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# Message From the Director



Thank you for picking up this year's edition of the *Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations*. It will be a useful guide for you as you review this year's season dates, hunting hours, possession limits, hunting zone boundaries, license and permit details, statewide hunting regulations and other important information. New regulations are

highlighted in the digest, and a number of them are the result of valuable input from hunters, sportsmen's organizations, and other constituents.

The digest also includes information on wildlife habitat, management, and health issues; frequently asked questions on state hunting and trapping; and, details on important federal rules and regulations by which hunters in Illinois must abide.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to managing, protecting, and sustaining the natural and wildlife resources of our state. Governor Quinn and I share a vision for rebuilding the IDNR – and rebuilding public faith and trust in the Department's efforts to provide quality services with the taxes and fees provided to us by sportsmen and women.

Hunters and trappers are vitally important to managing wildlife, and we thank you for taking part in these activities and buying the licenses and permits that support our wildlife management programs.

Best wishes for a successful season as you enjoy the wealth of hunting opportunities available in Illinois.

Marc Miller, Director  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources



## Youth Hunting Opportunities

**Statewide Youth Hunting Seasons** -- Only youths under 16 allowed to hunt. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth Firearm Deer Hunting Season – Oct. 10-11, 2009 (see page 2 and 15)

Spring Youth Wild Turkey Hunting Season – March 27-28, 2010 (South), April 4-5, 2010 (North) (see page 2 and 17)

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season – Dates vary by zone, usually the weekend or two weekends before regular duck season (see Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations, available in September)

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# 2009-2010 Season Dates and Limits Information

SMALL GAME			Daily Limit	Possession Limit
SPECIES	DATES (inclusive) and ZONES	HOURS		
Rabbit (Cottontail & Swamp)	Nov. 7, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2010 (North) Nov. 7, 2009 - Jan. 22, 2010 (South)	Sunrise to sunset	4	10 <sup>a</sup>
Cock Pheasant	Nov. 7, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2010 (North) Nov. 7, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010 (South)		2	6 <sup>a</sup>
Hungarian (Gray) Partridge			2	6 <sup>a</sup>
Quail (Bobwhite)			8	20 <sup>a</sup>
Squirrel (Fox and Gray)	Aug. 1, 2009 - Feb. 15, 2010 (Statewide) Closed Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6 in counties open for firearm deer hunting	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	10 <sup>a</sup>
Woodchuck (Groundhog)	June 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010. Closed Nov. 20-22; Dec. 3-6 in counties open for firearm deer hunting	Sunrise to sunset	No Limit	

DEER & TURKEY			
SPECIES	DATES (inclusive) and ZONES	HOURS	LIMIT
Firearm Deer (Handgun, Muzzleloader, & Shotgun)	Nov. 20-22; Dec. 3-6, 2009	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	One deer per firearm permit <sup>f</sup>
Deer (Muzzleloading rifles only)	Dec. 11-13, 2009 (also allowed Dec. 3-6)		One deer per muzzleloading rifle permit <sup>f</sup>
Special CWD Deer Season	Dec. 31, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010 and Jan. 15-17, 2010		One deer per valid deer permit <sup>g</sup>
Late-Winter Antlerless Deer (Handgun, Muzzleloader, & Shotgun)	Dec. 31, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010 and Jan. 15-17, 2010		One antlerless deer per permit
Deer (Archery in counties with a firearm season and west of Rt. 47 in Kane County)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 19, Nov. 23 - Dec. 2, Dec. 7, 2009 - Jan. 17, 2010		One deer per archery permit <sup>f</sup>
Deer (Archery in Cook, DuPage, Kane [east of Route 47] and Lake counties)	Oct. 1, 2009 - Jan. 17, 2010		One deer per archery permit <sup>f</sup>
Youth Firearm Deer Season	Oct. 10-11, 2009		One deer
Youth Turkey Season	Mar. 27-28, 2010 (South); April 3-4, 2010 (North)	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.	One gobbler or bearded hen
Turkey (Spring Shotgun or Archery)	April 5 - May 6, 2010 <sup>b</sup> (South) April 12 - May 13, 2010 <sup>b</sup> (North)	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.	One gobbler or bearded hen per permit, maximum of 3
Turkey (Fall Shotgun Season)	Oct. 24 - Nov. 1, 2009	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	One either sex turkey per permit, maximum of 2
Turkey (Fall Archery)	Oct. 1, 2009 - Jan. 17, 2010, except closed during Firearm Deer season in counties open to firearm deer hunting	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	One either sex turkey per permit, maximum of 2

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS					
SPECIES	DATES (inclusive) and ZONES	HOURS	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	
Dove <sup>c</sup>	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31; Nov. 7 - 15, 2009	Sunrise to sunset	15 <sup>c</sup>	30 <sup>c</sup>	
Teal	Sept. 5-20, 2009	Sunrise to sunset	4	8	
Early Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15, 2009	Northeast, North, Central	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	5	10
		South		2	4
Rail (Sora & Virginia Only.)	Sept. 5 - Nov. 13, 2009	Sunrise to sunset	25	25	
Common Snipe	Sept. 5 - Dec. 20, 2009	Sunrise to sunset	8	16	
Woodcock	Oct. 17 - Nov. 30, 2009	Sunrise to sunset	3	6	
Crow	Oct. 28, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	No Limit		

The season dates for Migratory Waterfowl seasons that occur after October 1 will be available in September. See 2009-2010 Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations.

FURBEARERS – Hunting			
SPECIES	DATES (inclusive) and ZONES	HOURS	LIMIT
Raccoon and Opossum	Nov. 5, 2009 - Feb. 10, 2010 (North); Nov. 10, 2009 - Feb. 15, 2010 (South) Closed Nov. 20, 21 and through 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and closed Dec. 3-5 and through 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in counties open for firearm deer hunting	Unrestricted Except Nov. 5 (North) and Nov. 10 (South) Opens at sunrise <sup>d</sup>	No Limit
Fox (Red and Gray)	Nov. 10, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010 (Statewide). Closed Nov. 20, 21 and through 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and closed Dec. 3-5 and through 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in counties open for firearm deer hunting	Unrestricted Except Nov. 10 Opens at sunrise <sup>d</sup>	No Limit
Coyote <sup>e</sup> and Striped Skunk	Year round (Statewide). Closed Nov. 20, 21 and through 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and closed Dec. 3-5 and through 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in counties open for firearm deer hunting <sup>d,e</sup>	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset; open 24 hours during Nov. 10, 2009-Feb. 15, 2010 <sup>d,e</sup>	No Limit

FURBEARERS – Trapping			
SPECIES	DATES (inclusive) and ZONES	HOURS	LIMIT
Raccoon, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel, Mink Muskrat, Fox (Red and Gray), Coyote, Badger	Nov. 5, 2009 - Jan. 20, 2010 (North) Nov. 10, 2009 - Jan. 25, 2010 (South)	Unrestricted except opening days start at sunrise and closing days end at sunset	No Limit except for badger, which is limited to two per season in the north zone and one per season in the south zone
Beaver	Nov. 5, 2009 - March 31, 2010 (North) Nov. 10, 2009 - March 31, 2010 (South)		
Woodchuck (Groundhog)	June 1 - Sept. 30, 2009 (Statewide)		

<sup>a</sup> On the 2nd day of the hunting season, you may possess no more than twice the daily bag limit.

<sup>b</sup> **South** — 1st season—April 5-9; 2nd season—April 10-15; 3rd season—April 16-21; 4th season—April 22-28; 5th season—April 29-May 6

**North** — 1st season—April 12-16; 2nd season—April 17-22; 3rd season—April 23-28; 4th season—April 29 - May 5; 5th season—May 6-13

<sup>c</sup> The daily bag and possession limits include mourning doves, Eurasian collared doves, ringed turtle doves and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

<sup>d</sup> During the Archery Deer Season bow hunting hours for coyote, striped skunk, raccoon, opossum, red fox and gray fox will be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

<sup>e</sup> Hunters with unfilled firearm deer permits may take coyotes during firearm deer season by shotgun with slugs, muzzleloader or handgun from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

<sup>f</sup> No hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than 2 antlered deer during a year, including the archery, muzzleloader, and youth firearm seasons. For the purpose of this bag limit, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates are within the same 12-month period that begins July 1.

<sup>g</sup> Antlered Deer bag limit does not apply to this season.

# Season Dates – Rules of Thumb

Many hunters need to plan vacations and hunting trips in advance of the annual distribution of the *Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations*. For such planning purposes, we are providing the general rules of thumb used for setting annual season dates. Although there are no guarantees that these season dates will be used in future years, this is the best information available for those who must make plans well in advance of announcements of official season dates.

**Rabbit** – **North** – First Saturday in November through Jan. 8.  
**South** – First Saturday in November through Jan. 22.

**Pheasant, Quail and Partridge** –  
**North** – First Saturday in November through Jan. 8.  
**South** – First Saturday in November through Jan. 15.

**Squirrel** – Aug. 1 - Feb. 15, except closed during firearm deer seasons.

**Woodchuck** – June 1 - March 31, except closed during firearm deer seasons.

**Deer** –  
**Archery** – Oct. 1 through the first Sunday after Jan. 13 (closed during firearm deer season except in Cook, DuPage, Kane [that portion east of Hwy. 47] and Lake counties).

**Firearm** – The Friday, Saturday & Sunday immediately before Thanksgiving and the first four-day weekend (Thursday – Sunday) after Thanksgiving.

**Youth Firearm Deer Season** – The weekend preceding the observance of Columbus Day.

**Muzzleloader** – The third three-day weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) following Thanksgiving. Hunting also allowed during the second firearm deer season.

**Late Winter Antlerless Deer and Special CWD Deer** – The first Thursday-Sunday after Dec. 25; and the first Friday-Sunday after Jan. 11.

**Turkey** –  
**Spring** –  
**Youth Turkey** – the weekend 9 days prior to the opening of each zone's first season.

**South Zone:** begins on the first Monday in April after April 2 and ends 32 days later. Lengths for each season (in days) are 5, 6, 6, 7 and 8, respectively.

**North Zone:** same as South Zone except one week later.

**Fall** –  
**Fall Gun** – the nine days beginning on Saturday of the second complete three-day weekend (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) after Oct. 11.

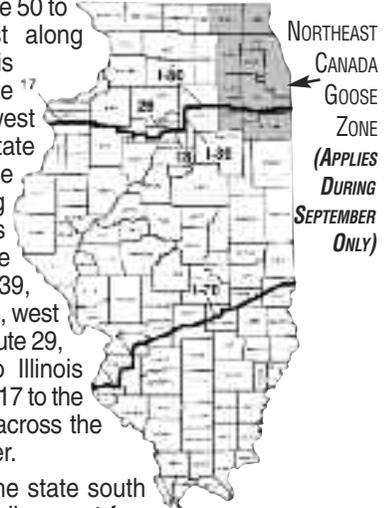
**Fall Archery** – Oct. 1 through the first Sunday after Jan. 13 (closed during firearm deer seasons).

**Early Canada Goose** – Sept. 1-15  
**Teal** – 9 or 16 days, opens on 1st or 2nd Saturday in Sept.  
**Rail** – Opens with teal season and runs for 70 days.  
**Snipe** – Opens with teal season and runs for 107 days.  
**Woodcock** – The 45 days beginning on the third Saturday in October.

**Furbearer Hunting and Trapping:** Season dates listed for the 2008-2009 season will be used as guidelines.  
**Crow** – Oct 28 - Feb. 28.  
**Dove** – Split season opens September 1 – late October; reopens with upland game season for about 9-16 days.

# Waterfowl Hunting Zones

**North Zone** – That portion of the state north of a line extending west from the Indiana border along Peotone-Beecher Road to Illinois Route 50, south along Illinois Route 50 to Wilmington-Peotone Road, west along Wilmington-Peotone Road to Illinois Route 53, north along Illinois Route 53 to New River Road, northwest along New River Road to Interstate Highway 55, south along I-55 to Pine Bluff-Lorenzo Road, west along Pine Bluff - Lorenzo Road to Illinois Route 47, north along Illinois Route 47 to I-80, west along I-80 to I-39, south along I-39 to Illinois Route 18, west along Illinois Route 18 to Illinois Route 29, south along Illinois Route 29 to Illinois Route 17, west along Illinois Route 17 to the Mississippi River, and due south across the Mississippi River to the Iowa border.



**Central Zone** – That portion of the state south of the North Zone to a line extending west from the Indiana border along Interstate Highway 70 to Illinois Route 4, south along Illinois Route 4 to Illinois Route 161, west along Illinois Route 161 to Illinois Route 158, south and west along Illinois Route 158 to Illinois Route 159, south along Illinois Route 159 to Illinois Route 156, west along Illinois Route 156 to A Road, north and west on A Road to Levee Road, north on Levee Road to the south shore of New Fountain Creek, west along the south shore of New Fountain Creek to the Mississippi River, and due west across the Mississippi River to the Missouri border.

**South Zone** – The remainder of Illinois.  
**Northeast Canada Goose Zone** - Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties. This zone only applies during September.

# Upland Game, Furbearers & Turkey Zones



**Upland Game:**  
 Cock Pheasant, Quail, Hungarian Partridge, Rabbit: Divided by U.S. Route 36 from the Indiana state line to Springfield, Illinois Route 29 from Springfield to Pekin, and Illinois Route 9 from Pekin to Dallas City, then due west to the Mississippi River.

**Furbearers:**  
 hunting (Raccoon, Opossum) and trapping: Divided by U.S. Route 36.

**Turkey:**  
 North Zone includes that portion of Illinois north of Crawford, Jasper, Effingham, Fayette, Bond and Madison counties. South Zone includes the remainder of the state.

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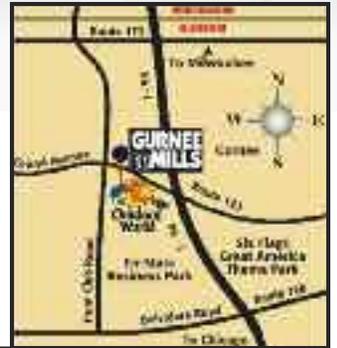
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All hunting and trapping licenses and state stamps are effective January 1 of the issuing year through March 31 of the following year. (In other words, the 2009 license is valid through March 31, 2010.) Every person holding a hunting and/or trapping license shall have it, including all appropriate stamps, in his/her possession for immediate presentation for inspection to any authorized law enforcement officer while hunting or trapping.

Hunting and trapping licenses, both resident and nonresident, and state stamps may be obtained from a Departmental license vendor at various locations throughout the state or at a Department Office (see page 1).

For information on where to buy a license or to obtain license, registration and permit forms, or to buy a license or stamp over the Internet immediately, please visit [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us). See below for details. Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamps may be obtained at any U.S. Post Office,

Departmental offices and various license vendors.

## Lost, Stolen or Destroyed License Replacement

1. Licenses purchased via the Internet can be reprinted at no charge by visiting [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us). Vendor transactions will incur a fee.
2. Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for \$3.00 from Regional Offices except Region 2, the Chicago office and the Springfield Public Service area. A listing of these offices can be found on Page 1.
3. Vendors can issue replacement licenses with a DNR Direct terminal. There is a \$3.00 replacement fee per item plus a small transaction fee.

### Annual Fees are (including vendor's fee):

Resident Hunting License	.....\$7.50
Resident Senior Hunting License	.....\$4.00 <sup>a</sup>
Resident Apprentice Hunting License	.....\$7.50 <sup>h</sup>
Resident Trapping License	.....\$10.50
Resident Sportsmen's License (hunt/fish)	.....\$19.25
Resident Senior Sportsmen's License (hunt/fish)	.....\$10.00 <sup>a</sup>
Resident Lifetime Hunting License	.....\$210.00
Resident Lifetime Sportsmen's License	.....\$555.00
Resident Archery Deer Permits	
(Combination either-sex & antlerless-only)	.....\$26.00
Resident Archery Deer Permit - antlerless-only	.....\$15.50
Special CWD Deer Season Permit (Resident & Nonresident)	.....\$5.50
Resident Fall Archery Turkey Permit	.....\$5.50 <sup>d</sup>
State Habitat Stamp (Resident and Nonresident)	.....\$5.50
State Waterfowl Stamp (Resident and Nonresident)	.....\$10.50
Federal Waterfowl Stamp	.....\$15.00 <sup>c</sup>
Nonresident Hunting License <sup>e</sup>	
5-day	.....\$28.75
Regular	.....\$50.75
Non-resident Apprentice Hunting License	.....\$7.50 <sup>h</sup>
Non-resident Trapping License	.....\$175.50
	.....or \$250.50 <sup>i</sup>
Non-resident Archery Deer Permit	
(Combination either-sex & antlerless-only)	.....\$401.00 <sup>e,g</sup>
(antlerless-only)	.....\$15.50
Non-resident Fall Archery Turkey Permit	.....\$75.50 <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Required for all hunters aged 65 or older.

<sup>b</sup>Licensed nonresident hunters can buy ammunition in Illinois.

<sup>c</sup>Can be purchased at [www.duckstamp.com](http://www.duckstamp.com) and does not include vendor's fee which may be 50¢ or 75¢.

### ISSUED FROM DEPARTMENT PERMIT OFFICE ONLY

Resident Firearm (Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Handgun)	
Deer Permits	.....\$15.00 <sup>d</sup>
Resident Spring Turkey Permit	.....\$15.00 <sup>d</sup>
Resident Fall Firearm Turkey Permit	.....\$15.00 <sup>d</sup>
Non-resident Firearm Deer Permit	
(either sex)	.....\$300.00 <sup>e</sup>
(antlerless-only)	.....\$15.00 <sup>e,f</sup>
Non-resident Muzzleloader-only Deer Permit	
(either sex)	.....\$250.00 <sup>e</sup>
(antlerless-only)	.....\$15.00 <sup>e,f</sup>
Non-resident Landowner Deer Permits	
Archery "property only" (either sex & antlerless only)	.....\$200.00 <sup>e</sup>
Firearm "property only" (either sex)	.....\$150.00 <sup>e</sup>
(antlerless only)	.....\$15.00 <sup>e,f</sup>
Non-resident Spring Turkey Permit	.....\$125.00 <sup>e</sup>
Non-resident Landowner Spring Turkey Permit	.....\$37.50 <sup>e</sup>
Non-resident Fall Firearm Turkey Permit	.....\$125.00 <sup>e</sup>
Non-resident Landowner Fall Firearm Turkey Permit	.....\$37.50 <sup>e</sup>
Non-resident Landowner Fall Archery Turkey Permit	.....\$25.00 <sup>e</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Resident landowner/tenant (40 acres minimum) may be eligible for free hunting permits. Call (217) 782-7305 for details.

<sup>e</sup> Non-residents also need a nonresident hunting license and habitat stamp to hunt deer and turkey.

<sup>f</sup> Applicants must purchase an either-sex permit to be eligible for an antlerless-only permit.

<sup>g</sup> Does not include vendor's transaction fee for permits purchased via internet/telephone using a credit card.

<sup>h</sup> See footnote 12 on page 5.

<sup>i</sup> THE FEE FOR NON-RESIDENT TRAPPING IS \$175.50 except for those persons whose home state does not allow non-resident trapping. Those states include the following for which the fee is \$250.50: Hawaii, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee.

## Illinois Resident Armed Forces Special Pass

Illinois resident military, guard or reserve members who have recently served abroad may be eligible for a waiver of fees for fishing, hunting and camping. Eligible persons MUST APPEAR IN PERSON at DNR Headquarters in Springfield. BEFORE COMING TO SPRINGFIELD please see details at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) or call 217-782-2965.

## Buy Your License Over The Internet

- Fishermen and hunters, you now have the ability to purchase fishing and hunting licenses and stamps over the Internet and immediately print it out on your printer.
- The transaction is encrypted for security purposes when traveling through the Internet. You merely complete the application and send it to us over the Internet. The system, upon receipt, and provided the information submitted is correct, will process your payment (credit card payment only) and send back to your screen a Web page containing an electronic license for printing. You can reduce the license size and retain multiple copies for your wallet, tackle box, etc. Each copy must have an original signature.
- To buy an Internet license or apply for a resident firearm deer permit, visit [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us).

## DNR Direct

The Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources is now in the third year of **DNR DIRECT**, an automated license/permit/stamp vending system.

Residents and non-residents have the ability to purchase licenses/stamps and apply for permits at a local vendor using **DNR DIRECT**, a state-of-the-art automated system.

You will continue to have the ability to purchase licenses/stamps and apply for permits over the internet at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us). Credit card only. License and stamp purchases print immediately on your printer. Reprints are available for lost/stolen licenses and stamps. Transaction receipts are issued immediately for permit applications.

You may also make license/stamp/HIP purchases by phone at 1-888-6PERMIT (673-7648)

# Regulations for Hunting/Trapping Licenses and Stamps

- A resident license/stamp may be obtained by persons who have been a resident of Illinois 30 days prior to purchase (see Resident definition on p. 6).
- All required State stamps must be signed or affixed on the license in the appropriate space. Federal stamps must be signed in ink across the face of the stamp. Lifetime License holders who are required to purchase state stamps must sign the stamps and have them in their possession while hunting.
- All hunting licenses and State stamps are effective January 1 of the issuing year through March 31 of the following year. Every person holding a hunting or trapping license shall have it, including all appropriate stamps, in his/her possession for immediate presentation for inspection to any authorized law enforcement officer.
- This information is based on laws in effect as of April 1, 2009 and is subject to change.

## RESIDENTS NEED:

License/Stamp Type	(2) Hunting License	(12) Resident Apprentice Hunting	Senior Hunting License	(2) Sportmen's Combination Hunting & Sport Fishing License	Senior Sportsmen's Combination Hunting & Sport Fishing License	(3) (4) Trapping License	(5) Federal Waterfowl Stamp	(5) State Waterfowl Stamp	(6) State Habitat Stamp	(7) Harvest Information Program (HIP)
Under 16	X	X				X				X
16 – 64	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
65 and Over		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Disabled (8)						X	X		X	
Disabled Veteran (9)						X	X			
Former POW	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Armed Forces (10)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Armed Forces (10a)						X	X		X	
Landowner		X					X		X	

## NONRESIDENTS NEED:

License/Stamp Type	(1) (2) Hunting License	(1) (12) Non-Resident Apprentice Hunting	(3) (4) Trapping License	(5) Federal Waterfowl Stamp	(5) State Waterfowl Stamp	(6) State Habitat Stamp	(7) Harvest Information Program (HIP)
Under 16	X	X	X				X
16 – 64	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
65 and Over	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disabled (8)	X		X	X	X	X	X
Disabled Veteran (9)			X	X			
Former POW	X		X	X	X		X
Landowner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

- (1) Nonresidents hunting deer or turkey need a nonresident hunting license and State Habitat Stamp in addition to their valid deer or turkey permits.
- (2) Hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education Course provided by Illinois DNR or their resident state or must show a previous year's hunting license.
- (3) Trappers under 18 years of age must show proof that they have successfully completed a Trapper Education Course provided by Illinois DNR or their resident state or must show a previous year's trapping license.
- (4) Trappers under 16 years of age must have their parent's written permission prior to obtaining a license.
- (5) Required to hunt waterfowl (including teal) and coots except toe-clipped, hand-reared mallards on licensed Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Areas.
- (6) Required to hunt or trap any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code. Habitat Stamps are not required to hunt migratory waterfowl, coots and hand-reared toe-clipped mallards and hand-reared game birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas as well as hand-reared pheasants on Department-controlled pheasant hunting areas. Hunters who purchased a lifetime hunting license prior to 1993 are exempt.
- (7) All licensed hunters must register with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) if they intend to hunt migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock, coots or rails). If you decide to hunt migratory game birds after you buy your hunting license you can register with HIP via DNR DIRECT or by calling 1-888-6PERMIT. Hunters with a lifetime license are exempt. (see page 18)
- (8) In order for disabled persons who are Illinois residents to hunt without a license, the person must be able to show proof of disability with a state disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the drivers license examining station). Appropriate disability classifications are P2, P2A, H2, H2A.
- (9) In order for disabled veterans (residents or non-residents) to hunt without a license, the veterans must be able to show proof of disability with a veterans' disability card (at least 10% service related) available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Offices. Disabled veterans are exempt from purchasing a Habitat Stamp regardless of the percentage of disability.
- (10) Persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are considered residents.
- (10a) A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may, while on leave, hunt without a license; however, a Federal Waterfowl Stamp and state Habitat Stamp are required.
- (11) Resident landowners or resident tenants and their children, parents, brothers and sisters permanently residing on their Illinois land may hunt or trap on their farmlands, where they reside, without a license (you still need a Habitat and/or Federal Waterfowl Stamp depending on which species you are hunting).
- (12) The Apprentice Hunter License is a one-time, non-renewable license for residents and non-residents. It allows persons ages 10-17 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. A hunter safety course is not required to purchase this license.

# Statewide Regulations

## DEFINITIONS

**Case.** A container specifically designed for the purpose of housing a gun or bow and arrow device that completely encloses such gun or bow and arrow device by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the gun or bow and arrow device exposed.

**Daily Limit.** The maximum number or amount of species that can be lawfully taken by one person in one calendar day.

**Department.** Department of Natural Resources.

**Floating Blind.** A floating blind is any watercraft or floating structure that is capable of carrying a person and which is camouflaged, disguised or altered in appearance to offer a place of concealment. Such floating blind may be mechanically powered as long as such power is used only for movement to and from the place of hunting and no attempt is made to hunt during such movement.

**Freshly Killed.** Any carcass, remains or parts of the body of any dead mammal or bird that has not been prepared for immediate consumption or storage for later consumption.

**Furbearing Mammals.** Mink, muskrat, raccoon, striped skunk, weasel, opossum, beaver, red fox, gray fox, badger, bobcat, river otter and coyote.

**Game Birds.** Bobwhite quail, Hungarian partridge, chukar partridge, ring-necked pheasant and wild turkey.

**Game Mammals.** Cottontail and swamp rabbits, white-tailed deer, fox and gray squirrel and woodchuck (groundhog).

**Green Hide.** Any hide or pelt which has not been tanned.

**Gun.** Shotgun, rifle, handgun or airgun.

**Hunt.** The act of a person possessing a weapon or being accompanied by a dog for the purpose of taking species protected by the Illinois Wildlife Code in any location such species may inhabit.

**Land Set.** Any trap or similar device that is not placed or set in contact with flowing or impounded water.

**Migratory Game Birds.** Mourning dove, sora rail, Virginia rail, American woodcock, common snipe, American coot, ducks, geese, swans and American crow.

**Possession Limit.** The maximum number or amount of species that can be lawfully held or possessed by one person at any time.

**Resident.** "Resident" means a person who in good faith makes application for any license or permit and verifies by statement that he or she has maintained his or her permanent abode in this State for a period of at least 30 consecutive days immediately preceding the

person's application, and who does not maintain permanent abode or claim residency in another state for the purposes of obtaining any of the same or similar licenses or permits covered by this Code. A person's permanent abode is his or her fixed and permanent dwelling place, as distinguished from a temporary or transient place of residence. Domiciliary intent is required to establish that the person is maintaining his or her permanent abode in this State. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes, but is not limited to, the location where the person votes, pays personal income tax, or obtains a driver's license. Except for the purposes of obtaining a Lifetime License, any person on active duty in the Armed Forces shall be considered a resident of Illinois during his or her period of military duty.

**Sale.** To sell, barter or otherwise offer goods to another for consideration. The term sale shall include serving the same as a part of a meal by any restaurant, hotel or other commercial establishment.

**Take.** To hunt, shoot, pursue, lure, kill, destroy, capture, gig or spear, trap or ensnare, harass or to attempt to do so.

**Transport or Ship.** To convey by means of parcel post, express, freight baggage or shipment by common carrier of any description; or by automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle of any kind; or by water or aircraft of any kind or by any other means of transportation.

**Trap.** To capture, or attempt to capture, by setting or placing a leghold trap, body-gripping trap, cage or live-trap or other similar device permitted by the Illinois Wildlife Code to capture, hold or kill any protected wildlife.

**Vehicle.** Any device capable of transporting a person on land, on ice, on water, in water or in the air.

**Wildlife.** Any bird or mammal living in a state of nature without the care of man, including all protected wildlife.

**Water Set.** Any trap or similar device that is placed or set in contact with flowing or impounded water.

## PROTECTED SPECIES

All wild birds (EXCEPT the house sparrow, European starling and domestic pigeon) and parts thereof (their nests and eggs) are protected.

Wild mammals and parts thereof, which shall include their green hides, are protected EXCEPT as authorized by a hunting or trapping season, and include: woodchuck, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, eastern cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit, white-tailed deer, muskrat, beaver, raccoon, opossum, least weasel,

long-tailed weasel, mink, striped skunk, red fox, gray fox, badger and coyote.

Wild mammals and parts thereof, which shall include their green hides, are protected throughout the year and include: grey/timber wolves, river otter, bobcat, flying squirrel, red squirrel, eastern woodrat, golden mouse, rice rat and bats.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take any other living wild animal not covered above without the permission of the landowner or tenant.

It is unlawful to take, possess, sell, or offer for sale, any such wild birds (dead or alive) and parts thereof (including their nests and eggs), or such wild mammals (dead or alive) and parts thereof, including their green hides, contrary to the provisions of the Illinois Wildlife Code.

It is unlawful to bring into Illinois for the purpose of holding, releasing, propagating or selling any other living wild animal not listed under the Protected Species section above without first obtaining a permit from the Director. Contact Division of Wildlife Resources (217) 782-6384.

## AUTHORITY OF STATE CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICERS (CPOs)

All Conservation Police Officers are empowered, pursuant to law, to enter all lands and waters to enforce the provisions of the Wildlife Code and Administrative Rules.

## FIREARM OWNER'S I.D. CARD (Issued by Illinois State Police)

Regardless of who owns the gun, individuals who have a firearm or firearm ammunition **in their possession** must also have in their possession a valid Firearm Owner's I.D. (F.O.I.D.) Card **unless** they are:

- A licensed out-of-state sportsman hunting in Illinois.
- A resident who is hunting within a licensed commercial club (licensed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources), provided he/she is accompanied by a person who has a valid card.
- Under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian or responsible adult who has in his or her possession a valid F.O.I.D. card.

For F.O.I.D. card information, call the Illinois State Police at (217) 782-7980.

**Hunting Near Fires**

*It is unlawful to* hunt adjacent to or near any peat, grass, brush or other flammable substance when it is burning.

**Hunting Devices and Ammunition Restrictions**

*It is unlawful to:*

- hunt any protected species except with a gun or bow and arrow.
- use any shotgun larger than 10 gauge while taking or attempting to take any protected species. Barrel length shall not be less than 18 inches, and the overall length shall not be less than 26 inches.
- hunt with, or have in your possession while hunting, a shotgun shell with shot larger than lead shot size BB, steel shot size T or number BBB of any other non-toxic shot. EXCEPT: Shot size is unrestricted for furbearer hunting and white-tailed deer may be taken with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge loaded with slugs.
- take any species of wild game except deer with a shotgun loaded with slugs. EXCEPT: During regular deer season (Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6, 2009), deer hunters with **valid, unfilled** gun permits may take coyotes during legal deer hunting hours using shotguns with slugs, handguns or muzzleloaders only.
- use a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Any shotgun having a capacity of more than three shells must be fitted with a one-piece plug that is irremovable without dismantling the shotgun or otherwise altered to render it incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. EXCEPT: This does not apply on licensed hunting preserves unless hunting wild migratory game birds and does not apply during Conservation Order light goose (snow, blue and Ross' geese) seasons that occur after Canada goose season has closed.
- use a crossbow to take wild birds or mammals EXCEPT as provided for certain disabled persons (see page 31 under Disabled Outdoor Opportunities - Special Permits), and persons over 62 who carry a valid photo ID with proof of age. See "Hunting with Crossbows" box on this page.
- use a rifle, handgun or airgun to take game birds or migratory game birds.
- discharge a rifle, handgun or airgun on, over or into water or ice.
- use a gun equipped with a silencer.

**Hunter and Trapper Education Training and Parental Responsibility**

**H**unters born on or after January 1, 1980, must show proof that they have successfully completed the Hunter Education Course provided by the Department or show a previous year's hunting license. Trappers 18 years of age or younger must show proof that they have successfully completed the Trapper Education Course provided by the Department. Trappers 16 years of age and younger must have their parent's written permission prior to obtaining a trapping license. Persons hunting on land on which they reside (landowner) are exempt. **Information on safety education classes is available from**

**your local Department Office (see page 1) or by calling 1-800-832-2599. Ameritech Relay 1-800-526-0844 (for the deaf and hearing impaired).** The Department requires that youth under the age of 10 must be accompanied to and during the hunter safety course by an adult or guardian at least 16 years of age. Visit the Department's website at [www.dnr.state.il.us/Lands/education/safety/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/Lands/education/safety/index.htm).

A violation committed by a minor, with the consent of, or under the direct control of, a parent or guardian, can result in the parent or guardian being charged with the violation.

- possess any rifle in the field during the gun deer season except muzzleloading rifles used by deer hunters only. NOTE: The lawful possession of rifles to take furbearing mammals and game mammals other than deer shall not be prohibited during the muzzleloader rifle-only deer season (Dec. 11-13, 2009) and the Late-winter Antlerless Only Deer Season, Dec. 31, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010 and Jan. 15-17, 2010.

**Dogs — Deer and Turkey**

*It is unlawful to* allow your dog to chase, harass or kill deer. Dogs may be used for hunting except for deer and turkey. See p. 12, "Hunting Deer with Dogs."

**Maintaining Separate Bags**

*It is unlawful to* possess wildlife for which there is a daily or possession limit UNLESS each hunter maintains his bag of such species separately and distinctly from those of all other hunters.

**Requirements For Possessing Another's Wildlife**

*It is unlawful to* receive or have in custody any protected species belonging to another person, except in the personal abodes of the donor or donee, UNLESS such protected species are tagged with the hunter's name and address, the total number of species and the date such species were taken. (See "Gift of Migratory Game Birds" on page 19.)

**Possession and Daily Bag Limits**

*It is unlawful to* possess wild game birds or wild game mammals or any parts thereof in excess of the legally established daily limit or possession limit, whichever applies.

**Feeding Wildlife**

*It is unlawful to* make available food, salt, mineral blocks or other products for ingestion by wild deer or other wildlife in areas where wild deer are present.

**Except:**

- elevated bird/squirrel feeders providing seed, grain, fruit, worms, or suet for birds or squirrels located within 100 feet of a dwelling devoted to human occupancy.

**Hunting With Crossbows**

**Only certain disabled persons with a special permit (see page 32) or persons over 62 with photo ID (no permit required) can hunt with crossbows. These individuals may hunt game species with crossbows during seasons allowing the use of archery equipment.**

**Crossbows used in hunting shall:**

- a) have a minimum peak draw weight of 125 pounds and a maximum peak draw weight of 200 pounds.
- b) have a minimum limb width of 24 inches and a minimum overall length (from butt of stock to front of limb) of 24 inches.
- c) have a working safety.
- d) be used with bolts or arrows of not less than 14 inches in length (not including point).
- e) use broadheads (see Legal Archery Equipment, page 14).
- f) NOT use electronic tracking systems utilizing radio telemetry.

- incidental feeding of wildlife within active livestock operations.
- feeding of wild animals, other than wild deer, by hand as long as a reasonable attempt is made to clean up unconsumed food.
- feeders for wildlife other than deer so long as deer are excluded from the feed in and around the feeder by fencing or other barriers.
- standing crops planted and left standing as food plots for wildlife.
- grain or other feed scattered or distributed solely as a result of normal agricultural, gardening, or soil stabilization practices.
- standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation or food/seed deposited by natural vegetation.
- grain or other feed distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, for purposes of dove hunting.
- food material placed for capturing or killing wildlife pursuant to 520 ILCS 5/2.37, 2.30, and 1.3.
- scientific permits issued pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 520 that allow food to attract wildlife.
- any other permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources that require the attraction of wildlife for purposes of management, research or control.
- Violation of the provisions of this part is a Petty Offense with a maximum fine of \$1,000.

**NOTE: Hunting deer over bait is a separate offense. See pg. 12.**

### Importation of Animal Carcasses and Parts

Importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk carcasses into Illinois is prohibited except for:

- deboned meat, antlers, antlers attached to skull caps, hides, upper canine teeth (also known as "buglers," "whistlers," or "ivories"). Skull caps shall be cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue;
- finished taxidermist mounts;
- carcasses or parts of carcasses with the spinal column or head attached may be transported into the State only if they are submitted to a licensed meat processor or a licensed taxidermist for processing within 72 hours after entry; licensed meat processors and taxidermists shall dispose of all inedible tissue not listed in the first dot point (above) in a properly permitted landfill or with a renderer;

- tissues can be imported into the State for use by a diagnostic or research laboratory.

**NOTE:** Nothing in this Part shall prevent renderers regulated under the Illinois Dead Animal Disposal Act [225 ILCS 610] with Class A or B licenses from transporting cervid carcasses or parts into the State for the purpose of rendering.

### Releasing Wildlife and Possessing Live Wildlife

*It is unlawful to:*

- release from captivity any wildlife **EXCEPT** as authorized by the Department or as authorized by permits for a field trial, dog training area, game breeding and hunting preserve area, or wild game and bird breeder permits.
- carry into this state alive or possess alive any species of wildlife taken outside of this state without first obtaining permission to do so from the Director, **EXCEPT** licensed game breeders, as permitted by the Illinois Wildlife Code.
- release any turkeys in Illinois at anytime **EXCEPT** employees of the Department and licensed hunting preserve operators authorized to release turkeys for the purpose of hunting.
- take wildlife and retain it alive.

### Possession of Captive-reared Game Mammals and Birds

*It is unlawful* to hold, possess or engage in the raising of game mammals, game birds or migratory game birds without first obtaining either a Class A Noncommercial or Class B Commercial Game and Game Bird Breeders Permit. Permit holders are required to keep detailed records of the acquisition and disposal of each species. Class B permit holders are required to keep records of sales. Records must be available for inspection by the Department and peace officers. Complete regulations are available in the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.23] which is available on the DNR website.

### Hunter Interference Act

*It is unlawful* to interfere with or disturb another person engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking, or disturb or engage in an activity that will disturb wild animals, with intent to prevent their lawful taking.

### Hawks, Eagles and Owls Protected

*It is unlawful to* take, or attempt to take, molest or disturb any hawk, eagle or owl (including nests and eggs), at any time, except as provided by falconry regulations.

### Guns in State Refuges

*It is unlawful to* carry or possess any gun in any state refuge **EXCEPT** as provided by Administrative Rules.

### Dens, Nests and Feed Beds

*It is unlawful to:*

- use a mechanical device or smoke or other gases to remove an animal from its den.
- molest or destroy any feed bed, nest, den, house or other animal cavity. A feed bed is defined as a mound, pile or mat of branches, cattails or other vegetation gathered and piled by muskrats or beaver.

### Hunting From Vehicles and Boats

*It is unlawful to* hunt, disturb, harass or take any protected bird or mammal by the use or aid of an automobile, vehicle or conveyance, any type of watercraft, aircraft or any machine propelled by mechanical power. **EXCEPT** paraplegics or other disabled persons, with a permit from the Office of Law Enforcement, may hunt from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance (see page 32 under Disabled Outdoor Opportunities - Special Permits). **NOTE:** It is **legal** to hunt game birds and game mammals (except deer and furbearing mammals) from a boat that is not camouflaged or disguised to alter its identity or further provide a place of concealment and **not** propelled by sail or mechanical power. However, only shotguns loaded with not more than three shells of a shot size no larger than lead BB or steel T(.20 diameter) or other non-toxic shot size BBB may be used to take these game birds or mammals. A boat that merely is **painted** in a camouflage pattern is not considered camouflaged and may be used to hunt under conditions specified above.

### PERMISSION FROM LANDOWNER

Hunters and trappers must obtain permission from the landowner or tenant before entering his land regardless of **whether or not the land is fenced or posted**. It is unlawful to trap or hunt, or intentionally or wantonly allow a dog to hunt, within or upon the land of another, or upon waters flowing over or standing on the land of another, without first obtaining permission from the owner or tenant.

Public hunting areas managed by the Department of Natural Resources have restricted access. Refer to site-specific regulations for further details (pages 32-40). **NOTE:** Railroad rights-of-way are private property and you need permission from the owner before hunting or trapping.

Illinois law does not grant the right of trespass for the purpose of retrieving wounded or crippled wildlife or hunting dogs. You must secure permission from the landowner or tenant before entering any property. Remember, your conduct while hunting and trapping can influence the landowner's decision to let you or other sportsmen hunt or trap in the future.

## OWNER LIABILITY AND DUTY OF CARE FOR HUNTING AND RECREATIONAL SHOOTING

Excerpts from the **Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act** codified within the Civil Immunities chapter of the Illinois Compiled Statutes are set forth below. The entire Act can be found at 745 ILCS 65/.

**Section 1.** The purpose of this Act is to encourage owners of land to make land and water areas available to any individual or members of the public for recreational or conservation purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon for such purposes.

**Section 2.** As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Land" includes roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty, but does not include residential buildings or residential property.

(b) "Owner" includes the possessor of any interest in land, whether it be a tenant, lessee, occupant, the State of Illinois and its political subdivisions, or person in control of the premises.

(c) "Recreational or conservation purpose" means entry onto the land of another to conduct hunting or recreational shooting or a combination thereof or any activity solely related to the aforesaid hunting or recreational shooting.

(d) "Charge" means an admission fee for permission to go upon the land, but does not include: the sharing of game, fish or other products of recreational use; or benefits to or arising from the recreational use; or contributions in kind, services or cash made for the purpose of properly conserving the land.

(e) "Person" includes any person, regardless of age, maturity, or experience, who enters upon or uses land for recreational purposes.

**Section 3.** Except as specifically recognized by or provided in Section 6 of this Act, an owner of land owes no duty of care to keep the premises safe for entry or use by any person for recreational or conservation purposes, or to give any warning of a natural or artificial dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity on such premises to persons entering for such purposes.

**Section 4.** Except as specifically recognized by or provided in Section 6 of this Act, an owner of land who either directly or indirectly invites or permits without charge any person to use such property for recreational or conservation purposes does not thereby:

(a) Extend any assurance that the premises are safe for any purpose.

(b) Confer upon such person the legal status of an invitee or licensee to whom a duty of care is owed.

(c) Assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by an act or omission of such person or any other person who enters upon the land.

(d) Assume responsibility for liability for any injury to such person or property caused by any natural or artificial condition, structure or personal property on the premises.

**Section 6.** Nothing in this Act limits in any way any liability which otherwise exists:

(a) For willful and wanton failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity.

(b) For injury suffered in any case where the owner of land charges the person or persons who enter or go on the land for the recreational use thereof, except that in the case of land leased to the State or a subdivision thereof, any consideration received by the owner for such lease is not a charge within the meaning of this Section.

**Section 7.** Nothing in this Act shall be construed to:

(a) Create a duty of care or ground of liability for injury to persons or property.

(b) Relieve any person using the land of another for recreational purposes from any obligation which he may have in the absence of this Act to exercise care in his use of such land and in his activities thereon, or from the legal consequences of failure to employ such care.

## Night Hunting with Lights, Shining Wildlife

*It is unlawful to* use lights of, any light from, or any light connected to a vehicle or conveyance in any area where wildlife can be found. This does not prohibit normal use of headlamps for driving upon a roadway. EXCEPT: Skunk, opossum, red or gray fox, coyote and raccoon may be taken during the open season by the use of a small hand-operated light by a person who is on foot and not in any vehicle.

## Transporting Shotguns on Boats

*It is unlawful to* place, carry, possess or transport a shotgun on a boat of any type in an area under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources during the period of Feb. 1 to May 31, both inclusive, EXCEPT persons having a valid, unfilled turkey permit and licensed or authorized hunters legally hunting wildlife in season.

## Transporting Firearms and Bow and Arrow Devices in Vehicles

*It is unlawful to:*

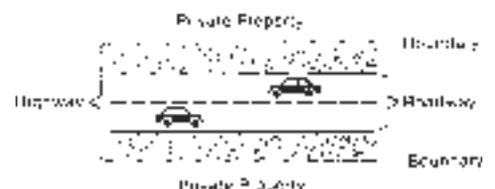
- have or carry a shotgun, rifle, handgun or airgun in or on any vehicle, conveyance or aircraft UNLESS the firearm or airgun is unloaded and completely enclosed in a case (see definition of case on page 6) EXCEPT as noted in the Migratory Game Bird Section, page 19 (Hunting From Floating Blinds). Also see Hunting From Vehicles and Boats (page 8) and "Frequently Asked Questions" (page 41).
- carry a bow or bow and arrow device in a vehicle, conveyance or aircraft UNLESS it is unstrung or enclosed in a case, or otherwise made inoperable.

## Transporting and Storing Pheasants

*It is unlawful to* remove plumage of pheasants in the field or while being transported to one's home, taxidermist, or food processor.

## Hunting from Road

*It is unlawful to* hunt, trap or discharge a gun or bow and arrow device along, upon, across or from a public roadway, highway or right-of-way. **Highway (right-of-way)** means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road. Roadway means the portion of the public road that is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.



## Permission from Landowner Required to Hunt or Trap

*It is unlawful to* trap or hunt, or intentionally or wantonly allow a dog to hunt, on another person's land or on waters standing or flowing over his land *without first obtaining permission* from the owner or tenant. (See Permission from Landowner Section, page 8).

## Hunting near Inhabited Dwellings

*It is unlawful to* hunt or allow a dog to hunt within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission of the owner or tenant of the dwelling. EXCEPT: While trapping, hunting with bow and arrow, or hunting with shotgun using shotshells only, or on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas, on federally-owned and -managed lands, on Department- owned, -managed, -leased or -controlled lands and areas operated under a Waterfowl Hunting Area permit, a 100-yard restriction shall apply.

## Damaging Property while Hunting

*It is unlawful to* damage or destroy another person's property while hunting or trapping on his or her land.

## Hunting Hours Restrictions

*It is unlawful to* hunt any wild game EXCEPT during hours specified in the table on page 2. (see Sunrise-Sunset tables on pages 43-47).

## Shooting Game Birds not Flying

*It is unlawful to* take game birds (except turkeys), UNLESS they are flying EXCEPT for taking pheasants that are not flying when crippled and not capable of normal flight and otherwise irretrievable. Migratory game birds may be taken while not in flight. (See definition of Migratory Game Bird on page 6).

## Netting or Trapping Game Birds

*It is unlawful to* possess any net or trap for the purpose of taking game birds or migratory game birds.

## Possession of Freshly-Killed Game Out of Season

*It is unlawful to* possess any freshly-killed game when the season is closed for taking (see page 11 for Deer Accidentally Killed).

## Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

*It is unlawful to:*

- hunt or trap afield for any species, except migratory waterfowl, during the gun deer season in counties open to gun deer hunting when **not** wearing the **solid blaze orange** clothing required for deer hunting (see pages 12-15).

NOTE: During the muzzleloader-only, late winter and youth deer hunting seasons, all trap-

pers and hunters including small game, migratory bird, furbearer, archery deer and turkey hunters, must comply with the requirements to wear blaze orange in counties open to muzzleloader-only, youth, or late-winter antlerless only deer hunting. Waterfowl hunters are exempt.

- hunt afield with a firearm for upland game (pheasant, rabbit, quail or partridge) when not wearing a cap of **solid blaze orange** color. NOTE: Falconers and archers hunting upland game are not required to wear the blaze orange cap. NOTE: Camouflage blaze orange does not meet this requirement.

## Selling Wildlife, Feathers etc.

*It is unlawful to* buy, sell or offer to sell or barter game birds or migratory game birds, or parts thereof, including feathers, nest or eggs (including wild turkey parts) or the edible parts of game mammals EXCEPT as provided by specific permits.

## Retrieving Killed or Crippled Wildlife

*It is unlawful to* kill or cripple any species protected by the Illinois Wildlife Code for which there is a daily bag limit without making a reasonable effort to retrieve such species and include such in the daily bag limit.

## FALCONRY REGULATIONS

Federal and state falconry permits are required to take, possess and transport hawks, falcons and great horned owls for falconry purposes. Contact the Office of Law Enforcement for details at (217) 782-6431.

## FIELD TRIAL AND DOG TRAINING REGULATIONS

*It is unlawful to:*

- hold a field trial, organized night hunt, water race or other competitive event involving sporting dogs without first obtaining a permit from the Department. The application for a permit must be submitted 4 weeks prior to the event.

## DON'T TAKE AN ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE! ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLES ARE A STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FULLY PROTECTED BY LAW

**T**he State of Illinois is reintroducing the native alligator snapping turtle to strategic watersheds in Illinois.

*You can help recover this unique reptile by:*

- Learning the difference between common snapping turtles and alligator snappers.
- Reporting observations of alligator snapping turtles. [PLEASE SEND PHOTOS]
- Protecting river corridors and associated wetland habitat.
- Reporting any illegal capture, take or possession of alligator snapping turtles.

*Report alligator snapping turtle sightings or send digital photos or 35mm color prints to:*

Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Endangered Species Program  
One Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL. 62702-1271  
(217) 782-6384  
or by e-mail: [endspec@illinois.gov](mailto:endspec@illinois.gov)



**Common:** Smooth shell with moderate projections; Long neck and tail with sawtooth projections. These turtles may legally be taken with an Illinois fishing license. The daily catch limit is 8 turtles and possession limit is 16.

**Alligator:** 3 rows of prominent, pyramid shaped projections on shell; large head; pronounced beak; worm-like lure on tongue. May NOT be taken in Illinois.



- possess any firearm or ammunition other than a pistol loaded with blank cartridges while training dogs during the time when hunting seasons are closed, EXCEPT on an authorized field trial or dog training area. When training dogs from sunset to sunrise, no person in, along with, or accompanying the dog training party shall be in possession of a firearm or live ammunition, except pistols capable of firing only blank cartridges.
- operate a dog training area without first obtaining a wild game breeder's permit (217) 785-3423 and dog training area permit (217) 782-1395 from the Department. Complete information about field trials and dog training is available at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us).

## TAXIDERMISTRY LAWS

Any person who engages in the business of taxidermy must obtain a permit from the Department to do so. Any person taking animals to a taxidermist must be able to prove that the animal was legally taken. Taxidermists are required to keep written records of all animals received by them. All such animals in their possession must be properly tagged or labeled. For further information contact your local Department Office.

## DUTY TO REPORT HUNTING AND TRAPPING ACCIDENTS

Every hunting or trapping accident involving serious personal injury (death, internal injury, broken bones, loss of an appendage, disfigurement, etc.) including falls from elevated tree stands or a gunshot or archery wound must be reported to the Department. Any person involved in a hunting or trapping accident shall render assistance to other persons affected by the accident, provided they can do so without serious danger to themselves and others. Such accidents must be reported on accident report forms obtained from the Safety Education Section at 1-800-832-2599.

### DEER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED/INJURED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DEER THAT WAS KILLED/INJURED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE AND YOU WISH TO CLAIM IT.

White-tailed deer killed/injured as a result of a collision with a motor vehicle may be legally possessed by an individual if the following criteria are met:

1. The driver of a motor vehicle involved in a vehicle-deer collision has priority in possessing said deer. If the driver does not take possession of the deer before leaving the collision scene, any citizen of Illinois may possess and transport the deer.
2. There is no limit to the number of deer that may be possessed under these circumstances.
3. The person possessing the deer must keep a personal record which provides the date the deer was claimed, the sex of the deer, the location of the kill, and the place where the deer or deer parts are stored. This information must be kept until the deer is consumed or is no longer in the possession of any person. The information must be provided to any law enforcement officer who may be investigating the death and possession of the deer. NOTE: If you plan to take the deer to a taxidermist or tannery you must make a report to the Department and obtain a tag. The tag cannot be discarded until the deer is at the legal residence of the person who legally claimed the deer. Please call the Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 782-6431 to obtain a tag before you deliver the deer to a taxidermist or tannery. If you take the deer to a meat processor or process it yourself, you are not required to report it.
4. Except for any law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties, it shall be illegal to kill a deer crippled by a collision with a motor vehicle.
5. No part of a vehicle-killed deer can be bartered or sold.
6. The State of Illinois is absolved of any and all liability associated with the handling or utilization of vehicle-killed deer. This does not, however, relieve involved parties from reporting other liabilities to appropriate agencies as required.

### DEER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED/INJURED BY METHODS OTHER THAN LAWFUL HUNTING OR VEHICLE/DEER COLLISION

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A DEER THAT WAS KILLED/INJURED BY METHODS OTHER THAN LAWFUL HUNTING OR A VEHICLE/DEER ACCIDENT AND YOU WISH TO CLAIM IT.

White-tailed deer killed/injured as a result of methods other than lawful hunting or a vehicle/deer collision, may be legally possessed by an individual if the following criteria are met:

1. Any individual finding a dead or crippled deer other than those killed/injured in a vehicle/deer collision, or legally taken by hunting methods, **shall not transport said deer parts until permission is obtained from a Conservation Police Officer or a Regional Office.** (Permission will be granted if it is determined that the person requesting possession did not illegally kill or injure the deer. **When retained, the head/antler and hide shall be properly tagged with an irremovable tag obtained from the Regional Law Enforcement Office.** The head/antler or hide tags shall remain attached to the head/antler or hide as long as the head/antler or hide remains in the green state, or when in a commercial manufacturing process).
2. There is no limit to the number of deer that may be possessed under these circumstances.
3. Except for any law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties, it shall be illegal to kill a deer crippled under these circumstances unless permission has been obtained from a Conservation Police Officer or the Regional Office (see phone numbers on page 1).
4. No part part of a deer killed by methods other than hunting can be bartered or sold.
5. The State of Illinois is absolved of any and all liability associated with the handling or utilization of deer killed by methods other than lawful hunting. This does not, however, relieve involved parties from reporting other liabilities to appropriate agencies as required.

# Statewide Deer Hunting Information

## DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

In addition to statewide regulations, the following regulations apply to all deer hunters:

### Nonresident Requirements

Non-resident deer hunters must purchase a non-resident hunting license, and a State Habitat Stamp in addition to their valid deer permit. Nonresident hunters may purchase either the annual license (\$50.75) or the 5-day license (\$28.75) depending on the amount of time they will be hunting.

### Deer Permit and Tagging Requirements

*It is unlawful to:*

- hunt deer without a permit from the Department.
- hunt deer UNLESS the permit is properly signed and is in the hunter's possession while hunting.
- take an antlered deer with an antlerless-only permit, or an antlerless deer with an antlered-only deer permit. NOTE: An antlered deer is defined as a deer having at least one antler of a length of three inches or more. An antlerless deer is defined as a deer without antlers or a deer having antlers less than three inches long.
- have in your possession, while in the field during deer season, any deer permit issued to another person.
- hunt deer in a county or area other than specified on the permit.
- move, transport or field dress a deer upon kill before attaching and properly sealing the temporary harvest tag portion of the permit. NOTE: Deer must be tagged immediately upon kill.

### White Deer Protected

*It is unlawful to take any all-white white-tailed deer at any time.*

### Sidearms and Rifle Regulations

*It is unlawful to:*

- have in possession any other firearm when hunting deer with a shotgun, handgun, muzzleloader or bow and arrow. However, more than one firearm may be possessed by a deer hunter provided it is a lawful gun for that particular season.
- possess any rifle in the field during gun deer season except muzzleloading rifles used by deer hunters only. NOTE: The lawful possession of rifles to take furbearing mammals and game mammals other than deer shall not be prohibited during the youth deer hunting season (Oct. 10-11, 2009) muzzleloading rifle-only deer season (Dec.11-13, 2009), and CWD and late-winter antlerless only deer season (Dec. 31, 2009 - Jan. 3, 2010 and Jan. 15-17, 2010).

### Hunting Deer with Dogs, Horses, Vehicles, Boats and Aircraft

*It is unlawful to* use a dog, horse, automobile, aircraft, boat or other vehicle to take deer with a firearm or bow and arrow. However, dogs may be used to track wounded deer, so long as the following conditions are met. Any person using a dog for tracking wounded deer must maintain physical control of the dog at all times by means of a maximum 50 foot lead attached to the dog's collar or harness. Tracking wounded deer is permissible at night, but at no time outside of legal deer hunting hours or seasons shall any person handling or accompanying a dog being used for tracking wounded deer be in possession of any firearm or archery device. Persons tracking wounded deer with a dog during the firearm seasons shall wear blaze orange as required. Dog handlers tracking wounded deer with a dog are exempt from hunting license and deer permit requirements so long as they are accompanied by the licensed deer hunter who wounded the deer. It is unlawful to track deer with dogs on any Department owned or managed site during hours when deer hunting is open on the site. Other restrictions apply.

### Hunting Deer Over Salt or Bait

*It is unlawful to* take deer by using salt or other kind of bait. NOTE: An area is considered as baited during the presence of and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of bait. It is unlawful to feed deer at any time, even when not hunting (see page 7-8).

### Deer Bag Limit

*It is unlawful to* kill more than one deer per permit during the bow season or more than one deer per permit during the gun seasons. No hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than 2 antlered deer during a year, including the youth, archery, muzzleloading, and firearm seasons. For the purpose of this bag limit, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates are within the same 12-month period that begins July 1. Deer taken during the special CWD deer season (select counties only) do not count toward this limit.

### Gun and Bow Requirements during Non-Hunting Hours

*It is unlawful to* carry a loaded gun or a bow with a nocked arrow in the field except during legal hunting hours. NOTE: For rules on Transporting Firearms and Bow and Arrow Devices in Vehicles, refer to page 9.

### Driving Deer on State-Controlled Properties

*It is unlawful to* drive deer, or participate in a deer drive, on all Department-owned or -managed properties during all deer seasons.

## FIREARM DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Legal Firearms

- Shotguns, loaded with slugs only, of not larger than 10 nor smaller than 20 gauge, not capable of firing more than 3 consecutive slugs; or
- Single or double barreled muzzleloading rifles of at least .45 caliber shooting a single projectile through a barrel of at least sixteen inches in length; or
- Centerfire revolvers or centerfire single-shot handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches.

### Legal Ammunition

- For shotguns and muzzleloading firearms, the minimum size of the projectile shall be .44 caliber. A wad or sleeve is not considered a projectile or a part of the projectile.
- For handguns, a bottleneck centerfire cartridge of .30 caliber or larger with a case length not exceeding 1.4 inches, or a straight-walled centerfire cartridge of .30 caliber or larger, both of which must be available as a factory load with the published ballistic tables of the manufacturer showing a capability of at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the muzzle. Note: There is no case length limit for straight-walled cartridges.
- Non-expanding, military-style full metal jacket bullets cannot be used to harvest white-tailed deer; only soft point or expanding bullets (including copper/ copper-alloy rounds designed for hunting) are legal ammunition

### Additional Muzzleloading Regulations

- A muzzleloading firearm is defined as a firearm that is incapable of being loaded from the breech end.
- Only black powder or a "black powder substitute" such as Pyrodex may be used. Modern smokeless powders (nitrocellulose-based) are an approved blackpowder substitute only in muzzleloading firearms that are specifically designed for their use.
- Percussion caps (shotgun primers are legal percussion caps), wheellock, matchlock or flint type ignition only may be used, except the Connecticut Valley Arms (CVA) electronic ignition shall be legal to use.
- Removal of percussion cap or removal of prime powder from frizzen pan with frizzen open and hammer all the way down or removal of prime powder from flashpan and wheel un-wound or removal of prime powder and match with match not lit, or removal of the battery from the CVA electronic ignition muzzleloader, shall constitute an unloaded muzzleloading firearm.

## Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

It is **unlawful** to hunt deer with any firearm when not wearing a solid blaze orange cap/hat and an upper outer garment displaying at least 400 square inches of solid blaze orange material. **NOTE:** Camouflage blaze orange material **does not** meet the requirements.

## Permit Applications

Apply on-line at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) or with a hardcopy application form. To receive application forms for a firearm deer hunting permit, please contact your Department of Natural Resources Regional Office or call the Permit Office in Springfield at (217) 782-7305.

## Permit Requirements and Application Periods

Firearm deer hunters must have a current, valid Firearm Deer Season Permit.

**First Lottery - Residents:** The first lottery period for residents of Illinois to apply for regular firearm and muzzleloading deer permits typically occurs during the month of April each year. Hunters may apply for both firearm season permits **and** special muzzleloader season permits during the lottery. Permits are issued using a computerized lottery, and successful applicants receive their permits in July.

**Second Lottery-Nonresidents/Residents:** Individuals who were rejected for a deer permit during the first lottery, who are applying for their first permit, or who are nonresidents may apply for firearm **and** muzzleloader deer permits through August 14th. Applicants may apply for one either-sex deer permit and one bonus antlerless-only deer permit to be allocated from permits remaining after the first lottery. Illinois residents have preference over nonresidents in this lottery.

**Random Daily Drawing:** Residents and non-residents may apply for remaining permits to be allocated in random daily drawings that begin **Sept. 15** for additional firearm or muzzleloader permits left over from the county quotas. **Last date to apply is October 1.** Hunters are encouraged to apply early, because drawings are conducted from the pool of permits received each day.

## Over-The-Counter Sales Period

Permits remaining after the Random Daily Drawing will be available over the counter (OTC) from license vendors throughout the state beginning October 20 on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters are encouraged to use the on-line application ([www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us)) to check for availability and to secure the permit prior to going to a vendor. Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted, or until the close of the firearm deer season, whichever occurs first.

## Permit Limit

No hunter may receive, or attempt to receive, more than one either-sex firearm permit and one antlerless-only firearm permit prior to the Random Daily Drawing in September.

## Harvest Reporting & Transportation

### ...in counties being surveyed for Chronic Wasting Disease (Boone, DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, LaSalle, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties)

Successful hunters must take their deer either whole or field-dressed to a designated firearm deer check station on the same day it was killed. Daily check station hours shall be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A permanent harvest tag will be attached to the leg of the deer upon registration at the check station. If a hunter is not able to locate a harvested deer in sufficient time to enable checking the deer by 8 p.m., the hunter must take the deer to the appropriate check station upon its opening at 8 a.m. the following morning, or immediately upon retrieving it if that occurs later than the opening of the check station. If this situation occurs on a Sunday (e.g., the check station will not be open on Monday), the hunter must contact the appropriate regional DNR Law Enforcement Office by 10 a.m. Monday morning for instructions on checking in the deer.

If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the temporary harvest tag must accompany them and be kept with the head/antlers at the taxidermist.

If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the permanent harvest tag must remain attached to the leg of the deer until it is processed, then must remain with the processed deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer.

Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with their deer permit number to verify lawful acquisition. In the absence of a permit number, the tanner may rely on the written certification of the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

### ...in all other counties (no Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance)

Successful hunters must register their harvest by 10 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-452-4325 (1-866-ILCHECK) or by accessing the on-line check-in system at [www.dnr.state.il.us/vcheck](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/vcheck). They will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter onto the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). If the condition of the tag precludes writing on the tag in the appropriate space (i.e., bloody, etc.), the confirmation number shall be written elsewhere on the tag, or onto a piece of paper and attached to the deer along with the temporary harvest tag. The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in. In instances where deer are checked in while the hunter is still afield, the deer may not be dismembered while afield beyond quartering the animal. If quartered, all parts of the carcass (except the entrails removed during field dressing) must be transported together and evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to one quarter.

Evidence of sex is:

- A) For a buck: head with antlers attached to carcass, or attached testicle, scrotum or penis.
- B) For a doe: head attached to carcass, or attached udder (mammary) or vulva.

The temporary harvest tag (leg tag) and confirmation number must remain attached to the deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer, the deer has been checked in, and final processing is completed.

If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the confirmation number must be recorded on the 'head tag' portion of the permit and both must remain with the deer while at the taxidermist.

If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the temporary harvest tag (leg tag) with confirmation number must remain with the deer while it is processed, and until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer.

Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with either their deer permit number, their confirmation number, or a written certification by the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

## MUZZLELOADING RIFLE DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Legal Firearms

Muzzleloading rifles as described under the Firearm Deer Hunting Season Information (page 12).

### Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

It is unlawful to hunt deer with any firearm when not wearing a solid blaze orange cap/hat and an upper outer garment displaying at least 400 square inches of solid blaze orange material. **NOTE:** Camouflage blaze orange material **does not** meet the requirement.

### Harvest Reporting & Transportation

Harvest reporting and transportation requirements are as described under Firearm Deer Hunting Season Information "in all other counties (no Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance)" section.

### Permit Applications

Apply on-line at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) or with a hardcopy application form. To receive application forms for a muzzleloading rifle deer hunting permit, please contact your Department of Natural Resources Regional Office or call the Permit Office in Springfield at (217) 782-7305.

### Permit Requirements and Application Periods

Muzzleloading rifle deer hunters must have a current, valid Muzzleloading Rifle Deer Season Permit, or an unused Property-Only Landowner/Tenant Deer Permit valid for that year's Firearm Deer Season. Unfilled Property-Only Firearm Deer Permits shall be valid only on lands

owned/leased by the permit holder, and the holder must use a muzzleloading rifle. The application periods for muzzleloading rifle deer permits are the same as for the firearm deer permits.

### Permit Limit

No hunter may receive, or attempt to receive, more than one either-sex muzzleloader permit and one antlerless-only muzzleloader permit prior to the Random Daily Drawing in September.

## ARCHERY DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Legal Archery Equipment

A long, recurve, or compound bow with a minimum pull of 40 pounds at some point within a 28-inch draw. Minimum arrow length is 20 inches, and broadheads must be used. Broadheads may have fixed or expandable cutting surfaces, but they must have a minimum 7/8 inch diameter when fully opened. Broadheads with fixed cutting surfaces must be metal or flint-, chert- or obsidian-knapped; broadheads with expandable cutting surfaces must be metal. Electronic tracking systems utilizing radio telemetry are illegal. See page 7 for rules regarding the use of crossbows. A crossbow device is illegal except for: a) Permanently disabled persons, as defined by law (520 ILCS 5/2.33), may apply to the IDNR's Office of Law Enforcement (217/782-6431) for an exemption to allow the use of a crossbow (a physician's certification is required); or b) *Persons age 62 and older may hunt with use of crossbow without first obtaining a crossbow permit. A valid photo i.d. with proof of age must be carried by persons age 62 and older.*

NOTE: It is unlawful to have any firearm in possession while hunting deer with a bow and arrow or crossbow.

### Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

On those Department-owned or -managed sites that allow archery deer hunting during the gun deer season, archers must comply with the same blaze orange requirements as the gun deer hunters. During the muzzleloader-only deer season, the youth deer hunting season, the late winter deer season and the CWD season, archery deer hunters must comply with the requirements to wear **blaze orange** in counties open to those gun deer seasons. NOTE: Camouflage blaze orange material does not meet the requirement.

### Harvest Reporting & Transportation

Harvest reporting and transportation requirements are as described under Firearm Deer Hunting Season Information "in all other counties (no Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance)" section, page 13.

### Resident Permits and Limits

Resident antlerless-only and combination archery deer permits can be purchased from your local hunting license vendor. There is no limit to

the number of resident archery deer permits that an individual may purchase (see Deer Bag Limit, page 12).

### Nonresident Permits and Limits

An unlimited number of nonresident archery antlerless-only permits (\$15.50) will be available to any nonresident from license vendors.

Nonresident archery deer hunters are limited to one archery combination deer permit for the 2009 hunting season. This permit includes an either-sex and an antlerless-only permit. The fee is \$401.00 plus a processing fee. These permits are not available at hunting license vendors, but will be allocated via a lottery. Nonresident hunters may apply for the lottery during the period June 1 through June 30 via telephone using DNR's telephone vendor system (1-888-673-7648) or via DNR Direct Online License Sales at <http://dnr.state.il.us>. The number of permits is limited to 25,000, with clients of resident outfitters licensed by the Department of Natural Resources given preference in the drawing for the first 7,500. Clients of licensed resident outfitters should contact the outfitter prior to applying to receive a certification number to be used in the application process to verify their outfitter client status. Permits will be allocated using a computerized, random lottery drawing conducted after June 30. If the number of eligible outfitter clients in the drawing is less than 7,500, all remaining permits will be allocated to the remaining applicants until the quota is reached. If the number of eligible outfitter clients in the drawing exceeds 7,500, those outfitter clients unsuccessful in obtaining one of the first 7,500 permits will compete against non-client applicants for the remaining 17,500 permits. Applicants may submit only one application for the nonresident combination archery deer permit. Nonresident archery deer permits issued to outfitter clients who received a permit based on the preference given to outfitter clients are valid only on property controlled by the outfitter used to gain preference; all other archery permits are valid statewide. Nonresident deer hunters also must have a nonresident hunting license and Habitat Stamp in addition to their permit. Any permits remaining after the drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## LATE WINTER ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Opening Counties to Hunting

The Department of Natural Resources will announce in October the counties that will be open to late winter antlerless deer hunting.

### Permit Requirements and Application Periods

Illinois resident hunters must have a current, valid Late-Winter Deer Season Permit (\$15), or an unfilled firearm, youth, or muzzleloader deer permit valid for the previous firearm, youth, or muzzleloader deer season and valid for one of the open counties. Nonresident hunters must have an unfilled firearm or muzzleloader deer permit valid for the previous firearm or muzzleloader deer sea-

son and valid for one of the open counties. Unfilled firearm, youth, or muzzleloader deer permits are valid only for the county for which they were originally issued, except that unfilled landowner property-only hunting firearm deer permits are valid only on lands owned/ leased by the permit holder within the open counties. Unfilled firearm, youth, or muzzleloader deer permits that were originally issued for special hunt areas are not valid during the Late-Winter Deer Season unless the hunter is redrawn to hunt at the same site at a special site lottery, or if the special hunt area is open to persons with a county permit without conducting a lottery. **NOTE:** Persons using an unfilled firearm, youth, or muzzleloader deer permit valid for the previous firearm, youth, or muzzleloader deer season (including landowner permits) may only harvest antlerless deer even when using an either sex permit.

### Resident Permits and Limits

There are two categories of counties open to the Late Winter Deer Season, based upon deer management needs:

Unit A – There is no limit on the number of resident permits which may be purchased for counties designated as "Unit A"

Unit B – Resident hunters may purchase one late winter season permit for each county designated as "Unit B"

Resident Late Winter Deer Permits will be available for sale over-the-counter (OTC) from license vendors throughout the state through the last day of Late Winter Deer Season.

### Legal Firearms

Hunters using unfilled Firearm Deer Season permits, or Late-winter Season permits, may use all firearms described below. Hunters using unfilled Muzzleloader Deer Season permits may only use muzzleloading rifles. Hunters using unfilled youth permits may only use shotguns or muzzleloaders.

Legal firearms for the Late Winter Antlerless Deer Hunting Season include all firearms described under Firearm Deer Hunting Season, page 12. In addition, muzzleloading handguns may also be used. Legal muzzleloading handguns (blackpowder handguns that are incapable of being loaded from the breech end) of .50 caliber or larger capable of producing at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the muzzle according to published ballistic tables of the manufacturer. Single-shot muzzleloading handguns must use a projectile of .44 caliber or larger with sufficient blackpowder or "blackpowder substitute" (such as Pyrodex) to produce at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the muzzle. A wad or sleeve is not considered a projectile or part of a projectile.

### Harvest Reporting & Transportation

Harvest reporting and transportation requirements are as described under Firearm Deer Hunting Season Information "in all other counties (no Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance)" section, page 13.

## SPECIAL CWD DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Counties Open to Hunting

Boone, McHenry, Winnebago, and DeKalb counties, and that portion of Kane County west of State Route 47.

### Permit Requirements

Hunters must have an unfilled deer permit valid for the previous firearm, muzzleloader or youth deer season and valid for one of the open counties; an unfilled deer permit valid for the previous archery deer season; or a valid Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Season Deer Permit. A CWD Season Deer Permit is issued for one county and is valid only in the county stated on the permit. Unfilled firearm, muzzleloader or youth deer permits are valid only for the county for which they were originally issued, except that unfilled landowner property-only hunting firearm deer permits are valid only for the farmlands which the person to whom it was issued owns, leases, or rents within the open counties/portions of counties. Unfilled archery deer permits are valid throughout all counties/portions of counties open to this special season, except that unfilled landowner property-only hunting archery deer permits are valid only for the farmlands which the person to whom it was issued owns, leases, or rents within the open counties/portions of counties. Unfilled firearm, muzzleloader

or youth deer permits that were originally issued for special hunt areas are not valid during the CWD Season unless the hunter is redrawn to hunt at the same site at a special site lottery, or if the special hunt area is open to persons with a county permit without conducting a lottery.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Season Deer Permits are available over-the-counter (OTC) from participating license vendors for a fee of \$5.50. These permits are antlerless-only.

### Special Harvest Regulations

Persons using unfilled permits from the previous firearm, muzzleloader, youth, or archery deer season may take only the type of deer specified on that permit (either-sex or antlerless-only). The bag limit is one deer per legally authorized either-sex or antlerless-only permit. Deer taken during the CWD Season are not subject to the antlered deer bag limit restrictions imposed during the firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer hunting seasons.

### Legal Firearms/Bows

Hunters with valid, unused permits from the firearm, muzzleloader, youth, or archery seasons may use only the weapons allowed by that permit in those respective seasons. Hunters with a valid CWD Season Deer Permit may use any of the weapons allowed during the Firearm Deer Hunting Season or the Archery Deer Hunting season.

### Harvest Reporting & Transportation

County check stations will no longer be open for this season. Harvest reporting and transportation requirements are as described under Firearm Deer Hunting Season Information "in all other counties (no Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance)" section, page 13. Successful hunters are encouraged to have any adult deer tested for CWD by taking it to a cooperating meat processor (announced via news release).

## YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

The youth deer hunt (Oct. 10-11, 2009) is open only to Illinois residents who have not reached their 16th birthday by October 10, 2009. Participants must have a current valid "Youth Deer Hunt Permit" (\$10). Each youth must be accompanied by a supervising non-hunting adult. Permits will be available for sale over-the-counter (OTC) from license vendors beginning August 1 through the last day of the Youth Deer Hunting Season. Hunters may purchase only a single permit (either sex) for one of the open counties. All counties except Cook, DuPage and Lake counties, and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47, are open to youth deer hunting. Legal firearms are limited to shotguns and muzzleloading rifles allowed during Firearm Deer Hunting Season.

## DO NOT SPREAD EXOTIC INVASIVE PLANTS

Wildlife habitat throughout Illinois is being degraded and even destroyed by invasive plants such as Russian olive, multiflora rose, the bush honeysuckles and garlic mustard as the native vegetation supports a much greater variety of wildlife than does a habitat of exotic plants. Invasive plants reduce the number and variety of forest wildlife primarily by reducing the availability of food and suitable cover. For instance, Asian bush honeysuckle will shade out oak tree seedlings, and over time, reduce the oak component of a forest. Fewer acorn-producing trees mean lower food availability and reduced habitat quality for wildlife such as white-tailed deer, squirrel, grouse, and turkey. Invasion of invasive plants such as common reed in wetland areas and along lake shores has a negative effect on water birds, including ducks and geese. Diverse native vegetation generally results in higher populations of the animals we hunt. If invasive plants win, the native plants and wildlife lose, and so do the people who enjoy them.

Here is what you can do to help:

1. Clean your boots and gear after each hunting trip to make sure you are not spreading invasive seeds to new locations.
2. Do not plant invasive plants for wildlife. Native species provide much better food and cover for native wildlife.
3. Learn to identify the invasive plants in your area and report any new sightings to local land managers.



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Target  
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Poachers

The Department of Natural Resources' Office of Law Enforcement developed the "Target Illinois Poachers" program to encourage any concerned citizen who witnesses a poaching offense to report the violation. The toll-free number is 1-877-2DNRLAW (1-877-236-7529). Simply defined, "poaching" is the illegal taking or possession of game and non-game animals, fish or other resources. Hunting out of season and hunting at night with spotlights are two of the most obvious signs of poaching. Hunters and fishermen possessing more than the legal limit is another. Slow moving or partially hidden vehicles, shots heard at unusual hours or game being concealed are all suspect.

But there is another serious prob-

lem that affects everyone: pollution. DNR is teaming up with the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to investigate and bring to prosecution those who would intentionally pollute our land, water and air. If you are aware of improper dumping of discarded chemical or petroleum barrels or of any other potential environmental crime, please report it. If you locate an environmental hazard, keep a safe distance and call the TIP hotline with the details at 1-877-2DNRLAW (1-877-236-7529).

Remember good law enforcement is everybody's responsibility. If you see a violation, report it. Let's Target Illinois' Poachers and Polluters!

# Chronic Wasting Disease in Illinois

**C**hronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of deer, elk and moose. The disease causes the formation of small holes in the brains of affected animals, leading to loss of body condition, abnormal behavior, and death. There is no treatment or cure for CWD. CWD is transmitted directly from one animal to another, and there is evidence that it can also be transmitted from contaminated places in the environment (for instance, a feeding area where saliva or excrement from an infected deer is present). CWD is classified by scientists as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), and shares some similarities with mad cow disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep. CWD is not known to be a human health risk, but much remains unknown about the disease.

CWD was first found in Illinois during the fall of 2002, after testing a Boone County doe that was behaving strangely. As of the printing of this digest, 254 cases of the disease have been identified in seven Illinois counties: Boone (94), DeKalb (28), LaSalle (1), McHenry (20), Ogle (2), Stephenson (1), and Winnebago (108). Our disease surveillance program has tested more than 42,000 deer statewide for CWD.

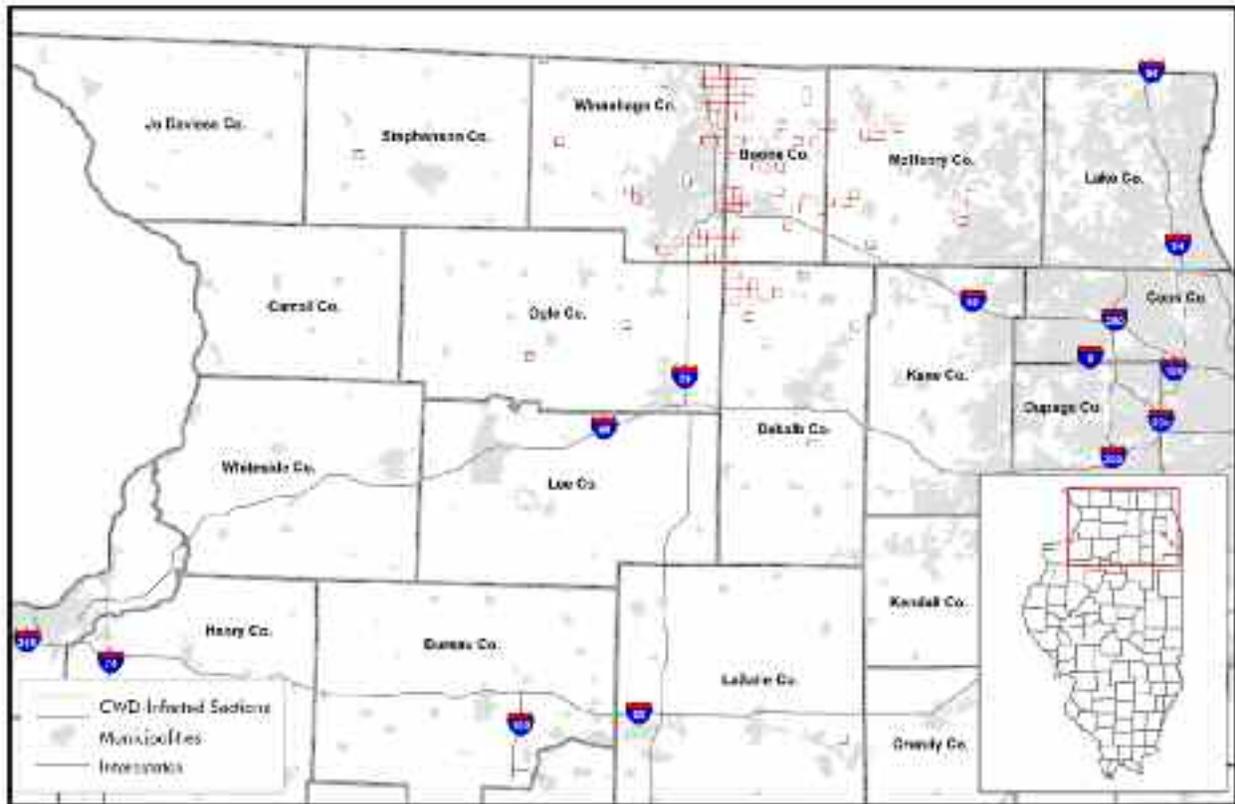
The impacts of CWD on population dynamics of deer are presently unknown, but scientific study suggests that, if left unchecked, CWD poses a very serious threat to wild deer herds. Unfortunately, options for fighting CWD in free-roaming deer are limited, consisting of varying levels of population reduction (in some cases, eradication) and/or culling of infected individuals. While a herd reduction approach must be considered experimental at this time (we don't know for certain that it will work), we are confident that it is the most sound tactic for wild deer herds, and it offers a very real probability of success. Biologists are certain of two things - doing nothing will not solve the problem; and our best chance for success is now, before the disease becomes more entrenched and more widely dis-

tributed in the population. IDNR is determined to make every effort to defeat this disease before it spreads further. To that end, we continue intensive testing of hunter-harvested deer in several high-risk northern Illinois counties (Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Ogle, DeKalb, Kane, LaSalle, and Grundy) in order to track the extent and severity of the disease. Our biologists believe that CWD can be controlled if enough deer are removed annually from infected populations so that the number of sick deer taken is greater than the number of new infections. We have increased harvest pressure during the hunting seasons in order to help accomplish this, including offering a special CWD Deer Season in the most affected counties. Permits for that season may be purchased over-the-counter (OTC) from license vendors. In addition to hunting, agency sharpshooters target specific areas where diseased deer have been found to help bolster the effort. This approach is particularly useful in situations where hunting access is limited, and helps to insure that management efforts are focused in the areas with the greatest needs.

CWD is a disease that progresses very slowly, so changes (either positive or negative) will not happen overnight. There is no quick fix to this problem, but we ask for your support as we strive to overcome it. Preliminarily, we have seen some positive indications during the past year, but much remains to be done. We are conducting a 5-year evaluation of the results of management efforts; we consider this period to be the very minimum amount of time during which some level of change could be measured. In the meantime, a very special "Thank You" goes out to the landowners, hunters, and others who have cooperated and supported us in a variety of ways.

For more information on CWD in Illinois, please visit our website at [www.dnr.state.il.us/cwd](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/cwd).

## Distribution of Chronic Wasting Disease in Illinois Deer



# Statewide Wild Turkey Hunting Information

## WILD TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

In addition to statewide regulations, the following regulations apply to all wild turkey hunters:

### Nonresident Requirements

Nonresident turkey hunters must purchase a nonresident hunting license and State Habitat Stamp in addition to their valid turkey permit. Nonresident hunters may purchase either the annual license (\$50.75) or the 5-day license (\$28.75) depending on the amount of time they will be hunting.

### Turkey Bag Limit

It is unlawful to take in Illinois, or have in possession, more than one wild turkey per legally authorized permit.

### Permit Applications

Apply on-line at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) or with a hardcopy application form. To receive application forms for a wild turkey hunting permit, please contact your Department of Natural Resources Regional Office or call the Permit Office at (217) 782-7305. Many application forms can be downloaded from [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us).

### Turkey Permit, Tagging and Transportation Requirements

It is unlawful to:

- hunt wild turkey without first obtaining a permit from the Department.
- hunt wild turkey unless the permit is signed and is in the hunter's possession while hunting.
- leave a wild turkey that has been killed without properly attaching the wild turkey leg tag around its leg.
- transport a wild turkey without first immediately attaching the leg tag securely around the leg and cutting out the designated notch on the leg tag to invalidate it. NOTE: Leg tag must be affixed to the wild turkey immediately upon kill. The leg tag must remain attached to the leg of the turkey until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the turkey and the turkey has been checked in.
- possess, while in the field during wild turkey seasons, any wild turkey permit issued to another person.
- hunt wild turkey in a county or area other than specified on the permit.

### Harvest Reporting Requirements

Successful hunters must register their harvest by the designated time on the same calendar day as the turkey was taken by calling toll-free 1-866-452-4325 (1-866-ILCHECK) or by accessing the online check-in system at [www.dnr.state.il.us/vfcheck](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/vfcheck). See separate Spring and Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Information sections for more specific requirements. Hunters must provide all information requested by the telephone check-in system, and will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they

checked in their harvest. The confirmation number must be written by the hunter onto the leg tag. The leg tag must remain attached to the leg of the turkey until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the turkey and the turkey has been checked in. The turkey must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in.

### Legal Shotgun

- It is unlawful to use anything but a shotgun (20 gauge to 10 gauge only, no .410 or 28 gauge allowed) to hunt wild turkey. NOTE: You may not possess any other gun while turkey hunting.
- No. 4 shot is the largest and No. 7 1/2 is the smallest size shot that may be used.

### Legal Archery Equipment

- The only legal bows are long, recurved or compound bows with a minimum pull of 40 pounds at some point within a 28-inch draw.
- Minimum arrow length without the broadhead is 20 inches, and broadheads must be used. Broadheads may have fixed or expandable cutting surfaces, but they must have a minimum 7/8 inch diameter when fully opened. Broadheads with fixed cutting surfaces must be metal or flint-, chert or obsidian-knapped; broadheads with expandable cutting surfaces must be metal.
- Any mechanical device capable of maintaining a drawn or partially-drawn position on a bow is illegal.
- All other bows and arrows, including electronic arrow-tracking systems utilizing radio telemetry, are illegal.
- See section on crossbows (page 7) for exceptions.

### Live Decoys, Dogs, Recorded Calls and Bait

It is unlawful to use live or electronic decoys, dogs, recorded calls or bait to hunt wild turkey. An area is considered baited during the presence of and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of bait. NOTE: Additional turkey hunting regulations are available upon receipt of permit.

## SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Gobblers and Bearded Hens

It is unlawful to take a wild turkey, except a hen with a visible beard or a gobbler (male).

### Turkey Calling Prior to Season

It is unlawful to use a turkey call that imitates sounds made by a turkey, or to attempt to call a turkey by making these sounds, while in the field in the Southern Zone from March 15 through the day before turkey season, and in the Northern Zone from March 22 through the day before turkey season. This prohibition only applies in counties open to spring turkey hunting, and does not apply to hunters while participating in the Youth Turkey

Season. NOTE: This does not prohibit the use of locator calls that imitate other species such as owls, crows, hawks, etc.

### Shooting Turkeys in Trees

It is unlawful to shoot a wild turkey while it is in a tree before 7 a.m.

### Harvest Reporting

Turkeys harvested during the spring hunting season must be checked in by 3 p.m. on the day of harvest.

### Permit Limit

Three wild turkey hunting permits may be obtained for the spring season, subject to availability.

### Spring Permit Application Period

**First Lottery - Residents:** Applicants may apply for one turkey hunting permit. Applications must be received by Dec. 1, 2009.

**Second Lottery - Residents/Nonresidents:** Individuals who were rejected for a wild turkey permit during the first lottery, who are applying for their first permit, or who are nonresidents may apply for one permit. Applications must be received by Jan. 11, 2010. Eligible Illinois residents have preference over nonresidents in this lottery.

**Third Lottery - Residents/Nonresidents:** Anyone with less than two permits may apply for one permit. Applications must be received by Feb. 9, 2010. Illinois residents have preference over nonresidents in this lottery.

**Random Daily Drawings - Resident/Nonresidents:** Anyone with less than three permits may apply for remaining permits to be allocated in random daily drawings that begin March 9, 2010. Hunters are encouraged to apply early, because drawings are conducted from the pool of permits received each day.

## SPRING YOUTH WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

The spring youth turkey hunt is open only to Illinois residents who have not reached their 16th birthday by the first day of the hunt. Participants must have a current valid "Youth Turkey Hunt Permit" (\$10). Each youth must be accompanied by a supervising non-hunting adult. Permits will be available for sale over-the-counter (OTC) from license vendors. Hunters may purchase one permit for one of the open counties.

## FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

### Shooting Turkeys in Trees

It is unlawful to shoot a wild turkey with a gun while it is in a tree before 7 a.m. during the fall gun season.

### Harvest Reporting

Turkeys harvested during the fall hunting season must be checked in by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest (see p. 17, see **Harvest Reporting Requirements**).

## Permit Limit

Two wild turkey hunting permits may be obtained for the fall shotgun season, subject to availability.

## Archery Turkey Permits

Fall archery turkey permits will only be available over-the-counter from license vendors. Two fall archery turkey permits may be purchased per season.

## Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

When and where it is legal to archery turkey hunt during any gun deer season, archery turkey hunters must comply with the same blaze orange requirements as gun deer hunters.

## Shotgun Permit Application Period

**First Lottery - Residents:** Applicants may apply for one turkey hunting permit. Applications must be received by July 6, 2009.

**Second Lottery - Residents/Nonresidents:** Individuals who were rejected for a wild turkey permit during the first lottery, who are applying for their first permit, or who are nonresidents may apply for one permit. Applications must be received by Aug. 24, 2009. Eligible Illinois residents have preference over nonresidents in this lottery.

**Random Daily Drawings - Residents/Nonresidents:** Anyone with less than two permits may apply for remaining permits to be allocated in random daily drawings from Sept. 21 through Sept. 28, 2009. Hunters are encouraged to apply early, because drawings are conducted from the pool of permits received each day.

## Lead Poisoning in Mourning Doves



The hazards of lead poisoning in waterfowl from consuming spent shotgun pellets have been well-publicized. An estimated 2-3 million ducks and geese annually have been spared since national laws were passed prohibiting the use of lead shot for waterfowl hunting in 1991. Recent research

has determined that doves are also at risk from acute lead poisoning due to consuming spent shotgun pellets in hunted fields. In fact, emerging research suggests that many more doves may be dying per year than waterfowl did prior to the ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting. While non-toxic shot is not required on all hunting areas, dove hunters are encouraged to use steel or other non-toxic shot types in order to spare doves and other wildlife from potential lead poisoning. Number 6 or 7 steel shot used with shotgun chokes one size more open than what is typically used for lead are very effective in harvesting doves. Improved cylinder is the best choke to use with steel shot for doves. Even though non-toxic shot is a little more expensive than lead, the cost is justified to help conserve our valuable dove resource.

# Statewide Migratory Game Bird Hunting Information

## Suggestions for Non-toxic shot sizes

<b>Steel</b> –	see pg. 42 for steel shot lethality table
<b>Bismuth</b> –	use shot sizes that are 1 size smaller than steel.
<b>Tungsten-iron</b> –	
<b>-matrix</b> –	
<b>-polymer</b> –	use shot sizes that are 2 sizes smaller than steel.
<b>Hevi-shot</b> –	use shot sizes that are 3 sizes smaller than steel
<b>Hevi-13</b> –	use shot sizes that are 4 sizes smaller than steel
<b>Heavyweight</b> –	use shot sizes that are 6 sizes smaller than steel
<b>Examples:</b>	Equivalents to #2 steel would be #3 Bismuth, #4 Tungsten-iron, #5 Hevi-shot, #6 Hevi-13 and #8 Heavyweight.

## Dove Banding

Dove hunters are urged to check the legs of harvested doves for bands. Several Midwestern states including Illinois are currently banding doves to gain information regarding survival, migration routes and harvest rates. This new information will be used to develop new federal dove hunting regulations in the future. Please report any band numbers to [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov) or call 1-800-327-BAND (2263). See page 21 under Dove and Waterfowl Bands for more information.

## Blackbirds and Crows Doing Damage

Grackles, blackbirds and cowbirds may not be hunted for recreational purposes. However, any person may remove or destroy, by use of a shotgun, air gun or traps and only on or over the threatened area, any red-winged blackbirds, rusty blackbirds, Brewer's blackbirds, cowbirds, grackles and crows when found committing or about to commit damage to ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance, without a permit, so long as he or she has written permission from the landowner or tenant. No hunting license or stamp is required for this removal. No calls, decoys, etc. may be used when using this rule to take the above birds causing damage. Crows may be hunted for recreational purposes by properly licensed hunters using shotguns, calls, decoys, etc. during the crow hunting season listed on page 2 of this Digest. It is illegal to recreationally hunt crows with airguns, rifles or handguns.

## ATTENTION

### Dove, Waterfowl and Other Migratory Game Bird Hunters HIP REGISTRATION

Registration with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) is required to hunt migratory game birds in Illinois every year.

Do you hunt doves, ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock, coots or rails in Illinois? All licensed hunters must register with HIP if they intend to hunt migratory birds. It's free and it's easy.

When purchasing your 2009 hunting or sportsmen's license be sure to get your HIP certification. **NOTE:** Hunters also can register for HIP online at [www.wetland.net](http://www.wetland.net) or call 1-888-6PERMIT. If you get your HIP certification by phone or online, record the transaction number on your license.

You cannot hunt migratory birds without a HIP certification.

Lifetime License holders are automatically registered with HIP and crow hunting is exempt.

Cooperation and support from hunters make sound resource management possible. The National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program is required nationwide. You must register separately with HIP in each and every state where you hunt migratory game birds.

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

In addition to statewide regulations, the following regulations apply to all hunters hunting ducks, geese, mourning doves, sora rails, Virginia rails, coots, common snipe, woodcock, and crows.

NOTE: For license and stamp requirements for migratory waterfowl hunting, refer to the chart on page 5. Season dates and bag limits will not be available until established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in late September. See *Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2009-2010* for additional regulations, available in late September.

### Migratory Game Bird Regulations

The following state and/or federal rules apply to the taking, possessing, shipping, transporting and storing of migratory game birds. NOTE: Material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, and Chapter 520 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes or talk with a local Conservation Police Officer.

### Non-toxic Shot Requirements for Waterfowl, Snipe and Rail

*It is unlawful to* have in possession while attempting to take migratory waterfowl (including coots and captive-reared mallards), snipe or rail in Illinois any shotgun shells not approved as non-toxic by federal regulations.

### Prohibited Hunting and Trapping Devices

*It is unlawful to* use a trap, snare, net, cross-bow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.

### Hunting from Floating Blinds, Boats and Scull Boats

*It is unlawful to:*

- hunt from a floating blind that is not anchored EXCEPT a scull boat may be used on certain public waters and waterfowl may be taken from a boat not mechanically powered. (see page 8, Hunting From Vehicles and Boats) and not camouflaged or disguised.
- hunt waterfowl from a moving watercraft propelled by mechanical power or sails.

### Sink Box

*It is unlawful to* hunt from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

### Live Decoys

*It is unlawful to* hunt migratory game birds other than crows with the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10

consecutive days prior to hunting and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

### Electronic Calling Devices

*It is unlawful to* use a recording or electronic calling device to hunt migratory birds other than crows. However, such electronic calling devices may be used to hunt snow, blue, and Ross' geese during Conservation Order light goose seasons that occur after Canada goose seasons.

### Driving or Chasing Birds

*It is unlawful to* hunt by driving, rallying or chasing migratory game birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunters.

### Permits Required for Leased Lands and Commercial Clubs

*It is unlawful to* commercially control land or water, or both, in whole or in part for the taking of migratory waterfowl, unless first obtaining a permit from the Department. NOTE: That permit shall entitle the person to possess blinds, pits or similar legal devices of concealment on that land or water. A person is "commercially controlling land or water or both" when he directly or indirectly receives compensation from persons in exchange for the opportunity to enter onto that land or water. More specific information on managing or hunting such areas is available from Department Offices (see page 1).

### Shooting Crippled Waterfowl from Boats

*It is unlawful to* have or carry an uncased or loaded shotgun in a motorized boat. NOTE: However, waterfowl hunters may have an uncased and unloaded gun in their boats for the purpose of pursuing crippled migratory waterfowl incapable of normal flight in an attempt to reduce said bird to possession, provided that the attempt is made immediately upon downing the bird and is done within 400 yards of the blind from which the bird was downed. The gun cannot be loaded unless the motor has been completely shut off and the crippled birds may not be shot from such a boat until the motor has been completely shut off and its progress therefrom has ceased.

### Wanton Waste — Retrieval of Downed Game Birds

*It is unlawful to* fail to retrieve, if possible, and retain in the custody of the hunter in the field, all migratory game birds other than crows, killed or crippled. NOTE: You need permission to enter private property.

### Field Possession Limit

*It is unlawful to* possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

### Tagging Requirements

*It is unlawful to* give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place other than his personal abode, or in the custody of another person, UNLESS the birds are tagged by the hunter with the hunter's signature and address, the total number of birds involved, by species and the dates such birds were killed.

### Gift of Migratory Game Birds

No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly-killed migratory game bird as a gift, except at the personal abode of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached (see tagging requirements).

### Custody of Birds of Another

*It is unlawful to* receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person UNLESS such birds are properly tagged.

### Termination of Possession

The possession of birds taken by any hunter ceases when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift, or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

### Species Identification Requirement

*It is unlawful to* completely field dress any migratory game bird (except doves) and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a commercial preservation facility.

### Shipment — Marking Package

*It is unlawful to* ship migratory game birds UNLESS the package is marked on the outside with the name and address of the person sending the birds, the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

### Importation

*It is unlawful to* import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, UNLESS such birds are dressed (except as required below), drawn and the head and feet are removed. NOTE: One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person. For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66.

## FEDERAL BAITING REGULATIONS DEFINITIONS

**Normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation** means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Normal agricultural operation** means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Normal soil stabilization practice** means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

**Baited area** means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered, if that salt, grain or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain or other feed.

**Baiting** means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

**Manipulation** means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, disking, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

**Natural vegetation** means any non-agricultural, native or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.

## FEDERAL BAITING REGULATIONS

**It is unlawful to** take migratory game birds except crows by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. However, nothing prohibits:

(1) the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, and coots, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas—

(2) The taking of any migratory gamebird, except waterfowl, and coots, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation. NOTE: This exception only applies to dove hunting.

- (i) Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;
- (ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
- (iii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or
- (iv) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving birds.

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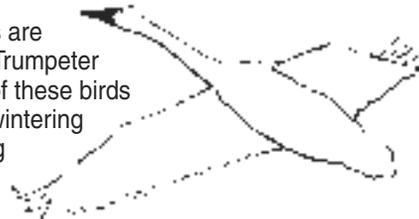


## Don't Shoot a Swan

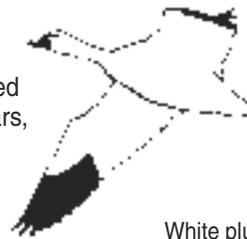
### Don't Make a mistake! All Wild Swans are protected in Illinois

Several Midwestern states are reintroducing the native Trumpeter Swan to the region. Some of these birds are migrating through and wintering in Illinois. You can help bring back this magnificent swan by:

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- Reporting observations of marked swans with wing tags, neck collars, or legbands.
- Protecting wetland habitat.
- Reporting any harassment of Trumpeter Swans.



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Wingspan: 3 1/2 ft.  
Weight: 3 - 6 lbs.

White plumage, but BLACK WING TIPS. CAUTION-White Pelicans have black wing tips, but their wingspan is 8-9 1/2 ft.

**Please report swan sightings to:**

**Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Waterfowl Program  
700 South 10th Street  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-3065**

## Dove and Waterfowl Bands

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers a toll-free number for reporting dove and waterfowl bands. If you take a banded bird, please visit [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov) or call **1-800-327-BAND (2263)** with information about when and where you shot the bird. From Sept. 1 through Feb. 28, you can call this number 24 hours a day, seven days a week. From March 1 through Aug. 31, services are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CDT. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation with information about when and where the bird was banded. Your cooperation on reporting band numbers gives waterfowl and dove biologists a wealth of useful information that allows them to manage the resource in a way that provides hunters with maximum recreational opportunities while protecting waterfowl and dove populations. You may report any band to this number, even if it is an old band that does not have the 1-800 number inscribed on it.

## Migratory Bird Hunting and Federal Baiting Regulations

### What Illinois Hunters Need to Know

#### Hunters MAY:

- Hunt ALL migratory game birds, including waterfowl and coots, over **natural vegetation** that has been mowed or manipulated in other ways. There is no restriction on when **manipulation** may occur. In other words, the manipulation may occur before, during or after any season.
- Hunt ALL migratory game birds, including waterfowl and coots, where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of **“normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice.”**
- Hunt ALL migratory game birds, including waterfowl and coots, over surface-mined lands being reclaimed where seeds or grains are scattered solely as a result of a **“normal soil stabilization practice.”**
- Hunt doves where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered as the result of the manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown or as the result of a **“normal agricultural operation.”** The term **“normal agricultural operation”** applies not just to planting, harvesting and post-harvest manipulation but also other farming practices such as livestock management. In simple terms, the dove hunting regulations have not changed.
- Use natural vegetation to conceal a blind.
- Use vegetation from agricultural crops to conceal a blind provided that the crop seed is not exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered in the process. For example, corn stalks may be used to camouflage a

blind as long as the attached ears remain tightly in the husk.

- Continue hunting over standing or flooded standing agricultural crops if they inadvertently scatter grain solely as a result of entering or leaving the field, placing decoys or retrieving downed birds.
- As in the past, hunt ALL migratory game birds over standing crops, standing flooded crops and flooded harvested croplands.
- Be charged with hunting over bait or a baited area if they “know or reasonably should know” that the area is baited.
- Be fined up to \$15,000 and spend 6 months in jail if convicted of hunting over bait or a baited area.
- Be fined up to \$100,000 as an individual or \$200,000 as an organization and spend 1 year in prison if convicted of placing or directing the placement of bait.

#### With respect to Federal prohibitions, hunters MAY NOT:

- Place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter salt, grain, or other feed that could lure or attract migratory game birds, except crows, to, on or over an area where hunters are attempting to take them.
- Hunt migratory game birds, except crows, with the aid of bait or on or over any baited area.
- Hunt over any baited area until all salt, grain or other feed has been completely removed for at least 10 days.

- Hunt waterfowl and coots over manipulated planted millet. Planted millet is NOT considered natural vegetation unless it becomes naturalized and grows (volunteers) on its own in subsequent years.
- Hunt waterfowl and coots over seed or grain from manipulated agricultural crops or normal agricultural operations except where seed or grain is present solely as a result of “normal planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation” or “normal agricultural soil stabilization practices.”
- Hunt migratory game birds, other than crows, if the use of vegetation from agricultural crops to conceal a blind exposes, deposits, distributes or scatters grain or other crop seed.

#### Hunters should also remember that:

- They are responsible for ensuring that the hunting area has not been baited before they start hunting.
- They should physically inspect the field or marsh; question landowners, guides and caretakers; and take other reasonable steps to verify the legality of the hunting area.
- They must know and obey all applicable Federal and state hunting regulations.
- When making agricultural determinations, the Fish and Wildlife Service relies on the official recommendations of state extension specialists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Cooperative Extension Service.

# Federal Baiting Regulations-Questions & Answers

## **H**ow are hunters and others supposed to determine what agricultural and soil stabilization activities are “normal” when the legality of hunting is in question?

The rule defines the three terms (“normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation,” “normal soil stabilization practice,” and “normal agricultural operation”) used to describe land-use activities compatible with hunting different migratory birds in agricultural areas. In each case, those definitions specify that allowable activities are those conducted in accordance with official recommendations of U.S. Department of Agriculture state extension specialists for the particular geographic area. Hunters should remember that recommended agricultural practices may vary from state-to-state, region-to-region within a state, even from site to site. This approach is not new. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has traditionally relied on state extension specialists to determine the validity of agricultural practices and operations. The new rule incorporates existing Service policy and makes the U.S. Department of Agriculture the official authority for determining what farming activities are or are not “normal” in a given area.

## **Why did the Fish and Wildlife Service include provisions concerning camouflaging blinds? What use of vegetation is allowed?**

Public confusion and misconceptions prompted the Service to address this issue.

The rule now makes it clear that hunters can use both natural and agricultural vegetation to camouflage blinds. No restrictions apply when natural vegetation is used. Hunters, however, may only use agricultural plants for camouflage if such use does not expose, deposit, distribute or scatter grain or other feed.

## **Why did the Fish and Wildlife Service address the issue of the inadvertent scattering of grain?**

Many state wildlife agencies and hunters believed that the latitude for misinterpretation of this issue under the former regulations was much too wide. Hunters now have clear assurance that the inadvertent scattering of grain from standing or flooded standing agricultural crops while entering and leaving hunting areas, placing decoys and retrieving downed birds will not be considered baiting offenses.

## **Does the rule address the issue of strict liability?**

For years, courts in most parts of this country had historically applied a strict liability standard to baiting offenses. Under this standard, law enforcement officers did not have to prove that hunters knew bait was present in order to prove a violation had occurred. However, on Oct. 30, 1998, Public Law 105-312 eliminated strict liability for baiting offenses and instead made it unlawful for anyone to hunt with the aid of bait

“if the person knows or reasonably should know that the area is a baited area.” The Service has incorporated this “knows or reasonably should know” standard in the baiting regulation to promote public understanding of the law. As in the past, however, hunters are responsible for ensuring that no bait is present (or was present up to 10 days) before they begin hunting. They should thoroughly inspect the field or marsh, question landowners and guides, and take other reasonable steps to verify the legality of their hunt.

## **Did Congress make any other changes with respect to baiting?**

Yes. Legislators increased the maximum fine for hunting over bait from \$5,000 to \$15,000. They also made the placement of bait a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act punishable by a fine up to \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for an organization, a prison term of up to one year, or both. In the past, individuals who baited fields were charged with “aiding and abetting,” that is, helping someone else commit the crime of hunting over bait. They face stiffer penalties under the new law.

## **How does the regulation affect Illinois’ migratory game bird baiting laws?**

Illinois regulations are the same as those of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

# Avian Influenza and Wild Birds

**M**any different subtypes of avian influenza virus (bird flu) are found in wild birds, especially waterfowl and shorebirds. In most instances, only a small number of birds become infected and most wild birds do not exhibit observable symptoms of sickness or die. Recently a highly pathogenic form of avian influenza (Asian H5N1) has emerged in Asia and spread to Africa and Europe. The virus has primarily affected domestic poultry operations but some wild birds have also been affected. In addition, humans in Asia, Africa, and Europe have contracted Asian H5N1 causing human mortality in some cases. Human infections are thought to have primarily occurred due to close contact with contaminated domestic poultry, surfaces, or equipment.

Wild migratory birds have not been documented to carry Asian H5N1 between geo-

graphic regions. Some mortality events in wild birds have been associated with outbreaks of Asian H5N1 in domestic poultry but it is not known if wild birds were the source of the virus or if the virus was acquired from poultry. Because Asian H5N1 surveillance in wild birds can aid in the early detection of the virus if it arrives in North America, efforts to monitor wild migratory birds for Asian H5N1 have been undertaken. During 2006-2009, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources collected 2,224 samples from nine species of waterfowl for avian influenza testing. Seven of the samples collected in Illinois tested positive for avian influenza, however, none of the types of avian influenza found in these samples were the Asian H5N1 subtype and none of them presented a risk to human or animal health. To date (June 30, 2009) the

Asian H5N1 subtype has not been detected in North America. The IDNR plans to continue sampling for avian influenza testing this Fall as part of the nationwide surveillance effort. While the role of wild birds in transporting Asian H5N1 is not clear, the nationwide surveillance effort will help to ensure the early detection of Asian H5N1 should it occur in North America. Several species will be selected for sampling and Department biologists may be sampling in your hunting area. The sample collection only lasts a minute and your birds will be returned to you intact. So please help the Department in its efforts to watch for the disease by allowing your birds to be sampled.

Some hunters have also inquired as to whether their hunting dogs could be at risk for contracting Asian H5N1 avian influenza. Dogs are sus-

ceptible to infection with influenza viruses from different species and oral transmission can occur. At the moment, H5N1 is not present in the US, so the risk to hunting dogs is probably minimal. If H5N1 is introduced to North America, however, that risk level will increase. More research is still being conducted on this topic.

Apparently healthy birds can carry diseases other than avian influenza which can infect humans. As a result, hunters and others handling wild birds and game should follow the minimum basic precautions below:

The following advisory guidelines have been developed by the National Wildlife Health Center: (see [www.nwhc.usgs.gov/publications/wildlife\\_health\\_bulletins/WHB\\_05\\_03.jsp](http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/publications/wildlife_health_bulletins/WHB_05_03.jsp) for more details)

- Do not handle or eat sick game.
- Wear rubber or disposable latex gloves while handling and cleaning game, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, and thoroughly clean knives, equipment and surfaces that come in contact with game. After cleaning, surfaces and equipment can be disinfected with a 10% household bleach solution.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling animals.
- All game should be thoroughly cooked (well done or 160E F). Additional information on food safety can be found at: [www.who.int/entity/foodsafety/fs\\_management/No\\_02\\_Avianinfluenza\\_Dec04\\_en.pdf](http://www.who.int/entity/foodsafety/fs_management/No_02_Avianinfluenza_Dec04_en.pdf)

#### Links for further information about Avian Influenza:

Illinois Department of Public Health  
[www.idph.state.il.us/avianflu.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/avianflu.htm)

Illinois Department of Agriculture  
[www.agr.state.il.us/news/Special/birdflu/](http://www.agr.state.il.us/news/Special/birdflu/)

National Wildlife Health Center  
[www.nwhc.usgs.gov/disease\\_information/avian\\_influenza/index.jsp](http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/disease_information/avian_influenza/index.jsp)

Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
[www.avianflu.alaska.gov/hunting/default.htm](http://www.avianflu.alaska.gov/hunting/default.htm)

Centers for Disease Control  
[www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/index.htm)

World Health Organization  
[www.who.int/csr/disease/avian\\_influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/avian_influenza/en/)

## Invaders in our Waters!

*Your help is needed to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS), including viruses such as viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS).*

Many nuisance species, such as the zebra mussel and Asian carp, have invaded the lakes and rivers of Illinois. These non-native species impact our native species through competition, predation and habitat alteration. They can also impact our economy by

clogging water intake pipes, disrupting hunting and impeding navigation. For more information, contact Illinois Natural History Survey/Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant at 847-872-8677 or visit [www.iisgcp.org/il-ans](http://www.iisgcp.org/il-ans).



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#### When you leave a body of water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

# Statewide Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Information

## FURBEARER HUNTING INFORMATION

In addition to statewide regulations, the following regulations apply to all furbearer hunters.

### Bobcat and River Otter Protected

*It is unlawful to* take bobcat or river otter at any time.

### Beaver, Badger, Muskrat, Weasel and Mink — Trapping Only

*It is unlawful to* take beaver, badger, muskrat, weasel or mink by hunting methods.

### Tree Climbing or Cutting Devices

*It is unlawful to* use or possess any tree climbing or cutting device when hunting furbearing mammals.

### Possession of Green Hides

*It is unlawful to* possess green hides before the season begins or longer than 20 days after the season closes.

### Furbearer Running Season

Furbearers may be pursued or chased with dogs, but not killed, during the running season. The running season for coyote, gray fox, opossum, raccoon, red fox and striped skunk is open year-round. **Exception:** It is unlawful to pursue any furbearer with a dog or dogs between the hours of sunset and sunrise during the 10-day period preceding the opening date of the raccoon hunting season and the 10-day period following the closing date of the raccoon hunting season. NOTE: Competitive hunts licensed by U.K.C., N.K.C., P.K.C. or A.K.C./A.C.H.A. may be held during the 10-day closed periods under authority of a Field Trial Permit obtained from the Department.

*It is unlawful to* possess any firearm or ammunition other than a pistol loaded with blank cartridges while training dogs during the time when hunting seasons are closed. EXCEPT: on an authorized field trial or dog training area.

When training dogs from sunset to sunrise, no person in, along with or accompanying the dog training party shall be in possession of a firearm or live ammunition, except pistols capable of firing only blank cartridges.

Nonresidents are prohibited from hunting furbearers or running their dogs in Illinois during any time when Illinois residents would not be allowed to hunt furbearers or run dogs in the non-resident's state.

## FURBEARER TRAPPING INFORMATION

In addition to statewide regulations, the following regulations apply to all furbearer trappers.

NOTE: For license and stamp requirements for furbearer hunting and trapping, refer to the chart on page 5.

### Trap Tags

*It is unlawful to* fail to mark or tag with metal tags or inscribe in lettering with the name and address of the owner all traps used in the taking of furbearing mammals.

### Bobcat and River Otter Protected

*It is unlawful to* take bobcat or river otter at any time.

### Trap Checking Requirement

*It is unlawful to* fail to visit and remove all animals from traps at least once each calendar day.

### Trap Size Restrictions — Land

*On land it is unlawful to* use a leghold trap that has a jaw spread larger than 6½ inches or a body-gripping trap that has a jaw spread larger than 7 inches on a side, if square, and 8 inches, if round.

### Trap Size Restrictions — Water

*In water it is unlawful to* use a leghold trap that has a jaw spread larger than 7½ inches or a body-gripping trap that has a jaw spread larger than 10 inches on a side, if square, and 12 inches, if round.

### Spiked and Toothed Jaw Traps

*It is unlawful to* use any trap with saw-toothed, spiked or toothed jaws.

### Deadfalls, Nets and Pit Traps

*It is unlawful to* use or possess a deadfall, net or pit trap to take any protected wildlife.

### Snares

*It is unlawful to* place, set, use or maintain a snare unless at least half of the loop is underwater at all times. When set, the snare loop must be 15 inches or less in diameter. Snares must be constructed of cable that is at least 5/64 inch, but no more than 1/8 inch in diameter, and must be equipped with a mechanical lock, anchor swivel and stop device that prevents the snare loop from closing to less than 2½ inches in diameter. It is unlawful to use or possess cable or wire snares constructed of stainless steel metal.

### Dens, Nests and Feed Beds

*It is unlawful to:*

- destroy, disturb or in any manner interfere with dams, lodges, burrows or feed beds of beaver while trapping for beaver or to set a trap inside a muskrat house or beaver lodge.
- set traps closer than 10 feet from any hole or den which may be occupied by a game mammal or furbearing mammal except that this restriction does not apply to water sets. NOTE: You may legally set traps within 10 feet of dens in water but such sets are unlawful on land.

### Beaver Trap Size Restrictions

*It is unlawful to* trap beaver with: (1) a leghold trap or one of similar construction

having a jaw spread of less than 5½ inches or more than 7½ inches, or (2) a body-gripping trap or one of similar construction having a jaw spread of less than 7 inches or more than 10 inches on a side, if square, and 12 inches, if round, except that these restrictions shall not apply during the open season for trapping muskrats. NOTE: Large traps, e.g., #3 and #4 long spring or #220, #280 and #330 Conibear, are the only leghold and body-gripping traps which may be used for beaver when the muskrat season is closed. Small traps such as the #1, #1½, and #2 long spring or the #110 and #120 Conibear may not be used when the muskrat season is closed.

### Repeating or Colony Traps

*It is unlawful to* trap any furbearing mammal with any colony, cage, box or stove-pipe trap designed to take more than one mammal at a single setting. NOTE: It is legal to use single catch cage or box traps. Repeating or colony traps are not permitted.

### Closed Trapping Season

*It is unlawful to* set or place any trap during the closed trapping season. NOTE: No traps may be placed in the field, set or unset, during the closed trapping season. However, it is permissible to set out stakes or floats before the season opens if no traps are attached to them.

### Exposed Bait

*It is unlawful to* place, set or maintain any leghold trap within 30 feet of bait placed in such a manner or position that is not completely covered and concealed from sight, except that this shall not apply to water sets. Bait means any bait composed of mammal, bird or fish flesh, fur, hide, entrails or feathers. NOTE: Leghold traps set on land may not be placed around exposed bait such as animal carcasses.

### Beaver, Badger, Weasel, Mink and Muskrat — Trapping Only

*It is unlawful to* take beaver, badger, weasel, mink or muskrat except by trapping.

### Trapping Near Dwellings

*It is unlawful to* trap within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission from the owner or tenant.

### Written Authorization to Handle Traps of Another Person

*It is unlawful to* remove furbearing mammals from, or to move or disturb in any manner, the traps owned by another person without written authorization of the owner to do so.

### Permission from Landowner Required to Trap

*It is unlawful to* trap furbearers on another person's property without his or her permission. NOTE: This includes waters flowing over or standing on the land of another person.

### Damaging Property While Trapping

*It is unlawful to* destroy or damage another person's property while trapping on his or her land.

### Possession of Green Hides

*It is unlawful to* possess green hides before the season begins or longer than 20 days after the season closes.

### Rabbits and Squirrel Cannot Be Trapped

*It is unlawful to* trap any wildlife except furbearing mammals (see definition on page 6) and woodchucks. NOTE: It is unlawful to trap rabbits, squirrels, deer and protected birds (see page 6).

### Furbearer Trapping Reporting Requirements

Every person trapping furbearing mammals shall make a report to the Department, upon blank forms supplied by the Department, of all furbearing mammals trapped and sold during the open season.

NOTE: Normally, report forms are mailed only to a random sample of trappers that includes approximately 20 percent of all individuals licensed. If you do not receive a report form/questionnaire directly from the Department after the regular trapping season, you are not required to submit a report of your catch.

### A Special Note to Beaver Trappers

For tips on avoiding the accidental capture of river otters, contact: Illinois DNR, Division of Wildlife Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; Phone: (217) 782-6384.

## Trapper Education On-line Study

**F**irst-time trappers under the age of 18 are required to complete a trapper education course before purchasing a license. Part of this requirement can now be met by completing an on-line course at [www.trappered.com](http://www.trappered.com). Students must then complete a half day of hands-on training where they will hone skills like making sets and preparing furs for market. Schedules for instructor-taught courses can be accessed by calling 1-800-832-2599 (Ameritech Relay 1-800-526-0844) or by visiting [www.dnr.state.il.us/safety](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/safety).

## COYOTE HUNTING IN ILLINOIS

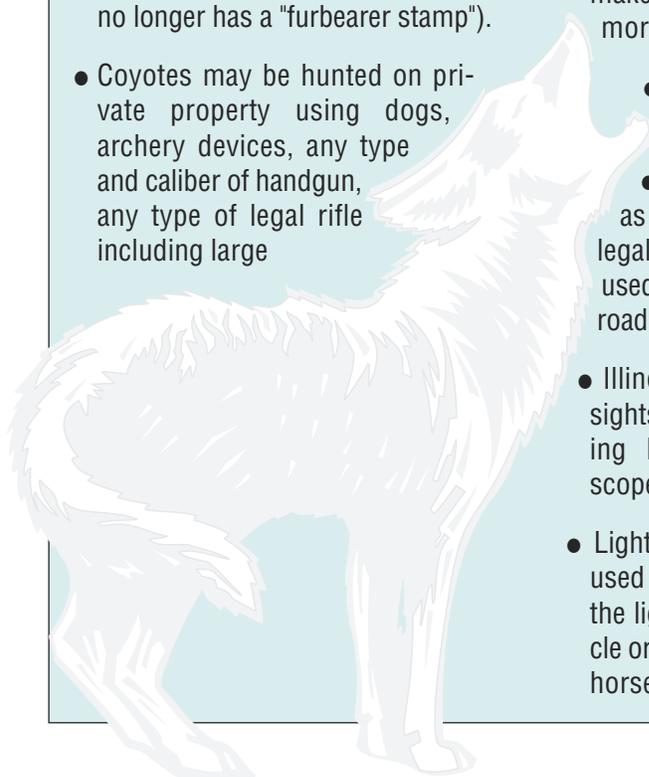
- Coyotes can be hunted 24 hours a day from 1/2 hour before sunrise on November 10 through 12 midnight on February 15 and electronic calling devices may be used at night as well during this period. During the rest of the year hunting hours for coyotes are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- Hunters need a hunting license and habitat stamp unless exempt (Illinois no longer has a "furbearer stamp").
- Coyotes may be hunted on private property using dogs, archery devices, any type and caliber of handgun, any type of legal rifle including large

capacity semi-automatic rifles, and shotguns using any type of shell except for slugs (note... there are exceptions for slugs during the firearm deer seasons when coyote hunting is closed except to deer hunters with unfilled firearm deer permits in their possession). When hunting with a shotgun, make sure that the magazine has been fitted with a plug which makes the shotgun incapable of firing more than three consecutive shots.

- Electronic calling devices are legal for coyote hunting.
- It is legal to bait coyotes as long as any wild game that is used was legally taken (a road kill deer can be used as bait without first reporting the road kill).
- Illinois does not restrict the type of sights or scopes that are used (including laser sights and night vision scopes).
- Lights with any color of lense can be used while hunting coyotes as long as the lights are not used from any vehicle or conveyance (including ATVs and horses) and as long as the lights are

not connected to the vehicle or conveyance.

- Even though a coyote hunter can't be charged if his dogs get away from him and go onto property without the landowner's permission, the coyote hunter DOES NOT have the legal right to follow the dogs onto the property without landowner permission.
- Coyote hunters are required to keep their guns unloaded and in a case while in a vehicle or on a conveyance (including but not limited to ATVs and horseback) unless exempt by special Department permit.
- Guns must remain unloaded until the hunter is clear of the road as well as the right of way alongside the road.
- Coyote hunters must wear 400 square inches of solid blaze orange when hunting in a county when there is any firearm deer season in progress including youth seasons, muzzle loader-only, late-winter, and CWD seasons.
- Before coyote hunting at public hunting areas, check with the site office for site specific regulations.



# Revocations/Suspensions for Violations



## POINT SYSTEM

On October 24, 2008 several changes to the point system for license revocations/privilege suspensions went into effect. The changes are indicated in the shaded areas, and apply to violations occurring on or after that date.

APPLICATION WITHIN ACTS	POINTS	GROUPS
<p>The point system applies to revocations/suspensions authorized under the following conservation laws:</p> <p><b>Fish and Aquatic Life Code</b> (515 ILCS 5)</p> <p><b>Wildlife Code</b> (520 ILCS 5)</p> <p><b>Endangered Species Protection Act</b> (520 ILCS 10)</p> <p><b>Timber Buyers Licensing Act</b> (225 ILCS 735)</p> <p><b>Ginseng Harvesting Act</b> (525 ILCS 20)</p> <p>or any similar federal statutes or rules.</p>	<p>Each time a person is found guilty by a circuit court of the State of Illinois (including supervision or conditional discharge) or by a U.S. District Court in an Illinois District, the specific number of points assigned to such violation shall be charged against that person.</p> <p>Petty Offense = <b>3 points</b>            Class C Misdemeanor = <b>6 points</b>            Class B Misdemeanor = <b>9 points</b>            Class A Misdemeanor = <b>12 points</b>            Class 4 Felony = <b>24 points</b>            Class 3 Felony or higher = <b>60 points</b></p> <p>Any violation committed during a period of suspension = <b>60 points</b>.</p> <p>Any violation of section 2.33(cc) or 2.38 of the Wildlife Code = <b>13 points</b>. (effective 01/01/2008)</p> <p>Federal offenses shall be assessed points based upon the classification of offense for the corresponding Illinois violation.</p>	<p><b>Group A</b> Wildlife Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Wildlife) and Federal Offenses (Wildlife)</p> <p><b>Group B</b> Fish and Aquatic Life Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Aquatic Life) and Federal Offenses (Aquatic Life)</p> <p><b>Group C</b> Timber Buyers Licensing Act</p> <p><b>Group D</b> Ginseng Harvesting Act, Endangered Species Protection Act (Plants) and Federal Offenses (Plants)</p>

## TYPES OF OFFENSES

<p><b>Type I Offenses</b> = Those offenses related to commercial/business activities covered under the Timber Buyer, Taxidermist, Aquaculture, Aquatic Life Dealer, Minnow Dealer, Mussel Dealer, Commercial Roe Dealer, Commercial Fisherman, Commercial Mussel, Commercial Roe Harvester, Game and Game Bird Breeder, Wild Game Food Dealer, Fur Bearing Animal Breeder, Fur Tanner or Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area licenses and permits.</p>	<p><b>Type II Offenses</b> = All other offenses related to activities covered under licenses and permits. (Example: hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)</p>
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## COMPUTATION OF SUSPENSION PERIODS

<p>For <b>Type I Offenses</b>, any person who, within an 18 month period, accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to those types of activities revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in Type I activities shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 18 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.</p>	<p>For <b>Type II Offenses</b>, any person who, within a 36 month period, accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to that type and group revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity covered by the type and group shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 36 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.</p>
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## SINGLE INCIDENT RULE

<p>In the event that multiple findings of guilt are entered against an individual arising out of a single incident or act, full points shall be assessed only for the finding of guilt with the highest point level with additional points being assessed for the remaining findings of guilt as follows:</p>	<p>Petty Offense = <b>1 point</b>            Class C Misdemeanor = <b>2 points</b>            Class B Misdemeanor = <b>3 points</b></p>	<p>The Single Incident Rule shall not be applied in any cases where the highest level violation is a Class A Misdemeanor or higher (12 points or greater) or in cases where violations occurred while the individual was suspended.</p>
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# Suspensions Imposed on a Quarterly Basis

Whenever sufficient points have been accumulated, the suspension will be imposed by the Department on a quarterly basis as follows:

## Dispositions Received

January – March  
April – June  
July – September  
October – December

## Suspensions begins on:

April 30th  
July 30th  
October 30th  
January 30th

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**A person has the right to appeal any revocation/suspension to a Department of Natural Resources Hearing Officer.**

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## EXAMPLES:

**A) Type I - Findings of Guilt for Separate Incidents:** A person found guilty of violations under the Wildlife Code of no taxidermy license, failure to tag specimens, and failure to keep proper records (a Class B Misdemeanor and 2 petty offenses, respectively) occurring on different dates is assessed the full 15 points (9+3+3), and revocation of Type I licenses and suspension of Type I privileges is imposed for a period of 15 months.

**B) Type I - Findings of Guilt for a Single Incident:** A person found guilty of the same violations as A) above (a Class B Misdemeanor and 2 petty offenses) arising out of a single incident has no revocation/suspension imposed, with 10 points assessed (9+1+1).

**C) Type II - Findings of Guilt for Separate Incidents:** A person found guilty of hunting by use of lights from a vehicle (Class A Misdemeanor- 12 points) and taking an over limit of quail (Petty Offense - 3 points) has his/her hunting license, trapping license, migratory waterfowl stamp, habitat stamp, deer/turkey permits, etc. revoked, and Type II privileges suspended in Group A for a period of 15 months.

### D) Type II - Findings of Guilt for a Single Incident

**1)** A person found guilty of violations of taking game birds with a rifle and no hunting license (Class A Misdemeanor and Petty Offense) arising out of a single incident is assessed 15 points and suspension imposed as described in C) above. The Single Incident Rule does not apply to cases where the highest level violation is a Class A misdemeanor or higher.

**2)** A person found guilty of violations of taking deer without a permit and no hunting license (Class B Misdemeanor and Petty Offense) arising out of a single incident has no revocation/suspension imposed, with 10 points assessed (9 + 1).

### E) Imposition of Subsequent Suspensions

**1)** The person in C) above completes the 15 month suspension, and two months later (less than 36 months from the date of the first violation) again hunts by use of lights from a motor vehicle and is found guilty (12 points). This person's licenses are again revoked and privileges suspended for a period of 27 months (15 + 12).

**2)** The person in C) above is found guilty of a violation under the Wildlife Code that occurred during the time that his/her privileges were suspended - 60 additional points are assessed and a second suspension is imposed, to run consecutively after the first suspension (15 + 60 = 75 months total).

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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The Department of Natural Resources may also hold an administrative hearing to revoke licenses/suspend privileges in certain egregious cases regardless of whether or not sufficient points for suspension have been reached

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## ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

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Any person whose license or permit has been revoked or his/her privileges suspended may not, during the period of revocation/suspension 1) apply for or obtain any licenses or permits of such type covered by the suspension, or; 2) be in the company of any person engaged in the activity covered by the revocation/suspension, or; 3) serve as a guide, outfitter or facilitator for any person who is engaged or prepared to engage in the activity covered by the revocation/suspension, until such time as the period of revocation/ suspension is completed and the appropriate licenses/permits have been obtained.

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## REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS IN OTHER STATES AND CANADA

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It shall also be unlawful for any person to be issued or obtain an Illinois license or permit or while in Illinois, engage in any activity during the time that person's privileges to engage in the same or similar activities are suspended or revoked by another state, by a federal agency or by a province of Canada.

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## INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

Illinois is a participating member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC).

### How the IWVC works:

- Compact Membership applies to aquatic life and wildlife violations.
- The Compact allows non-resident violators receiving citations for violations in participating states to be treated the same as residents who are in violation
- A violator who fails to comply with the terms of a citation issued in a participating state faces the possibility of the suspension of his/her privileges in his/her home state until the terms of the citation are met.
- The Compact provides for the reciprocal recognition of the suspension of license privileges by participating states. (Illinois has already recognized suspensions imposed by other states for several years. Membership in the Compact will now allow other states to recognize Illinois' suspensions.)
- The Compact provides that information on convictions in participating states may be forwarded to the home state of the violator.
- The IWVC not only assures equal treatment of residents and non-residents of participating states, but also enhances the law enforcement services and deterrent value of time spent patrolling by uniformed officers. The reciprocal recognition of suspensions between states is intended to address the problems associated with the mobility of many violators.

### Compact Member States:

<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>Washington</b>
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	
<b>Florida</b>	<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Montana</b>	<b>South Dakota</b>	
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>Maryland</b>	<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>Utah</b>	

Additional states join the Compact from time to time, throughout the year. It is your responsibility to contact any other state to determine your eligibility before you obtain or attempt to obtain any license or permit, or engage in any activity covered by your revocation/suspension.

### PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS DENIAL OR PRIVILEGE

Persons who violate the prohibitions of their revocation/suspension/denial of privileges shall be guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor with penalties of up to 364 days jail time and up to \$2500 in fines.

**For more information, contact the Department of Natural Resources Office of Law Enforcement  
at (217) 782-6431, or visit [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us)**

# Outfitter Regulation Information

The information below is provided only as a summary of Illinois' deer and wild turkey outfitter regulations. A complete copy of the regulations contained in Admin. Rule 640 may be obtained by contacting the Office of Law Enforcement (217) 782-6431, or may be found at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us).

## What is the purpose of having Outfitter Regulations?

The development of outfitter regulations was initiated by concerned hunters and outfitters. Their interests were to ensure hunters utilizing outfitters were provided the proper services and treatment, to strengthen the reputation of the outfitting industry in Illinois, and to ensure the proper management of the State's deer herd and wild turkey flock.

## Who needs to apply for an Outfitter Permit?

An outfitter is a person who both receives compensation (i.e., money, services, or gifts) from hunters and provides outfitting services to hunters. Outfitting services include providing guides, guide services,\* equipment, stands, blinds, or transportation to and from the field for hunters. (*"Guide services" is defined as providing any of the following: advice to hunters while hunting about how and/or where to hunt; setting decoys; calling, stalking, pursuing, tracking, field dressing; caring for meat; field preparation of trophies; carriage of hunters, hunter equipment, and/or animals harvested by the hunter.*)

A person, other than the landowner who leases or rents land for the purpose of providing hunting opportunity to others or sub-leasing such land for deer and wild turkey hunting is required to obtain an Outfitter Permit.

## Does a landowner who leases his/her property to a hunter or group of hunters need to obtain an Outfitter Permit?

No, as long as he/she does not provide outfitting services to hunters. Providing a place to stay on the landowner's property does not constitute an outfitting service.

## What are the qualifications for becoming an outfitter?

An outfitter must be at least 21 years of age and not have had his or her hunting license

revoked or hunting privileges suspended within the past five years.

## What are the qualifications for a guide?

A guide must be at least 18 years of age, not have had his or her hunting license revoked or hunting privileges suspended within the past five years, have a current Illinois hunting license and habitat stamp, and have successfully completed a state-approved hunter-safety course.

## How much does an Outfitter Permit cost?

The fee for an outfitter permit is \$500 for a resident and \$2,500 for a nonresident.

## How do I apply for a permit?

You can apply for an outfitter permit by contacting the Office of Law Enforcement at One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, phone (217) 782-6431. The office will provide you with an application and deer and wild turkey management forms to complete. You will also be asked to submit:

- 1) A plat map showing the location of the property to be covered by the permit. The map shall delineate the acreage owned, and leased or rented.
- 2) A map of these properties showing the land uses/habitats (e.g., crop fields, hay crop, pasture, woods, brush, grass).
- 3) Proof of current commercial liability insurance for property damage, personal injury and death with a minimum benefit of \$1,000,000. (This is not required of applicants whose sole activity is arranging hunts on property controlled by others).
- 4) A list of guides, including their address, date of birth, and Social Security Number, who are to be employed by the outfitter. (This list of guides may be modified at any time by providing the change(s) in writing to the Office of Law Enforcement).

## When do I apply for a permit?

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 15 through July 15, inclusive. Applications and renewals received after July 15 may not be processed by Sept. 1. The permit is for one year from July 1 to June 30. A full application is required every five years.

## What is required to renew a permit?

After you have received your initial permit, you can renew your permit annually for the next four years. The annual renewal process involves providing the appropriate fee, proof of insurance, the annual report of harvest completed with the previous year's information, and a notice of any change(s) to your original application.

## What are the minimum standards that the DNR expects of outfitters?

The Department expects an outfitter to:

- 1) prior to providing outfitting services supply each client in writing the type of service provided, dates of service, cost of services, and a copy of the outfitter's refund policy;
- 2) be responsible for ensuring each client has the necessary permits, stamps and licenses prior to hunting;
- 3) indicate clearly to clients the boundaries of the property they will be hunting and any special restrictions with conducting their hunt;
- 4) make no guarantees as to the success of the hunt;
- 5) not misrepresent their facilities, prices, equipment, services or hunting opportunities;
- 6) not take or attempt to take any wildlife on behalf of the client; and
- 7) maintain a current log of clients, the dates they hunted, their hunting license and permit numbers, and harvest information. This log must be maintained by the outfitter for five years.

## What information will the DNR be able to provide to the public about outfitters?

DNR will only be able to provide the names and addresses of licensed outfitters. We will not provide referrals, arrest/criminal histories, or other types of information. Potential clients should be aware that licensing by the state does not mean that the outfitter has been certified as to competence, quality of hunt, etc.

**Support the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger Program by donating your deer or providing monetary donations to process venison for needy families in Illinois.**

**Call (217) 782-4963.**

# Special Hunts on Department Sites

Special hunting opportunities are provided on some areas. These hunts require special hunting permits. In some instances, fees are charged.

## CONTROLLED PHEASANT HUNTS

### NOTE:

- On controlled pheasant hunting areas State Habitat Stamps are not required when hunting captive-reared pheasants.
- State Habitat Stamps are required when hunting quail, Hungarian partridge, rabbits and woodcock on controlled pheasant hunting areas where these species can be harvested during the controlled pheasant hunting season.
- Thanksgiving Day hunting hours at all controlled pheasant hunting sites are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### 1 Hunts Requiring Reservations

- Information about controlled pheasant hunting permit reservations is available on the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/>

#### Hunting Areas & Dates:

Green River State Wildlife Area - Hunting Dates: Nov. 9, 15, 16, 23, 29, 30 and Dec. 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 2009;  
Following sites closed Mondays, Tuesdays & Christmas Day; Des Plaines Conservation Area - Season: Nov. 4, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010, Closed Nov. 20-22; Eldon Hazlet State Park (Carlyle Lake) - Season: Nov. 11, 2009-Jan. 10, 2010; Iroquois Co. Conservation Area - Season: Nov. 4-Dec. 20, 2009, Closed Nov. 20-22; Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area - Season: Nov. 7, 2009-Jan. 15, 2010, Closed Nov. 20-22 and Dec. 3-6; Johnson Sauk Trail State Park & Kankakee River State Park - Season: Nov. 7, 2009-Jan. 8, 2010, Closed New Years Day; Moraine View State Park - Season: Nov. 4, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010; Sand Ridge State Forest - Season: Nov. 7, 2009-Jan. 15, 2010; Wayne Fitzgerald State Park - Season: Nov. 11, 2009-Jan. 10, 2010.

### 2 Hunts by the Public/Private Partnership Operator

- Information about controlled pheasant hunting permit reservations for the public/private partnership areas is available on the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/>
- Private Operator: T. Miller, Inc.  
Ph: 217/793-6146

#### Hunting Areas, Dates, & Fees:

Closed most Mondays, Tuesdays, Christmas Day, & New Years Day - special hunts on some Mondays & Tuesdays may be available at some sites; check the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/> for 2009-10 season fee

information; Chain O'Lakes State Park - Season: Nov. 4-Dec. 20, 2009, Closed Nov. 20-22; Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co.) - Season: Second Wednesday of December or first hunting day following Central Zone duck season through Jan. 31, 2010; Ramsey Lake State Park - Season: Nov. 7, 2009-Jan. 15, 2010; Silver Springs State Park - Season: Oct. 17, 2009-Jan. 8, 2010.

### 3 Illinois Youth Controlled Pheasant Hunts for Hunters ages 10-15

- Information about controlled pheasant hunting permit reservations is available on the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/>
- Each hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting supervising adult who must wear blaze orange.
- Hunters or supervising adult must possess a Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

#### Hunting Areas & Dates:

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area & Mackinaw River State Fish & Wildlife Area - Oct. 31, 2009; Chain O'Lakes, Des Plaines, Edward Madigan State Park, Green River, Iroquois Co., Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Johnson Sauk Trail, Moraine View, Sand Ridge & Sangchris Lake State Park - Nov. 8, 2009; Eldon Hazlet (Carlyle Lake), Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co.) & Wayne Fitzgerald (Rend Lake) - Nov. 15, 2009.

### 4 Additional Youth Controlled Pheasant Hunts

- Information about controlled pheasant hunting permit reservations is available on the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/>
- Hunters under 16 hunt for free, but each young hunter must be accompanied by an adult hunter. Adult hunters must pay the permit fee.

#### Hunting Areas & Dates:

Green River & Iroquois Co. - Nov. 29; Des Plaines, Eldon Hazlet (Carlyle Lake), Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Johnson Sauk Trail, Kankakee River, Moraine View, Sand Ridge & Wayne Fitzgerald (Rend Lake) - Nov. 29 & Dec. 26

### 5 Hunts for Disabled Hunters

- Disabled hunters with Standing Vehicle Permits may obtain Controlled Pheasant Hunting Permits for Eldon Hazlet, Des Plaines, and Moraine View where special vehicles are available to assist with the hunt. Disabled hunters, as defined by law (520 ILCS 5/2.33), may apply to the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement (217/782-6431) for a Standing Vehicle Permit. Information about controlled pheasant hunting permit reservations for disabled hunters is available on the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us/>

## FREE UPLAND GAME PERMIT HUNTS

Free upland game hunting permits are now applied for over the internet at [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us). Additional information and hunting dates are available there. Applicants can receive only one permit per year and the application deadline is **August 31**. Each hunter selected may bring three hunting partners except Green River, Sand Prairie, Saybrook, Sibley and Victoria where they may bring five and Coffeen and Pyramid where they may bring two. Hunting is for cock pheasant, gray partridge, quail and rabbit.

#### Quail Management Areas:

(Captain, Denmark and East Conant Units) Pyramid State Park in Perry County, Siloam Springs State Park (Buckhorn Unit) in Brown and Schuyler Counties.

#### Upland Game Areas:

Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area in Montgomery County, Eagle Creek SP in Shelby County, Edward R. Madigan State Park in Logan County, Freeman Mine State Wildlife Area in Montgomery County, Green River State Wildlife Area in Lee County, Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area in Vermilion County, Hurricane Creek Habitat Area in Coles County, Ilo Dillin Habitat Area in Tazewell County, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area in Cass County, Little Rock Creek Habitat Area in Carroll County, MacKinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area in Tazewell County, Nachusa Prairie c/o Franklin Creek State Natural Area in Ogle County, Sand Ridge State Forest (Sparks Pond Land and Water Reserve) in Mason County, Sangchris Lake State Park in Christian County, Willow Creek Habitat Area in Edgar County and Wolf Creek SP in Shelby County.

#### Pheasant Habitat Areas:

Birkbeck PHA in DeWitt County, Bradford PHA in Stark County, Clifton PHA in Iroquois County, Dublin Highlands PHA in Stephenson County, Gifford PHA in Champaign, County, Hallsville PHA in DeWitt County, Herschel Workman PHA in Vermilion County, Hindsboro PHA in Douglas County, Loda PHA in Iroquois County, Manito PHA in Tazewell County, Maytown PHA in Lee County, Milks Grove PHA in Iroquois County, Perdueville PHA in Ford County, Sand Prairie PHA in Lee County, Saybrook PHA in McLean County, Sibley PHA in Ford County, Steward PHA in Lee County, Victoria PHA in Knox County and Whitefield PHA in Marshall County.

See the Public Hunting Areas (page 32) on how to obtain additional information on these sites.

## WATERFOWL HUNTS

### Again for 2009

All initial applications for the Public Duck & Goose Hunting Area Permit program must be made via the internet, free of charge, accessible at [www.dnr.state.il.us/duckgoose](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/duckgoose). If you do not have a computer, see if a relative, friend or neighbor has one for you to use, or go to a Public library. The phone-in procedure remains the same (see Application Dates). *Paper applications are no longer available.*

#### Application Dates:

Internet applications from Illinois resident will be accepted as soon as the season dates are announced in late August for inclusion in random daily drawings beginning September 1 through September 14. Beginning September 29 unsuccessful applicants, non-residents and anyone that has not applied for or received a permit may call 217/524-6514 (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday) to apply for remaining open areas and dates. A second permit (for a different day than your first permit) may be obtained from unfilled quotas by calling 217/524-6514 (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday) beginning October 8.

### Goose Permit Area - Fee \$15 (partners under 16 are free)

Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area.

A site goose hunting permit holder is allowed to bring one hunting partner and one non-hunting partner or 2 non-hunting partners; 3 persons per blind but not more than 2 hunters per blind. Non-hunting partners must be under 21 years of age. A daily drawing shall be held to allocate blind sites.

Hunters under 16 may apply for and receive a permit, but only hunters over the age of 16 may draw for a blind. Hunters under the age of 16 with a permit must be accompanied by a supervising adult who is at least 18 who will draw for the blind.

### Duck Permit Areas - Fee \$10 (partners under 16 are free)

Marshall Fish & Wildlife Area-Duck Ranch Unit, Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area, Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area, Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area, Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area - Spring Lake Bottoms Unit and Sangchris Lake State Park Subimpoundment Area. Rice Lake Walk-In Units and Double T are free hunts. At Banner Marsh, Marshall FWA-Duck Ranch Unit, Spring Lake and Sangchris Lake, a site duck hunting permit holder is allowed to bring up to three partners (hunters or non-hunters; 4 persons per blind). At Rice Lake Walk-In Units, a site duck permit holder can bring up to 2 partners. At Horseshoe Lake and Union County, permit holders are allowed to bring one hunting partner and one non-hunting partner or two non-hunting partners; three persons per

blind, but not more than two hunters per blind. Non-hunting partners must be under 21 years of age. At Sangchris Lake a 16' boat is recommended and maximum 25 hp motor is required. A daily drawing will be held at the site each morning for all available blinds. Hunters under 16 may receive a permit, but only hunters over the age of 16 may draw for a blind. Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a supervising adult who will draw for the blind. For further information, contact the site superintendent—Rice Lake Walk-In units, Double T and Banner Marsh (309) 647-9184; Sangchris Lake (217) 498-9208; Spring Lake (309) 968-7135; Marshall Fish & Wildlife Area-Duck Ranch Unit (309) 246-8351.

Donnelley State Fish and Wildlife Management Area Daily Drawing Area. Hunting is closed on Nov. 8, 2009 and Tuesdays and Wednesdays except opening day.

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt:** Spring Lake State Fish & Wildlife Management Area (Spring Lake Bottoms Unit)—second Sunday in November. Donnelley Fish and Wildlife Management Area—Sunday prior to 1st gun deer season and the first weekend and third Sunday of the north zone duck season. Union County and Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Areas—Dec. 27. Mandatory attendance on the day before the youth hunt at Union County and Horseshoe Lake for registration, free dinner and blind assignment.

**Free permit required:** Hunters 10-15 years old; hunters must be accompanied by supervising adult; resident hunter or supervising adult must possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card; supervising adult may hunt.

## FREE DOVE HUNTS

### Again for 2009

All initial applications for the Free Dove Hunting Area Permit program must now be made via the internet, free of charge, accessible at [www.dnr.state.il.us/dove](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/dove). If you do not have a computer, see if a relative, friend or neighbor has one for you to use, or go to a Public library. The phone-in procedure remains the same (see Application Dates). *Paper applications are no longer available.*

Dove Permit applicants can now apply with a partner who will receive a permit for the same site and date. Applicants can apply for up to six different sites.

#### Application Dates:

Internet applications from Illinois resident will be accepted anytime prior to June 9 for inclusion in random daily drawings beginning June 9 through June 26. Beginning July 15 and ending August 5, unsuccessful applicants, non-residents and anyone that has not applied for or received a permit may call 217/524-6514 (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday) to apply for remaining open areas and dates.

Sept. 1-5, 2009-Coffeen Lake State FWA, Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co.), Gabaret, Mosenthein, Chouteau Island Units\*, Silver Springs State Park\*, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Sangchris Lake State Park\*, Green River State Wildlife Area\*, Des Plaines Conservation Area\*, Kankakee River State Park\*, Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area\*, Edward R. Madigan State Park and Horseshoe Lake State Park\* (Madison County), Ramsey Lake State Park and Matthiessen State Park.

\*Requires non-toxic shot.

Permit required; first five days of season; check in 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; openings after 11 a.m. filled by daily draw if more standbys than openings are available.

**Youth Dove Hunt:** Sept. 5, 2009 - Ramsey Lake State Park(\*), Horseshoe Lake State Park\*\* (Madison County), Mackinaw River State Fish & Wildlife Area(\*)\*\*\*, Silver Springs State Park, Kankakee River State Park(\*)\*\*\*, Sangchris Lake State Park(\*)\*\*\*, Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center(\*)\*\*\*, Stephen A. Forbes State Park and Sam Parr State Park(\*) .

(\*) sites that allow both youth and supervisor to hunt.

\*\*Requires non-toxic shot.

Permit required; hunters 10-15 years old; check in 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.; no standbys available; hunters must be accompanied by supervising adult; hunter or supervising adult must possess a Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

## DEER HUNTS

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park, Fort Massac and Crab Orchard NWR (Nov 20-22, 2009) permit required; Dixon Springs State Park (Nov. 20-22 & Dec. 3-6, 2009) permit required; hunters 15 years of age or younger; apply using statewide application.

**Special Deer Hunts for Hunters with Disabilities:** Qualified disabled persons only. Clinton Lake State Recreation Area; Rock Cut State Park; Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Shelbyville Federal Lands - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Starved Rock State Park and Lost Mound Unit FL. Physically Challenged Archery Deer Hunt at Kankakee River State Park. Additional deer hunt locations for disabled individuals may be available. Contact your local Department Office for further details.

# Public Hunting Areas

Hunting regulations on the public hunting areas listed for Regions 1-5 on the following 8 pages are often more restrictive than the statewide regulations listed in this digest. Hunters are cautioned to contact the site well in advance of a planned hunt to request a hunter fact sheet that will list site-specific regulations. Fact sheets can be obtained at [www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgmt/hunter\\_fact\\_sheet/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgmt/hunter_fact_sheet/index.htm).

The taking of any wildlife species not listed in this digest or on the hunter fact sheet is generally unlawful. Hunting may be allowed for additional species not listed here, such as teal, woodchuck, skunk, rail, snipe, partridge and crow. Please contact the site for information on opportunities to hunt these species. The regional land or wildlife manager (see page 1 for regional phone numbers) can be contacted for questions about various sites.

Some site-specific regulations that apply to all state sites are as follows: **(REMEMBER—MORE RESTRICTIVE SITE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS WILL APPLY AT MANY INDIVIDUAL SITES).**

## Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

- During pheasant, rabbit, quail and partridge season, hunters and trappers are required to wear a hat/cap and an upper outer garment of solid and vivid blaze orange of at least 400 square inches while trapping or hunting pheasant, quail, Hungarian partridge, rabbit, snipe, rail and woodcock on all state sites.

NOTE: Camouflage blaze orange material does not meet this requirement.

- **Blaze Orange Requirement – Ground Blinds on Public Hunting Areas.** It is unlawful to use or occupy a ground blind during any firearm deer season on public land unless at least 400 square inches of solid vivid blaze orange material is securely attached to the uppermost portion of the blind and a substantial amount of orange is visible for 360 degrees.

## It is unlawful:

- To hunt with any weapon except shotgun or bow and arrow unless otherwise specified.
- For any person to possess any alcoholic beverage while in any hunting/trapping area for the purpose of hunting or trapping.
- To hunt or trap on any site with a manned check station without first declaring game killed on a previous hunt and in possession either on the hunter's person or in his or her vehicle.
- To construct or use any tree stand using nails, screws or any device which pierces or cuts the bark of the tree on which it is installed. Any tree stand must be portable and must be removed at the end of each day, unless otherwise specified in site-specific regulations. Only one tree stand is allowed per deer permit holder at each site.
- To hunt or trap in a restricted area.
- To hunt or trap outside designated areas at the site.

- To enter a refuge, restricted area or waterfowl rest area unless authorized by the Department.
- To buy, sell or commercialize hunting or trapping rights, directly or indirectly, except that this does not apply to Department of Natural Resources hunting or trapping fees or to the operation of controlled pheasant hunting on Department lands pursuant to a written concession agreement.
- To hunt or trap without a valid permit where permits are required.

## Hunting Opportunities for Disabled Hunters:

Disabled Hunters are given the opportunity to hunt a variety of game species on Department-managed land, federal land or private land where the Department issues permits. All five regions have sites offering disabled hunting opportunities and are identified for easy recognition. Hunters are encouraged to contact the site for specific regulations for the opportunities provided.

To utilize a site's disabled hunting program, a hunter must meet the qualifications for being disabled as described in the section on Hunting License/Stamp Requirements and Exemptions (footnotes 8 and 9 on page 5).

## Shawnee National Forest:

- The construction, use or occupancy of any permanent tree stand or other permanent elevated device for the purpose of hunting is prohibited. Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 261.58 (v) (36 CFR 261.58(v)).

## DISABLED OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing greater access and programs for persons with disabilities. We want to make it easier for disabled individuals to hunt, fish and pursue other outdoor activities. In 1999, these issues were addressed by establishing a new program entitled, "Disabled Outdoor Opportunities." Objectives for this program include: establishing partnerships with organizations representing people with disabilities and working cooperatively to mainstream DNR programs and facilities to better meet the needs of the individuals they represent, review existing DNR recreational opportunities to identify and eliminate barriers to participation, develop and coordinate training programs for staff and continually provide knowledge on the basic needs and concerns of this segment by working with DNR site planners and engineers to develop integrated barrier-free designs for recreational facilities.

DNR is continuing to expand its program for disabled hunters and anglers. Disabled hunters can participate in deer, pheasant, waterfowl and dove hunting at various sites throughout Illinois. A number of fishing events are held each year as well. Even though DNR is committed to having season long hunting opportunities for people with disabilities there are also special events. For more information on special events such as hunting and fishing in your area go to the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.il.us/doo/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/doo/index.htm) or call your state park site. Also, refer to pages 33-40 in the Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations for a list of public hunting areas.

### 2010 Spring Turkey Shotgun

DNR is continuing to make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. If you draw a permit for a particular county and you want to hunt a state park in that county that does not already have a permit allocation, make sure you contact the state park site within 10 days of your intended hunt so that the site staff can make reasonable accommodations. DNR is committed to giving individuals with disabilities a place to hunt.

### Special Permits

The Department of Natural Resources offers two special permits for people with disabilities:

**Crossbow:** Special permits may be issued by the DNR to qualified handicapped persons allowing them to use a crossbow to hunt species during regular archery seasons. This permit must be carried by the hunter along with all required hunting licenses, stamps or permits. To qualify for a crossbow permit, a person must either have a permanent physical impairment due to injury or disease, congenital or acquired, that renders him/her so severely disabled as to be unable to use a conventional bow and arrow device, or must be legally blind.

**Standing Vehicle:** DNR may also issue permits to paraplegics or other disabled persons to hunt from a vehicle, if the person meets the criteria set forth by Department Rule. While hunting, the vehicle must be totally immobile with the engine turned off. When the vehicle is moving, firearms must be unloaded and enclosed in a case, except, however, that holders of standing vehicle permits who are in the field legally hunting pheasant, quail, Hungarian partridge or rabbit, shall be permitted to carry a loaded and uncased shotgun in or on a vehicle under conditions described by Department Rule.

Neither of these permits may be issued until an application has been submitted. For an application or further information, contact the Office of Law Enforcement (217) 782-6431 or visit [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us).

Refer to page 5 (foot notes 8 and 9) for appropriate disability classifications.

For more information about the Disabled Outdoors Opportunities Program, contact Jay Williams, DNR, 503 East Main St., Benton, IL 62812, telephone (618) 439-9111, ext. 257, or email [jay.williams@illinois.gov](mailto:jay.williams@illinois.gov).

# Public Hunting Areas Region 1

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1	Anderson Lake FWA	647 N. Ill. 100 Highway, Astoria, 61501; 309-759-4484	1900	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
2	Apple River Canyon SP Salem and Thompson Units	8763 E. Canyon Rd., Apple River, 61001; 815-745-3302	1052	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x					x	x	x	
3	Argyle Lake SP	640 Argyle Park Rd., Colchester, 62326; 309-776-3422	950	x	⊗	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
4	Banner Marsh FWA	19721 N. U.S. 24, Canton, 61520; 309-647-9184	3000	x	⊗			x							x	x	x					x
5	Big Bend FWA	P.O. Box 181, Prophetstown, 61277; 815-537-2270 or 2926	2338	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6	Big River SF	RR1, Box 118, Keithsburg, 61442; 309-374-2496	2970	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
7	Bradford PHA @	c/o Hennepin Canal Parkway; 815-454-2328	103	x										x		x	x					
8	Castle Rock SP	1365 W Castle Rd, Oregon, 61061; 815-732-7329	1620	x		x	x	x	x		x		x									
9	Donnelley FWA	c/o DePue FWA; 815-447-2353	676	x	⊗																	
10	Double "T" SFWA	19721 N. U.S. 24, Canton, 61520; 309-647-9184	460	x	x											x						
11	Dublin Highlands PHA @	c/o Lake Le-Aqua-NA SP; 815-369-4282	120	x										x		x	x					
12	Franklin Creek SNA	1872 Twist Rd, Franklin Grove, 61031; 815-456-2878	635	x			x	x	x				x									
13	French Bluff Natural Area	c/o Mississippi Palisades SP; 815-273-2731	342	x		x	x	x	x		x											
14	George S. Park SNA	c/o DePue FWA; 815-447-2353	80				x	x	x													
15	Green River SWA @	375 Game Rd, Harmon, 61042; 815-379-2324	2515	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	
16	Hanover Bluff SNA	c/o Apple River Canyon SP, Apple River, 61001; 815-745-3302	231	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x					x	x	x	
17	Hennepin Canal ST	16006 875 E St., Sheffield, 61361; 815-454-2328	350	x				x							x				x		x	
18	Ilo Dillin HA	c/o MacKinaw River FWA; 309-963-4969	75	x				x						x		x	x					x
19	Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA	28616 Sauk Trail Rd., Kewanee, 61443; 309-853-5589	862	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x
20	Jubilee College SP	13921 West Rt., 150, Brimfield, 61517; 309-446-3758	2900	x		x	⊗	⊗	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x				x
21	Kishwaukee River FWA	c/o Shabbona Lake; 815-824-2106	484	x			x	x		x	x		x									x
22	Lake DePue FWA	Box 52, DePue, 61322; 815-447-2353	1700	x	x																	
23	Lake Le-Aqua-NA SP	8542 N Lake Rd, Lena, 61048; 815-369-4282	650	x			x	x							x							x
24	Little Rock Creek Habitat Area	c/o Morrison Rockwood S.P.; 815-772-4708	148	x				x						x		x	x					x
25	Lost Mound Unit FL	7071 Riverview Rd., Thompson, 61285; 815-273-2732	6,000				x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
26	Lowden-Miller SF	c/o Castle Rock SP; 815-732-7329	2225	x		x	x	x	x		x		x									
27	Lowden Memorial State Park	1411 N. River Rd, Oregon, 61061; 815-732-6828	80					x														
28	Mackinaw River FWA @	15470 Nelson Rd., Mackinaw 61755; 309-963-4969	1400	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x						x
29	Manito PHA @	7982 S. Park Rd., Manito 61546; 309-968-7135	70	x										x		x	x					
30	Marseilles FWA	2660 E. 2350th Rd, Marseilles, 61341; 815-795-2448	2239	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
31	Marshall FWA	236 State Rt. 26, Lacon, 61540; 309-246-8351	5804	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	⊗		x			x
32	Matthiessen SP	c/o Starved Rock SP, Box 509, Utica, 61373; 815-667-4726	1500	x		x	x	x	x		x		x		x				x			
33	Mautino FWA	c/o Hennepin Canal Parkway; 815-454-2328	891	x				x					x		x							x
34	Maytown PHA @	c/o Green River SWA; 815-379-2324	159	x				x						x		x	x					
35	Miller Anderson Woods SNA	c/o DePue FWA; 815-447-2353	427	x			x	x	x													
36	Mississippi Palisades SP	16327A IL Rt., 84, Savanna, 61074; 815-273-2731	1500	x			x	x			⊗		x									
37	Mississippi River (pool 12) FL	JoDaviess County from E Dubuque to Blanding; 815-273-2732	7990	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
38	Mississippi River (pool 13) FL	Carroll County near Savanna; 815-273-2732	10482	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
39	Mississippi River (pool 14) FL	Whiteside County from Fulton to Rapids City; 815-273-2732	1472	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
40	Mississippi River (pool 16) FL	Rock Island County near Rock Island; 815-244-3655	4492	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
41	Mississippi River (pool 17) FL	Mercer County near New Boston; 309-344-2617	2883	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
42	Mississippi River (pool 18) FL	Henderson County near Oquawka; 309-344-2617	5173	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x
43	Mitchell's Grove SNA	c/o Starved Rock SP; 815-667-4726	185	x			x	x	x													
44	Morrison-Rockwood SP	18750 Lake Rd., Morrison, 61270; 815-772-4708	950	x		x	x	x							x							x
45	Nachusa Prairie SNA @	c/o Franklin Creek SNA; 815-456-2878	72	x										x		x	x					
46	Pekin Lake FWA	c/o Spring Lake FWA; 309-968-7135	450	x	x			x														x
47	Powerton Reservoir FWA	c/o Spring Lake FWA; 309-968-7135	855	x	x																	
48	Rail Woods SNA	c/o Apple River Canyon SP, Apple River, 61001; 815-745-3302	283	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x					x	x	x	
49	Rice Lake FWA	19721 N. U.S. 24, Canton, 61520; 309-647-9184	2500	x	x			x														x
50	Rock Cut SP	7318 Harlem Rd, Loves Park, 61111; 815-885-3311	2570	x			⊗					⊗										x
51	Rockton Bog SNA	c/o Rock Cut SP; 815-885-3311	103	x				x														
52	Sand Prairie PHA @	c/o Green River SWA; 815-379-2324	316	x										x	x	x	x					
53	Sandy Ford SNA	c/o Starved Rock SP; 815-667-4726	203			x	x	x	x		x		x									
54	Shabbona Lake SRA	4201 Shabbona Grove Rd, Shabbona, 60550; 815-824-2106	776	x	⊗			⊗					⊗		⊗							x

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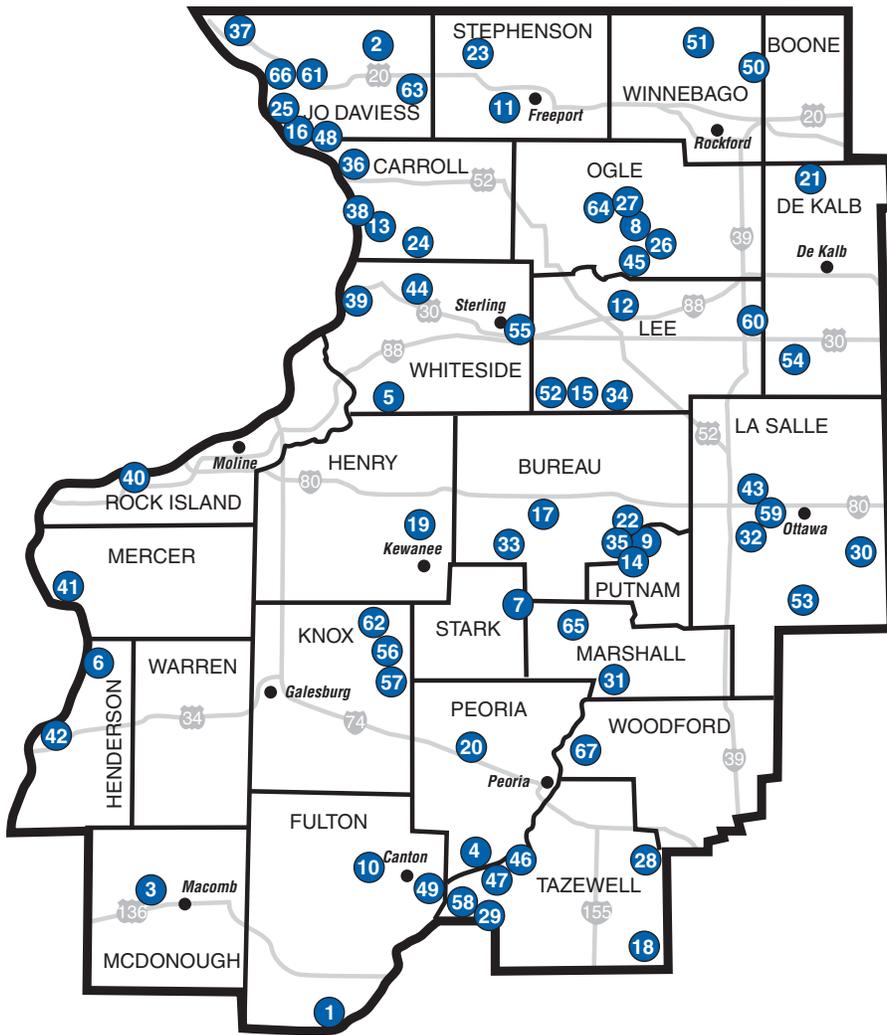
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55 Sinnissippi Lake FWA	Lee & Whiteside counties near Sterling; 815-454-2328	2000	x	x																		x
56 Snakeden Hollow FWA	P.O. Box 295, Victoria, 61485; 309-879-2607	2497	x	⊗			x								⊗							x
57 Spoon River State Forest	c/o Snakeden Hollow FWA	1650	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x
58 Spring Lake FWA	7982 S. Park Rd., Manito, 61546; 309-968-7135	1500	x	x	x		x					x										x
59 Starved Rock SP	Box 509, Utica, 61373; 815-667-4726	2817	x	x		⊗	x	x	x			x										
60 Steward PHA @	c/o Shabbona Lake SRA; 815-824-2106	80	x											x		x	x					
61 Tapley Woods SNA	c/o Apple River Canyon SP, Apple River 61001; 815-745-3302	259	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x					x	x	x	
62 Victoria PHA @	Knox County near Victoria; 309-879-2607	241	x	x											x	x	x	x	x			
63 Wards Grove SNA	c/o Apple River Canyon SP; 815-745-3302	337	x			x	x	x	x													
64 White Pines SP	6712 W. Pines Rd., Mt. Morris, 61054; 815-946-3717	300	x			x	x		x													
65 Whitefield Pheasant Habitat Area	c/o Marshall FWA; 309-246-8351	117	x				x							x		x	x					
66 Witkowsky SWA	c/o Apple River Canyon SP, Apple River; 61001; 815-745-3302	1069	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x								x
67 Woodford FWA	c/o Marshall FWA; 309-246-8351	1350	x	x	x														x			



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1 Braidwood Lake FWA*	PO Box 126, Braceville, 60407; 815-237-0063	1100	x	x																
2 Chain O'Lakes SP	8916 Wilmot Rd., Spring Grove, 60081; 847-587-5512	2578	x	x	x	x	x					x	x		x					
3 Des Plaines CA	24621 N. River Rd., Wilmington, 60481; 815-423-5326	3500	x	x		x	x					x	x	x	⊗				x	
4 Des Plaines Game Propagation Center	30550 S. Boathouse Rd, Wilmington, 60481; 815-476-6741	134	x				x													
5 Goose Lake Prairie SNA	5010 N Jugtown, Morris, 60450; 815-942-2899	2292	x			x	x	x												
6 Heidecke Lake FWA	5010 N Jugtown, Morris, 60450; 815-942-6352	1800	x	x		x	x	x												
7 I & M Canal State Park	402 Ottawa St., Morris, 60450; 815-942-0796																			x
8 Kankakee River SP	5314 W. Rt. 102, PO Box 37, Bourbonnais, 60914; 815-933-1383	2017	x	x	x		⊗		x			x	x		x		x	x	x	x
9 Mazonia FWA	PO Box 126, Braceville, 60407; 815-237-0063	2250	x	x			x					x	x	x	x		x		x	
10 Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	30239 South State Rt. 53, Wilmington, 60481; 815-423-6370	6400	x			x	x	x	x											
11 Momence Wetlands	c/o Kankakee River SP; 815-933-1383	460	x	x	x	x	x		x											x
12 Moraine Hills SP	1510 S. River Rd, McHenry, 60051; 815-385-1624	1400	x			x	x													
13 Redwing Slough/Deer Lake SNA	c/o Chain O'Lakes SP; 847-587-5512	155	x	x																
14 Silver Springs SP	13608 Fox Rd, Yorkville, 60560; 630-553-6297	850	x		x		x					x	x	x	x					
15 Volo Bog SNA	28478 West Brandenburg, Ingleside, 60041; 815-344-1294	250	x				x													
16 William W. Powers CA	12949 S Ave. O, Chicago, 60633; 773-646-3270	419	x	x																

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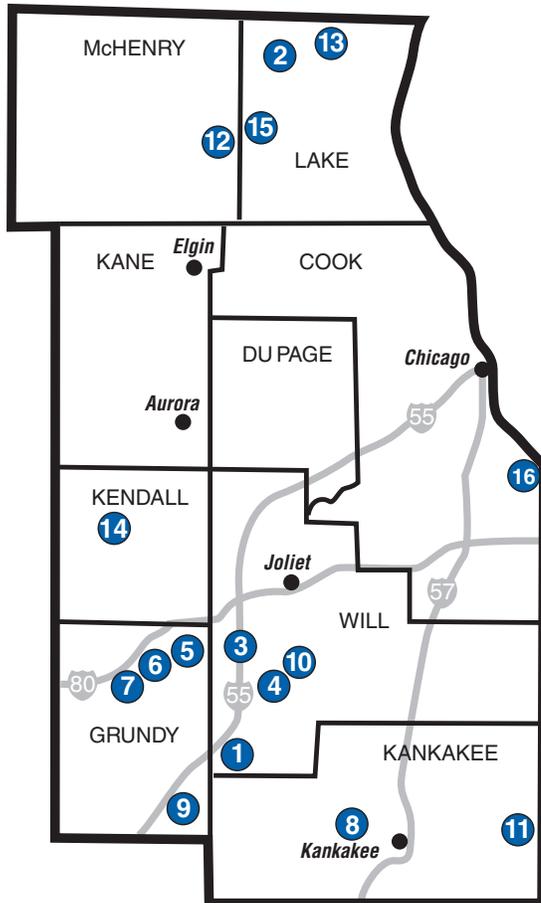
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1 Birkbeck PHA @	c/o Clinton Lake SRA; 217-935-8722	80	x										x		x	x					
2 Clifton PHA @	c/o Iroquois County CA; 815-435-2218	79	x										x		x	x					
3 Clinton Lake SRA	RR1, Box 4, DeWitt, 61735; 217-935-8722	4125	x	⊗	x	⊗	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4 Eagle Creek SP @	RR1, Box 198-B, Findlay, 62534; 217-756-8260	520	x		x		x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
5 Fox Ridge SP	18175 State Park Road, Charleston, 61920; 217-345-6416	1082	x	x	x	x	x			x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6 Gifford PHA @	c/o Kickapoo SRA; 217-442-4915	100	x										x		x	x					
7 Hallsville PHA @	c/o Clinton Lake SRA; 217-935-8722	82	x				x						x		x	x					
8 Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA @	c/o Kickapoo SRA; 217-442-49157	1150	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
9 Herschel Workman PHA @	c/o Kickapoo SRA; 217-442-4915	141	x										x		x	x					
10 Hidden Springs SF	RR1, Box 200, Strasburg, 62465; 217-644-3091	963	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
11 Hindsboro PHA @	c/o Walnut Point SP; 217-346-3336	88	x										x		x	x					
12 Hurricane Creek HA @	c/o Fox Ridge SP; 217-345-6416	376	x		x	x	x			x			x		x	x					
13 Iroquois County CA	2803 East 3300 North Rd., Beaverville, 60912; 815-435-2218	2185	x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
14 Kickapoo SRA	10906 Kickapoo Rd, Oakwood, 61858; 217-442-4915	1253	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
15 Lincoln Trail SP	16985 E 1350th Rd., Marshall, 62441; 217-826-2222	857	x				x											x			
16 Loda PHA @	c/o Iroquois County CA; 815-435-2218	160	x										x		x	x					
17 Middle Fork FWA	c/o Kickapoo SP; 217-442-4915	2628	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
18 Milks Grove PHA	c/o Iroquois County CA; 815-435-2218	78											x		x	x					
19 Moraine View SP	27374 Moraine View Pk. Rd., Leroy, 61752; 309-724-8032	1191	x		x		x		x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
20 Perdueville PHA @	c/o Moraine View SP; 309-724-8032	120	x										x		x	x					
21 Saybrook PHA @	c/o Moraine View SP; 309-724-8032	646	x										x		x	x					
22 Shelbyville FL	RR4, Box 128B, Shelbyville, 62565; 217-774-3951	9000	x	⊗	x	⊗	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
23 Shelbyville WMA	RR1, Box 42-A, Bethany, 61914; 217-665-3112	6343	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
24 Sibley PHA @	c/o Moraine View SP; 309-724-8032	630	x										x		x	x					
25 Walnut Point SP	2331 E. County Rd 370 North, Oakland, 61943; 217-346-3336	571	x		x		x											x			
26 Weldon Springs SP	4734 Weldon Springs Rd., Clinton, 61727; 217-935-2644	100																			x
27 Weldon Springs-Piatt County Unit	c/o Weldon Springs SP; 217-935-2644	620	x		x	x	x			x											
28 Willow Creek HA @	c/o Walnut Point SP; 217-346-3336	87	x										x		x	x					
29 Wolf Creek SP @	RR1, Box 99, Windsor, 61957; 217-459-2831	500	x			⊗	x			x			x		x	x		x			

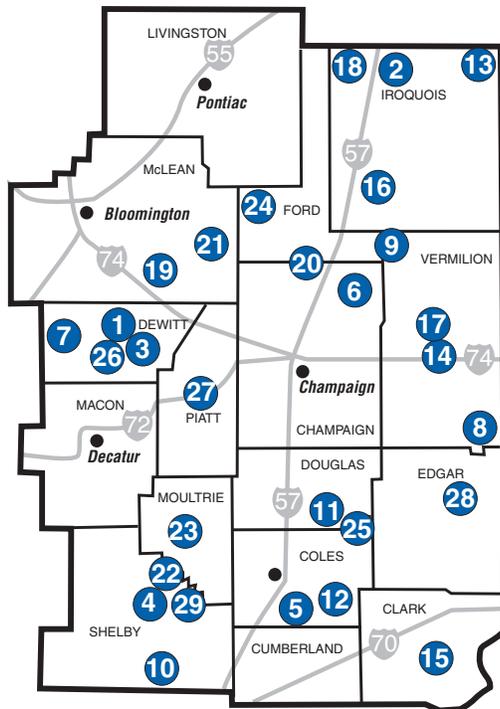
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⊠ - Rare on site but legal to take cocks only.



## Public Hunting Areas Region 3 Map Locations



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1* Batchtown FWA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	2436	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
2 Beaver Dam SP	14548 Beaver Dam Lane, Plainview, 62685; 217-854-8020	430	x		x		x			x		x									x
3 Bohm Woods NP	c/o Horseshoe Lake SP; 618-931-0270	90	x				x														
4 Calhoun Point FL	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	2215	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
5 Carlyle Lake FL	R.R. #2 Vandalia, IL, 62471; 618-594-2484	9475	x	⊗										x							x
6 Cedar Glen SNA	P.O. Box 246 Nauvoo, 62354; 217-453-2512	1150	x			x	x	x													
7 Coffeen Lake FWA @	15084 N. 4th, Coffeen 62017 P.O. Box 517; 217-537-3351	3063	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x					x
8 Copperhead Hollow WMA	P.O. Box 158, Grafton, IL 62737; 618-786-3323	1158	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x						x			x
9 Edward R. Madigan SP @	R.R. #3 Lincoln, IL, 62656; 217-735-2424 or 732-1552	220	x										x	x	x	x					
10 Eldon Hazlet SP	20100 Hazlet Park Rd., Carlyle, 62231; 618-594-3015	1699	x	x	x		⊗		x	x			x	x	x	⊗	x	x	x	x	x
11 Freeman Mine @	c/o Sangchris Lake SP; 217-498-9208	24	x	x									x	x	x	x	x				
12 Ft. DeChartres HS (muzzleloading only)	1260 State Highway 155, Prairie du Rocher, 62277; 618-284-7230	800	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
13 Ft. Kaskaskia HS	4327 Park Rd. Ellis Grove, 62241; 618-859-3741	140	x				x					x									
14 Frank Holten SP	4500 Pocket Rd, East St. Louis, 62205; 618-874-7920	200	x				x					x									x
15* Fuller Lake WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	1817	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
16* Glades - 12 Mile Is. WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	1814	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
17 Goode's Woods NP	c/o Beaver Dam SP; 217-854-8020	40	x				x														
18* Godar - Diamond/Hurricane Is. WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	2617	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
19 Horseshoe Lake SP (Madison County)	3321 Highway 111, Granite City, 60240; 618-931-0270	2000	x	x			x			x			x	x	x	x					x
20 Horseshoe Lake SP (Gaberet, Mosenstein and Chouteau Island Unit)	c/o 3321 Highway 111, Granite City, 60240; 618-931-0270	2155	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
21 Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	10149 Co. Highway 11, Chandlerville, 62627; 217-452-7741	16,400	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
22 Kaskaskia River FWA	10981 Conservation Rd, Baldwin, 62217; 618-785-2555	14000	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
23 Kidd Lake SNA	c/o Randolph County CA; 618-826-2706	465	x	x			x														x
24 Meredosia Lake	700 s. 10th, Havana, 62644; 309-543-3288	600	x	x																	
25* Mississippi River (pool 21)	Adams County near Quincy ; 217-285-2221	8536	b	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
25 <sup>a</sup> Mississippi River (pool 21) Great River NWR (Long Island & Bear Creek Division)	P.O. Box 88 Annada, MO 63330; 573-847-2333	6300	c	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
26* Mississippi River (pool 22)(Saverton Pool) FL	Adams County near Quincy; 217-285-2221	6861	b	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
27* Mississippi River (pool 24)(Clarksville Pool) FL	Pike County near Pleasant Hill and Rockport; 217-285-2221	10211	b	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
28 Nauvoo SP (Max Rowe Unit)	P.O. Box 246, Nauvoo, 62354; 217-453-2512	30			x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x						
29 Oakford CA	Menard County near Oakford; 309-597-2212	115	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
30 Peabody River King FWA	10981 Conservation Rd, Baldwin, 62217; 618-785-2555	1000	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
31 Pere Marquette SP	Rte. 100, P.O. Box 158, Grafton, 62037; 618-786-3323	5000	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x									
32* Piasa Island WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	400	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x		
33* Quincy Bay FL	Adams County near Quincy; 217-285-2221	1580	b	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
34 Randolph County CA	4301 S. Lake Dr, Chester, 62233; 618-826-2706	820	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
35 Ray Norbut FWA	P.O. Box 203, Augusta, 62311; 217-392-2345	1290	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
36 Ray Norbut East Hannibal Unit	P.O. Box 203, Augusta, 62311; 217-392-2345	46					x														x
37 Red's Landing WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	737	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
38 Riprap Landing WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	2377	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
39 Sand Ridge SF	25779 E. Co. Rd. 2300 N., Box 111, Forest City, 61532; 309-597-2212	6300	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
40 Sangamon River SHA	Sangamon County near Salisbury c/o Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA; 217-452-7741	178	x		x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x						x
41 Sanganois CA	3594 Co. Rd. 200 N., Box 80, Chandlerville, 62627; 309-546-2628	7000	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
42 Sangchris Lake SP @	9898 Cascade Rd., Rochester, 62563; 217-498-9208	2380	x	x	x		x	x		x		x	x	⊗	x	x					x
43 Siloam Springs SP	938 E. 3003 Lane, Clayton, 62324; 217-894-6205	2380	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x									x
44 Siloam Springs SP (Buckhorn Unit)** @	c/o 938 E. 3003 Lane, Clayton, 62324; 217-894-6205	2200	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x							x
45 Siloam Springs SP (Fall Creek Unit)	c/o 938 E. 3003 Lane, Clayton, 62324; 217-894-6205	190	x				x														
46 South Shore SP	c/o Eldon Hazlet SP; 618-594-3015	139					x			x											x
47* Stump Lake WMA	17836 State Hwy. 100 North, Grafton, 62037; 618-376-3303	3580	a	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
48 Turkey Bluffs FWA	c/o Randolph County CA; 618-826-2706	2250	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
49 Washington County CA	18500 Conservation Dr, Nashville, 62263; 618-327-3137	750	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
50 Weinberg-King FWA	PO Box 203, Augusta, 62311; 217-392-2345	760	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x

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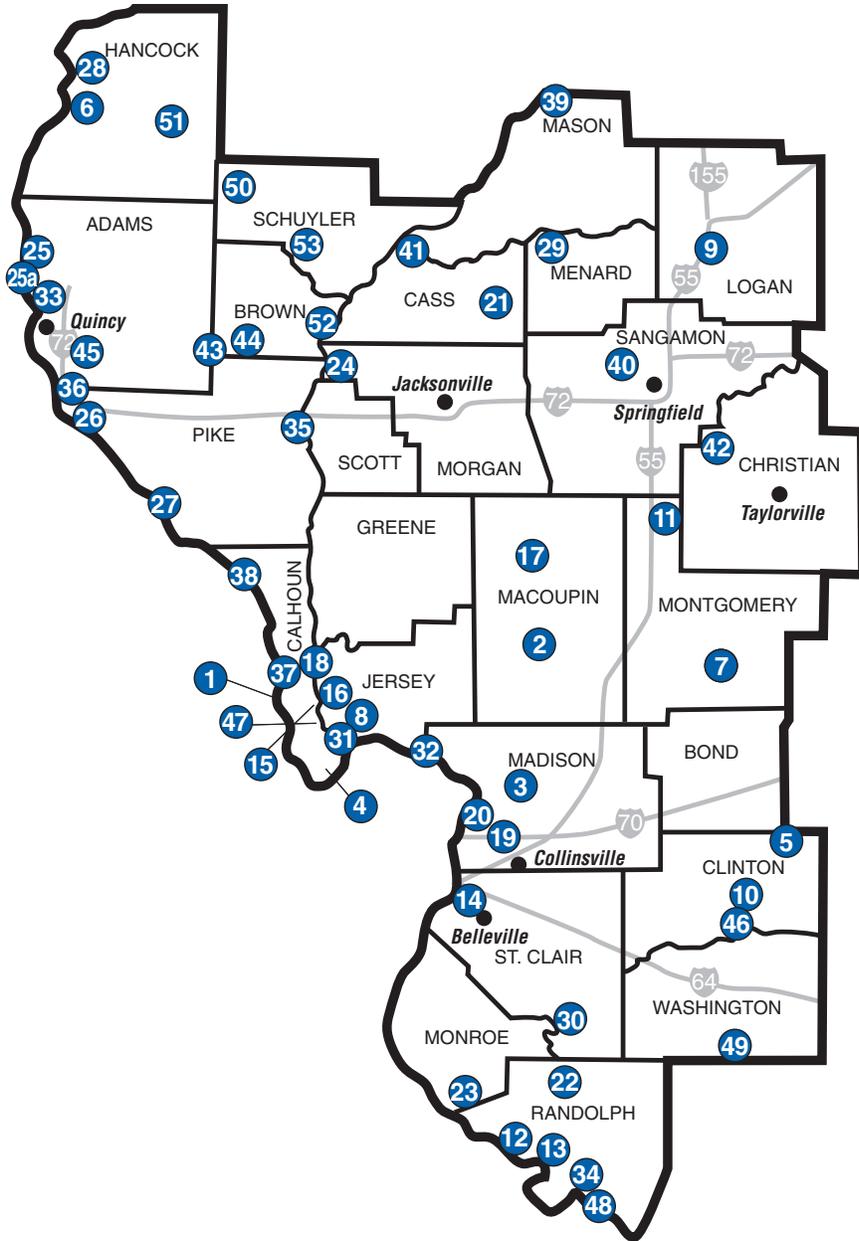
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b) Included in Mississippi River Pool 21, 22 and 24 Fact Sheets.  
c) Web Page - [fws.gov/midwest/greatriver](http://fws.gov/midwest/greatriver)

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51 Weinberg-King FWA (Cecil White Unit)	PO Box 203, Augusta, 62311; 217-392-2345	30			x		x				x	x	x		x						
52 Weinberg-King (Spunky Bottoms Unit)	PO Box 203, Augusta, 62311; 217-392-2345	800	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
53 Weinberg-King FWA (Scripps Unit)**	PO Box 203, Augusta, 62311; 217-392-2345	730	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x



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1 Beall Woods SP	9285 Beall Woods Ave., Mt. Carmel, 62863; 618-298-2442	516	x				x														x
2 Bluff Lakes FL	Union County near Jonesboro; 618-833-8576	516		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
3 Cache River SNA	930 Sunflower Lane, Belknap, 62908; 618-634-9678	11946	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
4 Campbell Pond	Perry & Jackson counties, c/o Pyramid SP; 618-357-2574	520	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
5 Cape Bend FWA	c/o Union County FWA; 618-833-5175	1380	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
6 Carlyle Lake WMA	RR2, Box 233, Vandalia 62471; 618-425-3533	9475	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
7 Chauncey Marsh SNA	c/o Red Hills SP, near Chauncey in Lawrence Co.; 618-936-2469	499	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	x
8 Crab Orchard Refuge FL	Williamson County near Carterville; 618-997-3344	23000	x	x	x	⊗	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
9 Crawford County FWA	12609 E. 1700th Ave., Hutsonville, 62433; 618-563-4405	1100	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	x
10 Cypress Pond SNA	c/o Ferne Clyffe SP, Rt. 37 S., Box 10, Goreville, 62939; 618-995-2411	1047	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
11 Deer Pond SNA	c/o Ferne Clyffe State Park Rt. 37 S., Box 10, Goreville, 62939; 618-995-2411	190	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
12 Devil's Island FWA	c/o Union County FWA, 2755 Refuge Rd., Jonesboro, 62952; 618-833-5175	2741	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
13 Dixon Springs SP	RR2, Golconda, 62938; 618-949-3394	265	x			⊗	x			⊗		x									
14 Dog Island WMA	c/o Dixon Springs SP, RR2, Box 178, Golconda, 62938; 618-949-3394	220	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
15 Ferne Clyffe SP	Rt. 37 S., Box 10, Goreville, 62939; 618-995-2411	1750	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
16 Ft. Massac SP	1308 E. 5th, Metropolis, 62960; 618-524-4712	984	x		x	x	x		x	⊗		x	x	x	x		x				
17 Giant City SP	235 Giant City State Park, Makanda, 62958; 618-457-4836	2255	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x
18 Hamilton County FWA	RR4, Box 242, McLeansboro, 62859; 618-773-4340	1530	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
19 Horseshoe Lake FWA (Alexander County)	Box 85, Miller City, 62962; 618-776-5689	4190	x	⊗	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
20 Kinkaid Lake	#52 Cinder Hill Dr, Murphysboro, 62966; 618-684-2867	3700	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
21 LaRue Swamp FL	Union County near Wolf Lake; 618-833-8576	1000	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
22 Meeker SHA	c/o Sam Parr SP, 13225 E. Hwy. 33, Newton 62448; 618-783-2661	72	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	
23 Mermet Lake FWA	1812 Grinnell Rd., Belknap, 62908; 618-524-5577	2000	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
24 Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	13995 E. Game Farm Rd, Mt. Vernon, 62864; 618-242-0830	650	x		x		x			x			x	x							
25 Newton Lake FWA	3490 E 500th Ave., Newton 62448; 618-783-3478	5600	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	☒	x				
26 Oakwood Bottoms FL	Jackson County near Murphysboro; 618-687-1731	3400	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x					x	x	x		
27 Pyramid SP	1562 Pyramid Park Rd., Pinckneyville, 62274; 618-357-2574	2754	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
28 Pyramid SP - East Conant Unit @	1562 Pyramid Park Road, Pinckneyville, 62274; 618-357-2574	2824	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
29 Pyramid SP - Denmark Unit @	1562 Pyramid Park Road, Pinckneyville, 62274; 618-357-2574	4385	x	x	x		x						x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
30 Pyramid SP - Galum Unit	1562 Pyramid Park Road, Pinckneyville, 62274; 618-357-2574	2520	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
31 Pyramid SP - Captain Unit @	1562 Pyramid Park Road, Pinckneyville, 62274; 618-357-2574	6105	x	x	x		x		x				x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
32 Ramsey Lake SRA	Ramsey Lake Rd., P.O. Box 97, Ramsey, 62080; 618-423-2215	1610	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
33 Rauchfuss Hill SRA	c/o Dixon Springs SP; 618-949-3394	150					x					x									
34 Red Hills SP	R.R. #2, Box 252A, Sumner, 62466; 618-936-2469	736	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x	☒	x				x
35 Rend Lake WMA	10885 E. Jefferson Rd., Bonnie, 62816; 618-279-3110	7690	x	⊗	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	x
36 Rend Lake FL	RR3, Benton; 618-724-2493	7740	x	⊗	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
37 Saline County FWA	85 Glenn O. Jones Rd., Equality, 62934; 618-276-4405	1000	x	⊗	x	⊗	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
38 Sam Dale Lake CA	RR1, Johnsonville, 62850; 618-835-2292	950	x		x		x			x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
39 Sam Parr SP	13225 E. St. Hwy. 33, Newton, 62448; 618-783-2661	840	x		x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	x
40 Shawnee Nat'l Forest FL	Jackson, Union, Alexander, Johnson, Williamson, Massac, Pope, Hardin, Gallatin & Saline counties; 618-253-7114	277645	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
41 Sielbeck Forest SNA	c/o Mermet Lake FWA; 618-524-5577	385	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
42 Skinner Farm SHA	Johnson County near Vienna; 618-995-2411	70	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	
43 Stephen A. Forbes SRA	6924 Omega Rd., Kinmundy, 62854; 618-547-3381	2580	x	x	x		x			x		x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	x
44 Ten Mile Creek FWA	RR1, Box 179, IL Route 14, McLeansboro, 62859; 618-643-2862	4995	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
45 Trail of Tears SF	3240 State Forest Rd., Jonesboro, 62952; 618-833-4910	4784	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
46 Union County FWA	2755 Refuge Rd, Jonesboro, 62952; 618-833-5175	2800	x	⊗	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x
47 Wayne Fitzgerrell SP	11094 Ranger Rd., Whittington, 62897-9718; 618-629-2320	1800	x				x			x		x				x					
48 Wildcat Hollow SHA	c/o Stephen A. Forbes SP; 618-547-3381	675			x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	☒	x	x	x	x	

**SITE CLASSIFICATIONS KEY:**

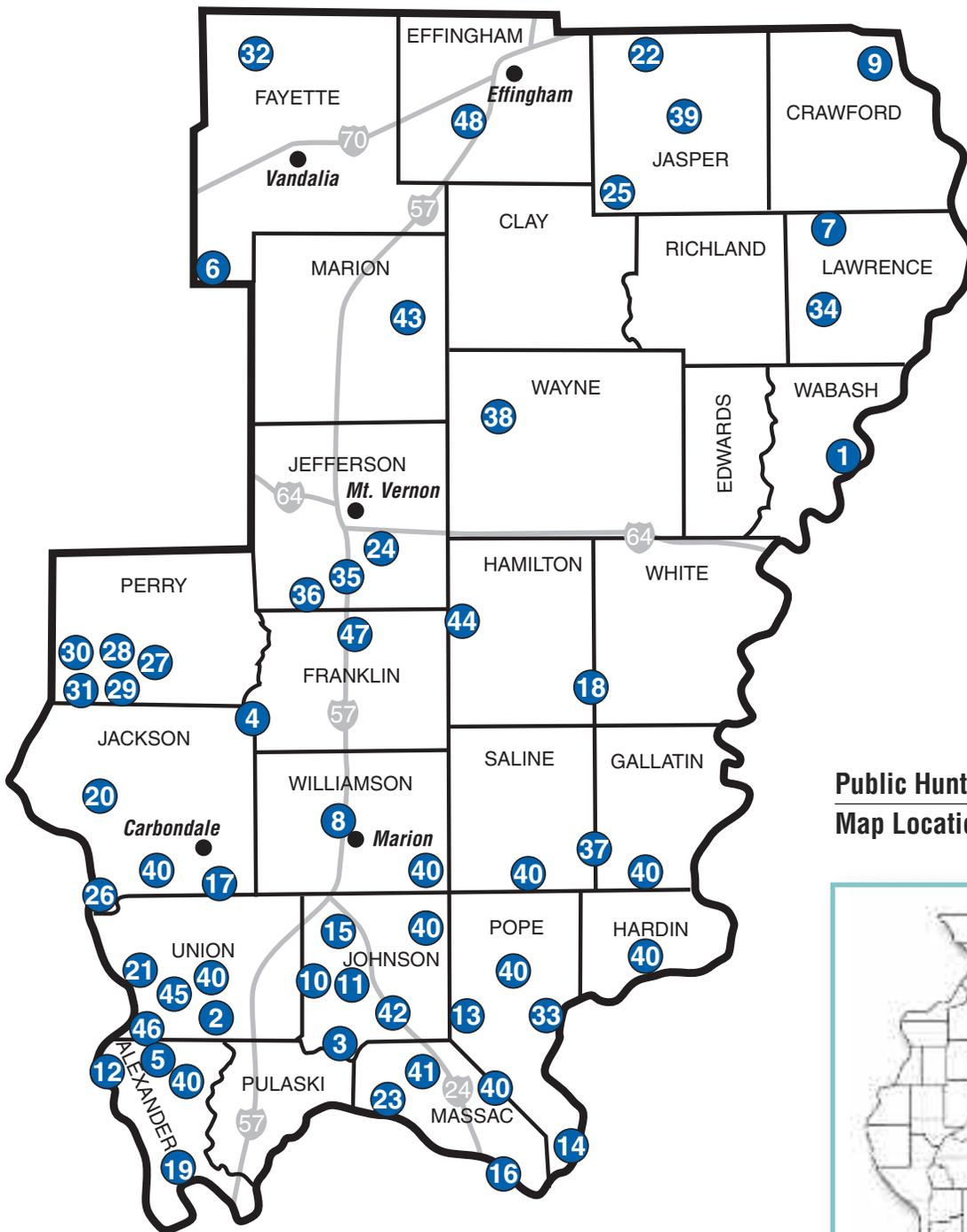
FWA - Fish & Wildlife Area  
SRA - State Recreation Area  
SF - State Forest

SP - State Park  
CA - Conservation Area  
FL - Federal Land  
WMA - Wildlife Management Area

HS - Historic Site  
SNA - State Natural Area  
SHA - State Habitat Area  
⊗ - Special hunts for disabled hunters

@ - Lottery permit required for upland game hunting. See section on free upland game permit hunts.  
⊗ - Youth Firearm Only.  
☒ - Rare on site but legal to take cocks only.

# Public Hunting Areas Region 5



**Public Hunting Areas Region 5**  
Map Locations



## Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

### **Q. Can I use a centerfire rifle for hunting in Illinois? Or handguns?**

**A.** Under Illinois law, the following species may be taken with a rifle or handgun: coyote, striped skunk, woodchuck, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum and red and gray fox. We do not regulate the caliber of handgun or rifle that may be used; except on state-owned or managed areas, which normally allow only the use of shotguns or .22 caliber rimfire rifles. Squirrel, furbearers and woodchuck hunters may use a .17 caliber rimfire rifle on some state-owned or managed areas. No rifles may be possessed in the field, however, during firearm deer season except that trappers may carry a .22 rimfire rifle to dispatch animals during firearm deer season. Certain handguns are lawful for deer hunting (see pages 12 & 14 for regulations).

In addition to the Department's site specific regulations, many cities or counties may have local ordinances prohibiting the use of certain firearms. It is important, therefore, that you also check with your local police agencies before you hunt. At all times when in possession of firearms, hunters must also comply with the other firearms regulations as outlined in the Illinois Criminal Code.

### **Q. Can I use walkie-talkies or cell phones to keep in touch with my hunting partners while in the field hunting?**

**A.** Yes. There is nothing in Illinois conservation law that prohibits the use of these communication devices while hunting.

### **Q. Can I use a scope on my gun or bow?**

**A.** Yes. There is nothing in Illinois conservation law that regulates the use of scopes for guns including muzzleloaders or bows while hunting.

### **Q. Can I use a shotgun primer as a percussion cap for my muzzleloader?**

**A.** Yes. A shotgun primer is a type of percussion cap and therefore legal for use in hunting with muzzleloaders.

### **Q. Can I use mechanical deer decoys or electronic calls for deer hunting?**

**A.** Yes. Illinois law does not prohibit the use of mechanical deer decoys or electronic calls for deer hunting. (Note: both electronic turkey decoys and electronic calls are ILLEGAL for turkey hunting).

### **Q. Do I need a F.O.I.D. card to hunt with a muzzleloader?**

**A.** Yes. Illinois residents possessing or using modern muzzleloading firearms are required to have a valid F.O.I.D. card. Only antique firearms (other than a machine gun) which,

although designed as a weapon, the Department of State Police finds by reason of the date of its manufacture, value, design, and other characteristics is primarily a collector's item and not likely to be used as a weapon, is exempt from the F.O.I.D. law.

### **Q. Is there a set distance from a roadway I have to be in order to hunt?**

**A.** No. There is no set distance. It is simply unlawful to hunt, trap, or discharge a gun or bow and arrow device along, upon, across or from a public roadway, highway, or right-of-way. (See page 9 of the digest for further explanation). The only exception is that any person who hunts on any property operated under a Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area Permit where the principal use is to take wild geese, cannot hunt geese from a pit or blind that is within 200 yards of a public right-of-way that is adjacent to any State or Federal Waterfowl Refuge.

### **Q. Is there a set distance from another person's property I must be in order to hunt?**

**A.** No. But there are a couple of issues to keep in mind. One, you must have permission to hunt from the landowner or tenant before you enter their property. That includes tracking wounded game. Although it is illegal to kill game and not make an attempt to retrieve it, your attempt ends if you are not granted access to the property where the animal goes. Second, you cannot hunt within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling if hunting with bow and arrow device or shotgun loaded with shot shells (or 300 yards if using a rifle, handgun, or deer slugs) unless you have permission from the person occupying the dwelling. You could theoretically be on your own property but if it is too close to another person's dwelling, and you don't have permission from the person who occupies that dwelling, you can't hunt there.

Holders of commercial migratory waterfowl area permits where the primary use is to take wild geese, cannot have a blind or pit that is located less than 100 yards from the boundary of the property on which the blind or pit is located.

### **Q. How may I safely and legally transport a firearm in a vehicle?**

**A.** You must possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card (F.O.I.D.) and the firearm must be unloaded and enclosed in a case (see definition of "case" in the "DEFINITIONS" section on page 6). Unloaded and properly enclosed firearms can be placed anywhere in the vehicle. (See transporting bow and arrow devices in vehicles - page 9).

### **Q. May I carry a firearm in a rack in my back window, say in a pickup truck?**

**A.** Yes, if you have a valid F.O.I.D. and the firearm is unloaded and in a case. However, in this situation you would need to have a side mirror on the truck for an unobstructed view to the rear of the vehicle. Consider one thing: a gun displayed in a window could invite theft.

### **Q. How may I safely and legally transport ammunition in a vehicle?**

**A.** The location of ammunition being transported, including ammunition being transported in loaded magazines, is not regulated as long as the firearm is unloaded and encased, and the resident possessing the firearm/ammunition holds a valid F.O.I.D. card.

### **Q. How may I legally transport firearms and ammunition in another state?**

**A.** The particular state in which you will be traveling should be contacted for that information.

### **Q. How can a nonresident without a F.O.I.D. card legally transport a firearm in a vehicle?**

**A.** Nonresidents must transport their firearms unloaded and enclosed in a case (see Transporting Firearms and Bow and Arrow Devices in Vehicles, page 9). In addition, the firearm must not be immediately accessible or must be broken down in a non-functioning state.

### **Q. Where can I get more information on transporting firearms?**

**A.** For more information, contact: Illinois State Police at (217) 524-2525, or the F.O.I.D. Office at (217) 782-7980, [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us); or Department of Natural Resources' Clearinghouse at (217) 782-7498, [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) and ask for the brochure "Transport Your Gun Legally – Commonly Asked Questions on Transporting Firearms."

### **Q. Can I use an electronic call to hunt coyote and fox?**

**A.** Yes. They can also be used at night when night hunting is allowed.

# **Placeholder for 2006 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE©**

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To view the table you must order a hard copy of Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations: 2009-10 from the IDNR Publications website at the following web address:

<https://dnr.state.il.us/teachkids/ordertype.asp>







# Sunrise-Sunset Time Tables

## FEBRUARY

REGION

☾	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUNRISE	7:13	7:08	7:04	7:10	7:05	6:59	7:03	6:58
SUNSET	5:17	5:22	5:17	5:12	5:12	5:12	5:12	5:17
1	7:13	7:08	7:04	7:10	7:05	6:59	7:03	6:58
2	7:12	7:07	7:03	7:09	7:04	6:59	7:02	6:57
3	7:11	7:06	7:02	7:08	7:03	6:58	7:01	6:56
4	7:10	7:05	7:01	7:07	7:02	6:57	7:00	6:55
5	7:09	7:04	7:00	7:06	7:01	6:56	6:59	6:54
6	7:07	7:03	6:59	7:05	7:00	6:54	6:58	6:53
7	7:06	7:02	6:58	7:04	6:59	6:53	6:57	6:52
8	7:05	7:00	6:57	7:03	6:58	6:52	6:56	6:51
9	7:04	6:59	6:56	7:02	6:57	6:51	6:55	6:50
10	7:03	6:58	6:54	7:00	6:55	6:50	6:54	6:49
11	7:01	6:57	6:53	6:59	6:54	6:49	6:53	6:48
12	7:00	6:55	6:52	6:58	6:53	6:48	6:52	6:47
13	6:59	6:54	6:50	6:57	6:52	6:47	6:51	6:46
14	6:58	6:53	6:49	6:56	6:51	6:45	6:50	6:45
15	6:56	6:51	6:48	6:54	6:49	6:44	6:48	6:44
16	6:55	6:50	6:46	6:53	6:48	6:43	6:47	6:42
17	6:53	6:49	6:45	6:52	6:47	6:41	6:46	6:41
18	6:52	6:48	6:44	6:51	6:46	6:40	6:45	6:40
19	6:51	6:47	6:43	6:50	6:45	6:39	6:44	6:39
20	6:49	6:44	6:41	6:48	6:43	6:38	6:42	6:37
21	6:48	6:43	6:39	6:46	6:41	6:36	6:41	6:36
22	6:46	6:42	6:38	6:45	6:40	6:35	6:40	6:35
23	6:45	6:40	6:36	6:44	6:39	6:33	6:38	6:33
24	6:43	6:39	6:35	6:42	6:37	6:32	6:37	6:32
25	6:42	6:37	6:33	6:41	6:36	6:31	6:36	6:31
26	6:40	6:36	6:32	6:39	6:34	6:29	6:34	6:29
27	6:39	6:34	6:30	6:38	6:33	6:28	6:33	6:28
28	6:37	6:32	6:28	6:36	6:31	6:26	6:31	6:26
29	6:36	6:31	6:27	6:35	6:30	6:25	6:30	6:25
30	6:35	6:30	6:26	6:34	6:29	6:24	6:29	6:24
31	6:34	6:29	6:25	6:33	6:28	6:23	6:28	6:23

ALL TIMES ARE FOR CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

## MARCH

REGION

☾	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUNRISE	6:36	6:31	6:27	6:35	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:25
SUNSET	5:47	5:44	5:44	5:54	5:49	5:45	5:45	5:48
1	6:36	6:31	6:27	6:35	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:25
2	6:34	6:29	6:26	6:34	6:29	6:26	6:29	6:24
3	6:33	6:28	6:24	6:32	6:27	6:22	6:27	6:22
4	6:31	6:26	6:22	6:31	6:25	6:20	6:26	6:21
5	6:29	6:24	6:21	6:29	6:24	6:19	6:24	6:20
6	6:28	6:23	6:19	6:27	6:22	6:17	6:23	6:18
7	6:26	6:21	6:18	6:26	6:21	6:16	6:21	6:17
8	6:25	6:20	6:17	6:25	6:20	6:15	6:20	6:16
9	6:23	6:18	6:15	6:23	6:18	6:13	6:18	6:14
10	6:21	6:16	6:13	6:21	6:16	6:11	6:17	6:12
11	6:19	6:15	6:11	6:20	6:15	6:10	6:16	6:11
12	6:18	6:13	6:09	6:18	6:13	6:08	6:14	6:09
13	6:16	6:11	6:08	6:16	6:11	6:06	6:13	6:08
14	6:14	6:10	6:06	6:15	6:10	6:05	6:11	6:06
15	6:13	6:08	6:04	6:13	6:08	6:03	6:10	6:05
16	6:11	6:06	6:03	6:12	6:07	6:02	6:08	6:03
17	6:09	6:05	6:02	6:11	6:06	6:01	6:07	6:02
18	6:10	6:05	6:02	6:11	6:06	6:01	6:08	6:03
19	6:11	6:06	6:03	6:12	6:07	6:02	6:09	6:04
20	6:13	6:08	6:04	6:13	6:08	6:03	6:10	6:05
21	6:14	6:09	6:05	6:14	6:09	6:04	6:11	6:06
22	6:15	6:10	6:06	6:15	6:10	6:05	6:12	6:07
23	6:16	6:11	6:07	6:16	6:11	6:06	6:13	6:08
24	6:18	6:13	6:09	6:17	6:12	6:07	6:14	6:09
25	6:19	6:14	6:11	6:18	6:13	6:08	6:14	6:10
26	6:20	6:15	6:12	6:19	6:14	6:09	6:15	6:11
27	6:21	6:16	6:13	6:20	6:15	6:10	6:16	6:12
28	6:22	6:17	6:14	6:21	6:16	6:11	6:17	6:13
29	6:23	6:18	6:15	6:22	6:17	6:12	6:18	6:14
30	6:25	6:20	6:17	6:24	6:19	6:14	6:20	6:15
31	6:26	6:21	6:17	6:25	6:20	6:15	6:21	6:16

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## APRIL

REGION

☾	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUNRISE	5:44	5:39	5:36	5:46	5:41	5:36	5:44	5:39
SUNSET	6:22	6:22	6:16	6:26	6:21	6:16	6:22	6:17
1	5:44	5:39	5:36	5:46	5:41	5:36	5:44	5:39
2	5:42	5:38	5:34	5:44	5:39	5:35	5:42	5:37
3	5:41	5:36	5:32	5:43	5:38	5:33	5:41	5:36
4	5:39	5:34	5:31	5:41	5:36	5:31	5:39	5:34
5	5:37	5:33	5:29	5:40	5:34	5:30	5:38	5:33
6	5:36	5:31	5:27	5:38	5:33	5:28	5:36	5:31
7	5:34	5:29	5:26	5:37	5:31	5:27	5:35	5:30
8	5:33	5:28	5:25	5:36	5:31	5:26	5:34	5:29
9	5:32	5:27	5:24	5:35	5:30	5:25	5:33	5:28
10	5:31	5:26	5:23	5:34	5:29	5:24	5:32	5:27
11	5:29	5:24	5:21	5:32	5:27	5:22	5:30	5:25
12	5:28	5:23	5:19	5:30	5:25	5:21	5:29	5:24
13	5:26	5:21	5:18	5:29	5:24	5:19	5:27	5:23
14	5:24	5:20	5:16	5:27	5:22	5:18	5:26	5:21
15	5:23	5:18	5:15	5:26	5:21	5:16	5:24	5:20
16	5:21	5:16	5:13	5:24	5:19	5:15	5:23	5:18
17	5:20	5:15	5:11	5:23	5:18	5:13	5:22	5:17
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21	5:14	5:09	5:05	5:17	5:12	5:07	5:16	5:11
22	5:12	5:07	5:04	5:16	5:10	5:06	5:15	5:10
23	5:11	5:06	5:02	5:14	5:09	5:05	5:13	5:09
24	5:09	5:04	5:01	5:13	5:08	5:03	5:12	5:08
25	5:08	5:03	4:59	5:12	5:06	5:02	5:11	5:06
26	5:06	5:01	4:58	5:10	5:05	5:01	5:10	5:05
27	5:05	5:00	4:57	5:09	5:04	4:59	5:08	5:04
28	5:03	4:59	4:56	5:08	5:03	4:58	5:07	5:02
29	5:01	4:57	4:54	5:06	5:01	4:57	5:06	5:01
30	5:01	4:56	4:53	5:05	5:00	4:55	5:05	5:00
31	4:59	4:55	4:51	5:04	4:58	4:54	5:03	4:59

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Add one hour for daylight savings time (March 14 through April 30, 2010)

# Sunrise-Sunset Time Tables

## MAY

☀	REGION								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
SUNRISE	4:58	4:53	4:50	4:50	4:52	4:57	4:53	5:02	4:58
SUNSET	6:58	6:54	6:51	6:56	6:52	6:46	6:50	6:45	6:50
1	4:57	4:52	4:49	5:01	4:56	4:52	5:01	4:57	4:57
2	7:00	6:56	6:52	6:57	6:53	6:47	6:51	6:46	6:51
3	4:56	4:51	4:47	5:00	4:55	4:50	5:00	4:55	4:55
4	4:54	4:49	4:46	4:59	4:54	4:49	4:59	4:54	4:54
5	4:53	4:48	4:45	4:58	4:52	4:48	4:58	4:53	4:53
6	4:52	4:47	4:44	4:57	4:51	4:47	4:57	4:52	4:52
7	4:51	4:46	4:43	4:56	4:50	4:46	4:56	4:51	4:51
8	4:49	4:45	4:41	4:55	4:49	4:45	4:55	4:50	4:50
9	4:48	4:43	4:40	4:53	4:48	4:44	4:54	4:49	4:49
10	4:47	4:42	4:39	4:52	4:47	4:43	4:53	4:48	4:48
11	4:46	4:41	4:38	4:51	4:46	4:42	4:52	4:47	4:47
12	4:45	4:40	4:37	4:50	4:45	4:41	4:51	4:46	4:46
13	4:44	4:39	4:36	4:49	4:44	4:40	4:50	4:45	4:45
14	4:43	4:38	4:35	4:48	4:43	4:39	4:49	4:44	4:44
15	4:42	4:37	4:34	4:47	4:42	4:38	4:48	4:44	4:44
16	4:41	4:36	4:33	4:46	4:41	4:37	4:47	4:43	4:43
17	4:40	4:35	4:32	4:45	4:40	4:36	4:46	4:42	4:42
18	4:39	4:34	4:31	4:44	4:39	4:35	4:46	4:41	4:41
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21	4:37	4:32	4:28	4:42	4:37	4:33	4:44	4:39	4:39
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23	4:35	4:30	4:27	4:41	4:36	4:32	4:42	4:38	4:38
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26	4:33	4:28	4:25	4:39	4:34	4:30	4:41	4:36	4:36
27	4:32	4:27	4:24	4:38	4:33	4:29	4:40	4:36	4:36
28	4:32	4:27	4:24	4:38	4:33	4:29	4:40	4:35	4:35
29	4:31	4:26	4:23	4:37	4:32	4:28	4:39	4:34	4:34
30	4:31	4:26	4:23	4:37	4:32	4:28	4:39	4:34	4:34
31	4:30	4:25	4:22	4:36	4:31	4:27	4:38	4:34	4:34

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## JUNE

☀	REGION								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
SUNRISE	4:30	4:25	4:22	4:36	4:31	4:27	4:38	4:33	4:33
SUNSET	7:29	7:24	7:20	7:26	7:21	7:17	7:14	7:16	7:11
1	4:29	4:24	4:21	4:36	4:30	4:26	4:37	4:33	4:33
2	7:30	7:25	7:21	7:27	7:22	7:18	7:14	7:17	7:11
3	4:29	4:24	4:21	4:35	4:30	4:26	4:37	4:32	4:32
4	4:29	4:24	4:20	4:35	4:30	4:26	4:37	4:32	4:32
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Add one hour for daylight savings time (May 1 through July 31, 2010)



# Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet

## Pheasant Run Resort • St. Charles, IL

### Saturday, March 13, 2010

*Nominees to the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame should include those select outdoor sportsmen and women who truly have made significant contributions or exhibited unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting natural resources or outdoor recreational opportunities in Illinois.*

#### ■ INTINERARY • MARCH 13, 2010

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Complimentary Bar
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Silent Auction
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Induction Ceremony
8:30 p.m.	Live Auction

- Entertainment
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
- Great Food
- Complimentary Bar

*The proceeds from this event will benefit the Illinois Conservation Foundation grants program and youth scholarships.*

#### ■ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information concerning the ICF Outdoor Hall of Fame Banquet, please call Kathy Wheeler at 217.785.2003, or visit our website at [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org)

#### ■ HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

• Frank Bellrose ( <i>Havana</i> )	2002
• James Helfrich ( <i>Hammond</i> )	2002
• John Husar ( <i>Willow Springs</i> )	2002
• Gene Morgan ( <i>Benton</i> )	2002
• Jack Ehresman ( <i>Hanna City</i> )	2002
• Henry Barkhausen ( <i>Lake Forest</i> )	2003
• Jim Edgar ( <i>Urbana</i> )	2003
• Bill Cullerton, Sr. ( <i>Oak Brook</i> )	2003
• Bonnie Jo Fee ( <i>Kinderhook</i> )	2004
• Floyd “Jake” Kringer ( <i>Vandalia</i> )	2004
• Dorothy Donnelly ( <i>Libertyville</i> )	2004
• Gaylord Donnelly ( <i>Libertyville</i> )	2004
• J.R. Black ( <i>Kankakee</i> )	2004
• Willard Klimstra ( <i>Springfield</i> )	2005
• G. Brent Manning ( <i>Wheaton</i> )	2005
• William Rutherford, Sr. ( <i>Peoria</i> )	2005
• Kenneth Fiske ( <i>Woodstock</i> )	2005
• Robert Torstenson ( <i>Pecatonica</i> )	2006
• Ralph Frese ( <i>Chicago</i> )	2006
• Don Swensson ( <i>Moline</i> )	2006
• Carl Becker ( <i>Petersburg</i> )	2007
• John Kidd, Jr. ( <i>Crete</i> )	2007
• Glen Sanderson ( <i>Champaign</i> )	2007
• Jared Garver ( <i>Cobden</i> )	2007
• George Fell ( <i>Rockford</i> )	2008
• John “Duke” O’Malley ( <i>Chicago</i> )	2008
• Don Dubin ( <i>Lincolnwood</i> )	2008
• William Guerrini ( <i>Spring Valley</i> )	2009
• Don Hankla ( <i>Anna</i> )	2009
• Dwight Hoffard ( <i>Johnson City</i> )	2009
• Dr. George Rabb ( <i>Brookfield</i> )	2009





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# HELPING OTHERS

**The Illinois Conservation Foundation has played a significant role in raising funds for many important causes.**

It is a sponsor of Illinois Sportsman Against Hunger program; helping nourish those in need.

The ICF has purchased equipment for the Conservation Police Search & Rescue Squad and vehicles for Department of Natural Resources wildlife staff. It has helped forge reforestation agreements with Illinois corporations resulting in equipment purchases to help plant millions of trees.

The ICF built the state's first artificial reef, an 800 foot long granite rubble structure in Lake Michigan.

The reef provided a habitat for smallmouth bass and other near-shore species. The list of achievements is long and includes enhancing habitats for the endangered Illinois mud turtle and Indiana bat, and reintroducing the river otter into Illinois waterways.

## YOU CAN HELP

*I want to help preserve the present and guarantee the future of Illinois' natural resources.*

Name  Daytime Phone

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Please accept my:  Personal Check (made payable to the Illinois Conservation Foundation)  
 VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

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Signature  Expiration Date

Please send information regarding:  ICF Credit Card  Establishing a Memorial  
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