



- Private Land Turkey Hunt

Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

Information and Application Instructions



The Private Land YOUTH and FIRST-TIME ADULT Turkey Hunts will take place on private property leased by IDNR during **Spring Youth Season**, **Regular Season 3** and **Season 4**. 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.

ELIGIBILITY

A youth must:

- Not have reached their 18th birthday by the start of the Turkey Season 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.

A first-time adult hunter must:

- Have completed a Department-approved Hunter Education Course 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 fill out attachment C.
- 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Youth may submit up to three applications, each for a different IRAP turkey hunting season (Youth, Regular 3 & 4) and first-time adult turkey hunters may submit two applications (Regular season 3 & 4) but will only be issued one IRAP site permit **per season**.
- For Regular Spring Season 3 and 4, applicants **must** apply for a turkey permit through IDNR's turkey lottery system. Turkey hunters encouraged to apply for *EARLY* for a season 3 and/or 4 turkey permit in IDNR's lottery system.
- Legibly provide all of the information requested on the application, liability waiver (attachement B) and the Adult authorization form (Attachement 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 at least four weeks prior to the applied for hunting season.

Rules and Regulations

- Each hunter will be assigned a hunting area on private land. They will be provided a map and parking permit that allows the hunter special access to the specific hunting site. The site will be marked with a sign for parking and possibly purple paint around property perimeter.
- Youth hunters may have up to seven (7) days prior to **youth season** to do any pre-season preparation such as scouting on the private property you are assigned to hunt on. 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.
- Only those successful applicants will be notified by mail or e-mail.

Firearms Safety - All IRAP turkey 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 **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

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Attachment A

Circle Turkey Season applying for: **SPRING YOUTH** **REGULAR SEASON 3** **REGULAR 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 hunting 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** (has not hunted turkey in the last 5 yrs)

Name: First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone number: _____

Hunter Safety Certificate Number/State of Issue _____ (youth must have completed and passed a hunter-class prior to hunt)

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

Is this your first time hunting turkey before? (Circle) 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: _____ 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 turkey 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), 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 under 18yrs of age)

_____ **Date:** _____

Supervising Adult or Mentor Signature

(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
Tammy Miller, IRAP Program Manager
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

