



# Private Land Waterfowl Hunting

## Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

### Information and Application Instructions



The Private Land WATERFOWL Hunts will take place on private property leased by IDNR from **November 1-December 31**. 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. Participating in this program is a special privilege. Please be respectful, ethical, and safe hunters.

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#### ELIGIBILITY and Rules\*

- All hunters must possess a valid IDNR ARCHERY TAG hunting permit, a hunting license, 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.
- A youth hunter may have a non-hunting adult (mentor) accompany them throughout the entire hunting experience. The mentor cannot hunt or carry a firearm and if the mentor is not a parent or legal guardian, then they must fill out attachment C.
- 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.

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#### APPLICATION PROCESS\*

- A hunter may submit more than one application, each for a different IRAP waterfowl hunting season and/or site. Applicants will be put in a drawing for each 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 waterfowl season. However, waterfowl applicants are not limited to the number of times they apply or hunt.
- Because of limited availability and this being the first waterfowl season for IRAP leased property, applicants are urged to submit their application as soon as possible.
- Each site can accommodate up to four hunters. If you are applying as a group, you must turn all your paperwork in together.
- 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 **Parent Authorization Form** (Attachment C, if applicable), must be received by 5 p.m. via email, mail, fax or hand delivery at least 21 days before the time period you are applying for.
- Hunters will be assigned a 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.
- Each hunter or group of hunters will have a 5 day period to hunt the site. Access to the site is **ONLY** during the assigned hunting period.
- Applicant must choose a county. For 2016 hunting the 3 counties with waterfowl sites are: **MACOUPIN – SANGAMON - SCHUYLER**

#### Other Important Information\*

- The hunter/group 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 and Waterfowl Hunting Regulations; be prepared with appropriate clothing, gear, firearm, etc.; and have necessary valid permits and licenses available for inspection while hunting.
- IRAP staff will hold a lottery, if necessary, for specific sites, approx. 20 days prior to the first day of the specific IRAP hunting period.
- Dogs and decoys allowed.
- No boats or ATVs. Walk in access only
- Only the sites in Macoupin county have a 4-man blind
- Only those successful applicants will be notified by mail or e-mail.
- 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*

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

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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)



# Private Land Waterfowl Hunting Access



## Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

### **-Application-**

#### *Attachment A*

#### **Waterfowl Period applying for:**

November 1-5	November 6-10	November 11-15	November 16-20	November 21-25
November 26-30	December 1-5	December 6-10	December 11-15	December 16-20
December 21-25	December 26-31			

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

What is your **First** county choice?

Second County Choice?

#### **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 waterfowl? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, when was the last year you hunted waterfowl? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to hunt ducks, geese or both?

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

Are you hunting as a group? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many *(must be 4 or less)*

Who is in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION** *(must be completed 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**

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 ADULT AUTHORIZATION Form, *Attachment C*.

*Please note: Non-hunting supervising adult accompanying the youth waterfowl 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 Waterfowl 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 and Waterfowl Digest applicable to this hunting activity.

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

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

**Hunter Signature** (required)

**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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_