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Illinois Controlled Pheasant Hunting Reservation Information Going Online

Online applications for IDNR-managed sites available Sept. 27

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Controlled pheasant hunting opportunities will be available at 19 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) sites this fall, and the 2010-11 season dates and permit reservation information will be available online.

“The upland season will be here before we know it, and now is the time to check the website for information on the controlled pheasant program. The program provides thousands of hunters with an upland game hunting opportunity they might not otherwise have here in Illinois,” said IDNR Director Marc Miller. “Hunters appreciate this program, and it is a great way to give young hunters an opportunity to enjoy a successful hunt.”

Fifteen of the sites are operated by the IDNR, while four other sites will be operated in a public/private partnership arrangement between the IDNR and T. Miller, Inc.

The online permit reservation system for the 15 IDNR-operated sites opens Sept. 27 and permit information, season dates and other information are now available. Detailed information and permit reservations are now available for the four sites managed by T. Miller, Inc.

Controlled pheasant hunt fees will remain unchanged for the 2010-11 season. The daily permit fee for the controlled pheasant program is \$25 for resident hunters and \$35 for nonresident hunters. The daily permit fee applies to each hunter with the exception of youth hunts. For the 2010-11 hunting season, permit fees will be collected at the site hunter check station on hunt dates. Permit fees must be paid in cash.

The public/private partnership controlled pheasant hunting areas are Chain O'Lakes State Park in Lake County, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area in Kendall County, Ramsey Lake State Recreation Area in Fayette County and Horseshoe Lake State Park in Madison County. Information about controlled pheasant hunting at these sites is available at www.tmillerinc.com and the IDNR website www.dnr.state.il.us or www.dnr.illinois.gov.

Of the 15 sites operated by the IDNR, five offer only the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt opportunity for young hunters between the ages of 10-15. Those five sites are the Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area in

Tazewell County, Clinton Lake State Recreation Area in DeWitt County, Edward Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area in Logan County, Sangchris Lake State Park in Christian and Sangamon Counties and the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Randolph County.

Nine sites provide lengthy hunting seasons for hunters as well as special hunting days for young hunters. Those nine sites are Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area in Henry County, Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area in Will County, Kankakee River State Park in Kankakee County, Iroquois County State Wildlife Area, Moraine View State Recreation Area in McLean County, Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area in Cass County, Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area in Clinton County and Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area in Jefferson and Franklin Counties.

The Green River State Wildlife Area in Lee County provides 15 days of controlled pheasant hunting during a season that extends from early November until just before Christmas.

At Des Plaines, Moraine View and Eldon Hazlet, hunting opportunities are available for hunters with disabilities where special vehicles are provided to assist with the hunt.

Online permit reservations for the first drawing period on IDNR-operated sites will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 27 through midnight on Oct. 3. Two additional one week drawing periods are scheduled thereafter.

To navigate to the controlled pheasant hunting website once the IDNR website has been accessed, hunters should follow these directions: Click on the "Hunting" icon; then click on "Upland/Small Game Hunting;" then click on "Controlled Pheasant Hunting Areas Permit Reservation System."

IDNR-operated controlled pheasant hunting sites will continue to have a portion of their hunter quota allocated to standby hunters. Standby hunters acquire permits and pay permit fees at the site hunter check station on the day of the hunt. For those sites involved in the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt, standby permits are only available at Edward Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area, Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area and Sangchris Lake State Park.

Hunters without computers are encouraged to gain access to the controlled pheasant hunting online reservation systems by checking with family or friends or by using a computer at their local public library. Completing a permit reservation online takes less than five minutes.

For complete details, check the controlled pheasant hunting websites at www.dnr.state.il.us, www.dnr.illinois.gov or www.tmillerc.com.

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