



Private Land Upland Game Hunting

Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

Information and Application Instructions



The IRAP UPLAND GAME Hunting will take place on private property leased by IDNR during the last three weekends in December. Access has been provided through the cooperation of landowners and the IL Dept. of Natural Resources. Each site is capable of holding up to 4 hunters in a group. Hunting is for **quail** and **cock pheasant** only. Participating in this program is a special privilege. Please be respectful, ethical, and safe hunters.

ELIGIBILITY and Rules*

- All hunters must possess a valid hunting license, a State Habitat Stamp, and Firearms Owners Identification Card (FOID) card. A youth hunter without a FOID card may hunt with an adult who has a valid FOID card.
- If born in 1980 or after, the hunter must have completed a Department-approved Hunter Education Course.
- Each hunter must complete an application, liability form and send to the address below. If requesting to hunt as a group, all applications must be sent in together.

APPLICATION PROCESS*

- Applications must be received by IDNR 4 weeks prior to the hunting period applying for to be eligible for the lottery, if received later, applicants may be placed on sites based on first come, first serve basis.
- Each site can accommodate up to four hunters in a group. If you are applying as a group, **each** hunter must submit an application and signed liability waiver.
- Legibly provide all of the information requested on the application, liability waiver and the Mentor authorization form (if applicable).
- The completed **Application** (Attachment A), **Release and Waiver of Liability** (Attachment B), and **Mentor Authorization Form** (Attachment C, if applicable), must be received by 5 p.m. via email, mail, fax or hand delivery at least 28 days before the time period you are applying for.
- Each hunter or group of hunters will have a 2-day weekend period to hunt the site.
- IRAP staff will hold a lottery, if necessary, for specific sites, approx. 25 days prior to the first day of the specific IRAP hunting period.
- Successful applicants be notified by mail or e-mail. Hunters will be assigned a hunting area on private land. They will be mailed 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.
- A hunter may submit more than one application, each for a different period and/or site. Applicants will be put in a drawing for their preferred site during each hunting period. Once an applicant is awarded a site, then their chances lessen as new hunters will be given precedent that have not hunted on IRAP leased property this upland game season. However, applicants are not limited to the number of times they apply or hunt.
- Successful hunters are required to call the IRAP phone line 217-782-0137 and leave a detailed message to the number and type of birds harvested within 48 hours of the hunt.

Other Important Information*

- Hunters must 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.
- Access to the site is ONLY during the assigned hunting period.
- Dogs are allowed.
- No ATVs. Walk in access only.
- You must leave the site as you found it. Please pick up all trash, shotgun shells and other materials you brought with you.

**Failure to comply with eligibility and rules will result in denial of hunting privileges on IRAP leased property*

Firearms Safety - All hunters born in 1980 after must have completed firearm safety training before the day of the hunt.

Information

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

Or contact IRAP Program Manager

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

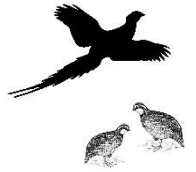
Phone: 217-782-0137 or email dnr.irap@illinois.gov



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-2019 Application-



(You must fill out an application for each period applied for)

Upland Game 2-day Hunting Period applying for:

December 14-15

December 21-22

December 28-29

What is your **First** county choice: **CHRISTIAN** or **CLAY** or **SCOTT**
(circle one)

Second county choice: **CHRISTIAN** or **CLAY** or **SCOTT**
(circle one)

HUNTER INFORMATION *(must be completed):*

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

Name: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ 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 upland game? (Circle) YES or NO, if no, when was the last year you hunted upland game? _____

Do you intend to hunt Quail, Pheasant, or Both?

How did you hear about the IRAP Upland game hunting program? _____

Are you hunting as a group? YES or NO. If yes, how many is in your group? *(must be 4 or less)* _____

Who is in your group? 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION *(must be completed only if youth hunter applying):*

Name: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ 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 *(if applicable)*

Name: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ 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 MENTOR AUTHORIZATION Form (*Attachment C*).

Please note: Non-hunting supervising adult accompanying the youth hunter is required to have a valid FOID card.

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), 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 Upland Game 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

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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:

Mail your completed application to:



IL Dept. of Natural Resources
IRAP – Waterfowl application
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: _____

**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/Customer Number: _____

F.O.I.D. Number (if applicable): _____

Driver's License Number: _____

Name of hunter I will be accompanying: _____

*I am 21 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 _____,
Parent/Legal Guardian Printed/Typed Name Youth Printed/Typed 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 21 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 Written/Digital Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Printed/Typed Name: _____