



FREE UPLAND GAME HUNT PERMIT

Instructions for applying on-line at www.dnr.illinois.gov

APPLICATION DATES

You must apply online August 1 through August 31. The lottery will take place in early Sept. and all applicants will need to check the Reservation Inquiry System (<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/UplandGame.aspx>) on the IDNR website to see if they received a permit.

- Each applicant must check the website after the lottery to see if they received a permit (after Sept. 7)
- IDNR will NOT mail out permits
- Successful applicants must print their permit

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications for the Free Upland Game Hunt Permit are free and must be made online, through the Upland Game Hunting section of the IDNR website (www.dnr.illinois.gov). If you do not have a computer, access one through a relative, friend, neighbor or local Public Library. Paper applications are no longer available. Most questions regarding this application process can be answered by reviewing the information, instructions and hunting dates/open areas on this document.

You may choose up to six different hunt areas with four hunting dates for each hunt area choice. You may list the same hunt area more than once to increase your choice of dates. We encourage you to use all 24 hunt area/date choices to increase your chances of drawing a permit.

- Applicants may apply once and receive 1 permit/year.
- Illinois residents have preference.
- Permits are not transferable

HOW TO FIX YOUR ON LINE APPLICATION ERRORS

If you (1) made a mistake on any portion of your application (**DO NOT REAPPLY**), (2) mistakenly applied twice or (3) need to cancel an application please notify us as soon as possible – there are two ways to do this:

1. Email us at DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov – you will need to include your name, birthdate and a detailed explanation of what needs to be changed (example: please change my first choice area from Sibley to Manito).
2. Fax us at 217-782-5016 – on the receipt you printed out simply cross out the incorrect information and write the correct information next to it. Sign the receipt and fax it to us – Attn: Permit Dept. No cover sheet is needed.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Successful Applicants must print their permit from the Reservation Inquiry System. They are responsible for knowing the boundaries of the hunting area (check the Hunter Fact Sheets available on the IDNR website) and any special restrictions for their site and permit (eg. Permits for some sites may be for rabbit only after quail and pheasant close or limit quail harvest to 4).

- Permit holders must carry their permit while hunting
- Permit holders must report harvest

LICENSE INFORMATION

You must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice License unless you are:

- An Illinois resident who is disabled. A State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
- An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- A disabled veteran. A veteran's disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.

Hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Training Course provided by the Department.

To obtain information about Hunter Safety Education classes scheduled in your area, call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599.

ILLINOIS APPRENTICE HUNTER LICENSE

The Apprentice Hunter License is a one-time, non-renewable license for residents and non-residents. It allows persons aged 17 and under to go hunting with a parent, grandparent or guardian who has a valid Illinois resident or non-resident hunting license. Those 18 and older will be able to go hunting with any family member or friend who is a validly licensed Illinois resident or non-resident hunter who is 21 years of age or older. A hunter safety course is not required to purchase this license.

Licenses/stamps are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, by phone at 1-888-6Permit or www.dnr.illinois.gov

FREE UPLAND GAME HUNTING DATES & OPEN AREAS

Each hunter selected may bring three hunting partners to the hunting areas, except at Finrock, Green River, Mackinaw, Sand Prairie, Saybrook, Sibley and Victoria where they may bring five and at Pyramid SP where they may bring two.

Hunting is for cock pheasant, Hungarian partridge, bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbit and mourning dove (if the site is open to dove hunting). (*) Indicates rabbit hunting only. For more information regarding locations and requirements of hunt areas only, call the Division of Wildlife at (217) 782-6384.

QUAIL MANAGEMENT AREAS

Pyramid State Park – Captain Unit (Perry)

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 25, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27

Jan. 3, 6, 10

Pyramid State Park – Denmark Unit (Perry)

Nov. 15, 22, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27

Jan. 3, 10

Pyramid State Park – East Conant (Perry)

Nov. 4, 8, 11, 15, 22, 25, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27

Jan. 3, 6, 10

PHEASANT HABITAT AREAS

Hunting dates for the following sites:

Nov. 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29

Dec. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24

Birbeck PHA (DeWitt)

Bradford PHA (Stark)

Clifton PHA (Iroquois)

Dublin Highlands PHA (Stephenson)

Finrock PHA (DeWitt)

Gifford PHA (Champaign)

Hallsville PHA (DeWitt)

Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion)

Hindsboro PHA (Douglas)

Loda PHA (Iroquois)

Manito PHA (Tazewell)

Maytown PHA (Lee)

Milks Grove PHA (Iroquois)

Perdueville PHA (Ford)

Sand Prairie PHA (Lee)

Saybrook PHA (McLean)

Sibley PHA (Ford)

Steward PHA (Lee)

Victoria PHA (Knox)

Whitefield PHA (Marshall)

UPLAND GAME AREAS

Hunting Dates for the following 7 sites:

Nov. 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29

Dec. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24

Eagle Creek SP (Shelby)

Franklin Creek SNA – Nachusa Prairie (Lee)

ILo Dillin HA (Tazewell)

Larry D. Closson (Douglas)

Little Rock Creek HA (Carroll)

Mautino SFWA (Bureau)

Willow Creek HA (Edgar)

Hunting Dates for the following 4 sites:

Nov. 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, 22, 25, 29

Dec. 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 27, 29

Harry “Babe” Woodyard SNA (Vermilion)

Mackinaw SFWA (Tazewell)

Paul C. Burrus (formerly Hurricane Creek) HA (Coles)

Wolf Creek SP (Shelby)

Hunting Dates for each site:

Coffeen Lake SFWA – (Montgomery) *Limit of quail is 4/hunter*

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27

Jan. 3, 10, 17*, 24*, 31* Feb. 7*, 14* *Rabbit hunting only!

Edward Madigan SP (Logan)

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Dec. 4, 11, 18

Freeman Mine (Montg.) *Limit of quail is 4/hunter and rabbit is 2/hunter*

Nov. 4, 8, 15, 22, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27

Green River SWA (Lee)

Nov. 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29

Dec. 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21

Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA (Cass)

Nov. 4, 7, 11, 14, 21, 25, 28

Dec. 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16*, 20*, 23*, 27*, 30*

Feb. 3*, 6*, 10*, 13* * = rabbit hunting only!

Maxine Loy Land & Water Reserve (Marion) *Limit of quail is 4/hunter*

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27

Jan. 3, 10, 17*, 24*, 31* Feb. 7*, 14* *Rabbit hunting only!

Sand Ridge SF - Sparks Pond Land & Water Reserve (Mason)

Nov. 4, 7, 11, 14, 21, 25, 28

Dec. 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

Sangchris Lake SP (Christian)

Nov. 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29

Dec. 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30