received by email, mail, fax or hand delivery by **February 23<sup>rd</sup> for youth season, March 8<sup>th</sup> for seasons 3 & 4**.
- Each hunter will be assigned a specific hunting area on private land. They will be provided a map and site permit that allows the hunter special access to their assigned hunting site. The site will be marked with a sign for parking and, if needed, purple paint around property perimeter.
- ONLY Youth hunters may have up to seven (7) days prior to **youth season** to do any pre-season preparation such as scouting on the assigned private property. For seasons 3 and 4, there will be NO scouting access prior to the beginning of the season.
- The hunter/adult pair is expected to adhere to all Federal, State and local laws and regulations, including those laws and regulations referenced in the most recent Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations; be prepared with appropriate clothing, gear, firearm, etc.; and have necessary valid permits and licenses available for inspection while hunting.

### **Other Important Information**

- For Youth Spring Turkey Season *only*, IRAP staff will hold a lottery, if necessary, for specific counties, approx. 4 weeks prior to the first day of spring youth turkey season.
- For spring regular seasons 3 & 4, only IRAP applicants with a valid turkey permit for the specific county they are applying for will be assigned an IRAP hunting area on a first come, first serve basis to hunters. Apply early!
- Only those successful applicants will be notified by mail or e-mail approximately 3 weeks before the start of the season applied for.

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**FAILURE to comply with eligibility and rules may result in denial of hunting privileges on IRAP leased Property**

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## Information

For more information on this and other Illinois Recreational Access Programs (IRAP) visit the website at: [www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/IRAP](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/IRAP)

Or contact **Tammy Miller**, IRAP Program Manager

IL Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources, Way Springfield, IL 62702

Phone: 217-524-1266 or [Tammy.Miller@illinois.gov](mailto:Tammy.Miller@illinois.gov)

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## Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

### -Application-

#### Attachment A

Check Turkey Season applying for:

**YOUTH**

**SEASON 3**

**SEASON 4**

*(You must fill out an application for each season applied for)*

- If you are a **YOUTH** hunter applying for youth season, what is your:

**First** county choice? \_\_\_\_\_

**Second** County Choice? \_\_\_\_\_

- If applying regular season 3 or 4, have you applied for your turkey permit through IDNR? YES or NO.

If yes, what is your: Turkey Permit number \_\_\_\_\_ what County? \_\_\_\_\_

### HUNTER INFORMATION *(must be completed):*

I am a **YOUTH HUNTER** (under 18 yrs. of age)

**First-Time ADULT HUNTER** (not hunted turkey in the last 5 yrs.)

**ADULT HUNTER**

Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Safety Certificate Number/State of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ (if born in 1980 or later)

IDNR license/customer number: \_\_\_\_\_ Firearm Owner I.D. Card (F.O.I.D) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time hunting turkey before? YES or NO, if no, when was the last year you hunted turkey? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you hunted turkey through the IRAP program before? YES or NO. If yes, what county(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the IRAP turkey hunting program? \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION *(must be completed if YOUTH hunter applying):*

Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to youth hunter (above) : \_\_\_\_\_

Firearm Owner I.D. Card (F.O.I.D) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT or MENTOR INFORMATION

Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to **youth** hunter (above) : \_\_\_\_\_

Firearm Owner I.D. Card (F.O.I.D) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is a completed NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT AUTHORIZATION Form, *attachment C*.

See reverse side. Read and sign.  
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Please read and sign below:

I understand that hunting is a sport involving firearms. Firearms, when mishandled, can be dangerous. Further, I understand that it is my responsibility to use the utmost care in the exercise of hunting and firearm safety. I will leave the landowner's property in as good condition as found, I will not litter, cut trees, trespass or cause harm or damage to the property. I will leave the property as I found it. I intend to do so and realize that I have a duty to do so.

I further realize that the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the National Wild Turkey Federation and the private landowner(s), their members, agents, employees, licensees, volunteers, and associates are participating in this hunting opportunity to give me a quality outdoor experience.

I have read this document, and I understand its contents. I realize it is a privilege to participate in the IRAP Private Land Spring Turkey Hunt and accordingly I will conduct myself in a safe manner consistent with all duties, which I have heretofore recognized.

I agree to abide by all federal, state and local laws and regulations. I have reviewed, am familiar with, and agree to abide by the laws, rules and regulations contained in the most recent issue of Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations applicable to this hunting activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hunter Signature** (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature** (required if hunter is less than 18 yrs. of age)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supervising Adult or Mentor Signature**

**Please note:** ALL hunters must complete and sign a Release of Liability Waiver (attachment B) and, if applicable, a Non-Hunting Adult Authorization (attachment C). Due to the large volume of applications received, failure to complete all the required information may result in a voided application.

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(For office use only)

Date application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Is the application complete? (Circle) YES or NO

Is the *Release and Waiver of Liability* form signed and attached? (Circle) YES or NO

Is an *Authorization* form signed and attached? (Circle) YES or NO or N/A

Notes:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mail your completed application to:

IL Dept. of Natural Resources  
**Tammy Miller**, IRAP Program Manager  
One Natural Resources, Way  
Springfield, IL 62702



# Illinois Recreational Access Program



## **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION OF LANDOWNER, IDNR, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

### *Attachment B*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ("Participant"), am granted access to privately-owned real property ("Property") in Illinois, and enrolled in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' ("IDNR") Recreational Access Program ("IRAP") for the activities described in the Application

I agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of the Risk and Indemnification agreement ("Release") is intended to be broad and inclusive and includes, but is not limited to, the following terms and conditions:

1. *Landowner.* For purposes of this Release, "Landowner" shall include the possessor of any interest in real property participating in IRAP, whether it be a tenant, lessee, occupant, or person in control of the premises.
2. *Real Property.* For the purposes of this Release, "Real Property" or "Property" shall include roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty.
3. *No Violation of Laws and Regulations.* I agree and covenant that I will abide by all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. I have read and understand the rules and regulations referenced in the Information and Application Instructions.
4. *Release of Liability, Assumption of the Risk, and Indemnity.*
  - A. By entering upon and remaining on the Property, I accept the Property and any improvements in an "as is" condition.
  - B. I agree that no warranty has been made by Landowner, IDNR, or the State of Illinois, as to the condition of the Property. I understand that dangerous conditions can and do exist on the Property. I acknowledge and affirm that I am aware of the damage, injury or death that I and any others with me may encounter.
  - C. I hereby acknowledge and release Landowner, IDNR, and the State of Illinois, from all responsibility and liability for any dangers, accidents, damage to property, injuries to self or others, death, risks and hazards associated with my entry upon, presence on, and/or use of the Property and I assume and accept all responsibility and liability for the same.
  - D. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Landowner, IDNR, and the State of Illinois from and against any and all causes of action, liability, claims, demands, losses, damages, injuries to or death of any person or persons, and costs of every type (including attorneys' fees and legal costs) associated with or resulting from my entry upon, presence on, and/or use of the Property, even if the sole negligence of Landowner, IDNR, or the State of Illinois, is the cause of such liability, claim, demand, loss, cause of action, accident, injury, death or damages.
5. *All Participants Must Sign a Release.* I agree to have no other person with me during my time on the Property who has not signed an identical Release of liability and is not a registered IRAP Participant.

**ADULT IRAP PARTICIPANT**

*I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this Release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release.*

Adult's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH IRAP PARTICIPANT (under 18 years of age)**

*I am under the age of 18 and I hereby state that, before signing below, I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release either by having read the Release myself or having my parent/legal guardian explain the contents, meaning and impact of this Release to me.*

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF YOUTH IRAP PARTICIPANT:**

*I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this Release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release. I hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, the youth IRAP participant named above, and do hereby give consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person.*

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT IRAP NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT OR MENTOR:**

*I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this Release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release.*

Non-Hunting Adult's Signature: : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Hunting Adult's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT/MENTOR  
AUTHORIZATION FORM**

*Attachment C*

Name of Mentor / Non-Hunting Supervising Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
MO DAY YEAR

Hunting License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

F.O.I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of hunter accompanying: \_\_\_\_\_

*I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to mentor/accompany the hunter and contract in my own name.  
I hereby agree without reservation to the foregoing authorization.*

Non-Hunting Supervising Adult's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Hunting Supervising Adult's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the YOUTH Hunter only:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the  Parent  Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Print Name Print Name Date of Birth

a minor child ("Youth Hunter"). I hereby authorize the following individual \_\_\_\_\_ to accompany and supervise the youth hunter in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations contained in the most recent issue of the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations applicable to this hunting activity throughout the entire hunting experience on the private land enrolled in IRAP as specified in the Youth Hunter's permit:

**PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:**

*I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the Youth Hunter identified above, and do hereby give consent without reservation to the foregoing authorization.*

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_