

2017 Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunting Permit Information

SEASON DATES

Northern Zone March 25 & 26 & April 1 & 2

Southern Zone March 25 & 26 & April 1 & 2

Note: The North Zone and South Zone are open concurrently for all four days.

Fee

On-line Application \$10

OTC (Over-The-Counter) Permits \$10.50

APPLICATION/OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) AVAILABLE DATES

On-Line Application for Special Hunt Areas will be available **Jan 17 – Feb 20**

NOTE: Paper applications will not be available, on-line applications only

Open County OTC Permits will be available **March 7**

NOTE: Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunter Permits will be sold over the counter from license vendors

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility:

The spring youth turkey hunt is open only to hunters who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to the opening date of the youth season.

Hunters must have an apprentice or youth hunting license, or they must have completed a State Approved Hunter Education course and have a hunting license, unless exempt. In addition hunters must have a Habitat Stamp, unless exempt.

Hunters are limited to **ONE** Youth Spring Turkey permit, either a Special Hunt Area Permit or County Permit.

Permits issued for the Spring Youth Turkey Hunt will be counted in the number of permits a person can be issued for the regular Spring Wild Turkey Season.

Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunting Permits will only be valid for the dates and county (counties) or Special Hunt Area listed on the permit.

A Spring Youth Wild Turkey Permit allows the holder to hunt with either a shotgun or bow and arrow.

Each Illinois Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunt permit holder using an apprentice or youth hunting license is required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian or grandparent who possesses a valid Firearm Owners Identification (F.O.I.D) Card. All other hunters using other types of licenses or license exempt may be accompanied by a responsible adult in lieu of a parent, guardian or grandparent. The accompanying adult must be present for the permit holder (youth) to hunt. The adult and/or adult caller is not allowed to hunt, but may accompany the

youth hunter as a caller or observer.

ON-LINE SPECIAL HUNT AREA APPLICATION (Jan 17 - Feb 20)

NORTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND SPECIAL HUNT AREAS

March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2

Butterfield Trail SRA in Iroquois County
Castle Rock SP in Ogle County
Clinton Lake SRA in DeWitt County
Coffeen Lake SFWA in Montgomery County
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA in Vermilion County
Hidden Springs SF in Shelby County
Iroquois Co SWA in Iroquois County
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA in Cass County
Kankakee River SP in Kankakee/Will Counties
Kickapoo SRA in Vermilion County
Middlefork SFWA in Vermilion County
Momence Wetlands in Kankakee County
Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County
Sangchris Lake SP in Sangamon/Christian Counties
Weldon Springs SRA (Piatt Co. Unit) in Piatt County

SOUTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND SPECIAL HUNT AREAS

March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2

Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area in Jackson County
Crab Orchard NWF (closed portion) in Williamson County
Eldon Hazlet (includes South Shore) in Clinton County
Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area in Lawrence County
Ferne Clyffe SP - Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area in Johnson County
Ramsey Lake State Park in Fayette County
Sam Dale Lake SFWA in Wayne County
Stephen A Forbes SP in Marion County
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA in Franklin/Jefferson Counties

OVER-THE-COUNTER COUNTY PERMITS (available March 7)

NORTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND OPEN

COUNTIES March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2

Adams, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeKalb, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jersey, JoDaviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall-Putnam, Mason, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Rock Island, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Warren, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago and Woodford

SOUTHERN ZONE SEASON DATES AND OPEN COUNTIES

March 25 & 26 and April 1 & 2

Alexander, Bond, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin-Hardin, Hamilton, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White and Williamson

YOUTH HUNTING SITES IN NORTH & SOUTH ZONES

The following sites will be open to holders of a valid Youth Spring Turkey Hunt County Permit for the county in which the site is located. Persons wishing to hunt one of the listed sites should contact that site prior to hunting for information about site regulations and restrictions.

Anderson Lake FWA
Apple River Canyon SP – Thompson & Salem Units
Argyle Lake SP
Big Bend FWA
Big River SF
Cache River SNA
Cape Bend SFWA
Carlyle Lake SFWA
Carlyle Lake SFWA East Fork Management Unit
Copperhead Hollow SWA
Crab Orchard NWR Public Hunting Area
Crawford County SFWA
Cypress Pond SNA
Deer Pond SNA
Devils Island SFWA
Dog Island WMA
Ferne Clyffe SP-Cedar Draper HA
Giant City SP
Green River SWA
Hanover Bluff SNA
Horseshoe Lake CA in Alexander County
Kaskaskia River SFWA
Kincaid Lakes SFWA
Lake Shelbyville Project Land – Moultrie County
Lake Shelbyville Project Land – Shelby County
Mackinaw River SFWA
Marshall SFWA
Mermet Lake SFWA
Mississippi River Area Pools 21,22,24,25 &26
Moraine View SP
Mt Vernon Game Propagation Center
Nauvoo State Park-(Max Rowe Unit Only)
Newton Lake SFWA
Pere Marquette SP-(open area east of Graham Hollow Road only)
Pyramid SP

Pyramid SP- East Conant Unit
Rall Woods State Natural Area
Ray Norbut SFWA
Rend Lake SFWA
Rend Lake COE (managed land in Jefferson and Franklin counties)
Sahara Woods SFWA
Sam Parr SFWA
Shelbyville SFWA
Sielbeck Forest SNA
Siloam Springs SP
Siloam Springs SP (Buckhorn Unit)
Skinner Farm State Habitat Area
Spoon River SF
Tapley Woods SNA
Ten Mile Creek SFWA
Trail of Tears SF
Turkey Bluffs SFWA
Union County CA
Weinberg-King SP
Weinberg-King SP- (Cecil White Unit)
Weinberg-King SP- (Scripps Unit)
Weinberg-King SP- (Spunky Bottoms Unit)
Winston Tunnel SNA
Wise Ridge SNA
Witkowsky SWA

Please call **217-782-7305** or email us at DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov if you have any questions.