



2020 - Private Land YOUTH Shotgun Deer Hunting

Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

Information and Application Instructions



Private Land Youth Shotgun Deer Hunting will take place during Youth Shotgun Deer Season, October 10-12, 2020.

Access has been provided through the cooperation of landowners and the hard work of the IL Dept. of Natural Resources, USDA NRCS VPA-HIP, and various wildlife organizations and volunteers. Participating in this program is a special privilege. Please be respectful, ethical, and safe hunters

Eligibility

A hunter must:

1. Youth hunters must not have reached their 18th birthday prior to the opening date of youth shotgun season and must have a “supervising non-hunting adult” (parent, legal guardian, or adult authorized by a parent or legal guardian who is 21 years or older) accompany the youth hunter throughout the entire hunting experience.
2. Have a valid IDNR Youth Shotgun Deer Hunting permit for the county in which they have applied for and a hunting license.
3. Hunter may be a resident or non-resident of Illinois.

Application Process

- LEGIBLY provide all the data requested on the application including: hunting license ID number, full name, date of birth, address, phone number, email address and signature.
- Youth hunters may submit up to three application per year, one for each IRAP deer hunting period. (i.e. Youth Shotgun, 2nd & 3rd IRAP period).
- Review and sign *RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY (attachment B)* form stating that the youth hunter and parent/legal guardian assumes all risks associated with IRAP’s Private Land Youth Shotgun Deer Hunt.
- The completed APPLICATION with ATTACHMENT(S) must be received by 5pm, August 24, 2020 by email (preferred), by mail, or hand delivery to the IDNR headquarters building (drive through window is open).

Rules and Regulations

- Only one either sex deer may be harvested per youth hunter.
- Each successful applicant/hunter will be assigned a hunting area on private land. They will be provided directions, a map and parking permit that allows them special access to the specific hunting site. The site will be marked with a sign for parking and possibly purple paint marking the property boundary.
- Scouting is allowed seven days prior to the hunt dates; therefore, you may access property on October 3rd, 2020 for scouting and blind placement purposes only.
- The hunter or youth/adult pair is expected to adhere to all Federal, State and local laws and regulations, including those laws and regulations referenced in the current Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations, be prepared with appropriate clothing, gear, etc., and have necessary valid permits and licenses available for inspection while hunting.

Other Important Information

- No permanent stands or blinds are permitted. No tree pegs or other damage to trees is allowed on IRAP leased sites. Temporary blinds and removable tree stands will be permitted. Participants are liable for everything associated with equipment that they bring with them.
- All regular licenses and permits must be obtained by the participant, including archery deer permit.
- **All hunters are required to fill out post-hunt survey** and return it to IDNR-IRAP, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702.
- Registered hunters are the only people allowed to hunt in the designated area. Stay well within the designated area on the map. Other hunters may be near. When youth hunters are accompanied by an adult, the youth hunter is the only one allowed to hunt in the designated hunting area even though they will have an adult with them. ONE HUNTER PER ASSIGNED HUNTING SITE.
- Only successful applicants/hunters will be notified by mail or e-mail at least 3 weeks prior to the hunting period.
- IRAP participants are not to contact the landowner unless prior approval from IRAP is obtained.

Hunters Safety - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please follow DCD guidelines and do not come into contact with the landowner

Dates for IRAP Youth Shotgun Period: October 10-12, 2020

Information

For more information on this and other Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) activities visit the website at:
www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/IRAP

Contact IRAP by email at DNR.IRAP@illinois.gov or by phone at 217-782-0137

(Keep this page of the application.)

Application for Private Land 2020 **YOUTH Shotgun** Hunting Access

Illinois Recreational Access Program – IRAP

Application must be received by **5pm Monday, August 24th**

(Please fill out electronically, if possible, for legibility purposes.)

HUNTER INFORMATION *(must be completed)* - Please check appropriate boxes:

Youth Hunters : Will a non-hunting supervisor/mentor be accompanying you on your hunt? Yes No

Will a non-hunting observer* be accompanying you on your hunt? (*Person who wants to observe and/or take pictures/videos of the hunt.) Yes No

(If you check an incorrect check-box above, please uncheck it before checking the correct box to reset the fields.)

First County Choice:

Second County Choice:

Third County Choice:

Fourth County Choice:

Name: (First, MI, Last):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Phone number:

Hunter Safety Certificate Number:

State:

(Hunters born in 1980 or after must have completed hunter safety class)

IDNR Hunting License Number/Customer Number:

Is this your first-time hunting deer?

Yes

No

Have you hunted through the IRAP program before?

Yes

No

If yes, what species/county:

How did you hear about the IRAP hunting program? (please be specific)

Have you participate in any IDNR sponsored hunting programs such as Learn to Hunt, Win Shooting clinic, etc., in past 3 years?

YES

NO

If yes, what programs did you attend?

Special Requests? *(Requests are not guaranteed)*

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION Youth Hunters Only:

Name: (First, MI, Last):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone number:

Relationship to youth hunter (above):

IDNR Hunting License/Customer Number:

**If youth hunter will be accompanied by someone other than a parent/legal guardian OR if adult hunter chooses to take a non-hunting adult mentor/observer, please fill out below:*

NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT/MENTOR

(If an adult other than parent/legal guardian will be supervising/mentoring Youth Hunter)

Name: (First, MI, Last):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Relationship to youth hunter (above):

Date of Birth:

IDNR Hunting License/Customer Number:

F.O.I.D. Number (if applicable):

Driver's License Number:

See reverse side. Read and sign.

Please read and sign below:

I understand that hunting is a sport involving bows/firearms. Bows and Firearms, when mishandled, can be dangerous. Further, I understand that it is my responsibility to use the utmost care in the exercise of hunting and firearm safety. I understand that it is my responsibility for all equipment and gear that I bring onto the property to hunt with, and all possible malfunctions in the equipment is my sole liability. I will leave the landowner's property in as good condition as found, I will not litter, cut trees, trespass or cause harm or damage to the property. I will leave the property as I found it. I intend to do so and realize that I have a duty to do so.

I further realize that the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the Sangamon Soil and Water Conservation District, IRAP partners, and the private landowner(s), their members, agents, employees, licensees, volunteers, and associates are exempt from liability from me participating in the program. Staff are participating in this hunting opportunity to give me a quality outdoor experience and will not be held liable by my actions.

I have read this document, and I understand it contents. I realize it is a privilege to participate in the IRAP Private Land Hunt and accordingly I will conduct myself in a safe manner consistent with all duties, which I have heretofore recognized.

I agree to abide by all federal, state and local laws and regulations. I have reviewed, am familiar with, and agree to abide by the laws, rules and regulations contained in the current Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations applicable to this hunting activity.

In lieu of a written signature, providing an electronic signature by typing your name in the box below certifies to the best of your knowledge the information you have provided true, correct and complete and furthermore you are agreeing to obey all State and Federal hunting laws as well as IRAP rules and regulations.

Hunter's electronic or hand written signature:

Date:

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATIONS
(Please check the applicable box and sign and date the corresponding section.)

**If youth hunter will be accompanied by parent/legal guardian, please fill out below.*

I will be supervising my child during the hunt.

In lieu of a written signature, providing an electronic signature by typing your name in the one of the signature boxes below (in this section) certifies to the best of your knowledge the information you have provided true, correct and complete and furthermore you are agreeing to obey all State and Federal hunting laws as well as IRAP rules and regulations.

Parent/Legal Guardian Electronic or Hand Written Signature (If accompanying your child):

Date:

OR:

**If an adult other than yourself will be mentoring your child, please complete the consent below:*

I hereby authorize (fill in the name of the mentor) _____, who is at least 21 years of age, to accompany and supervise the youth hunter in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations contained in the most recent issues of the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations applicable to this hunting activity throughout the entire hunting experience on the private land enrolled in IRAP as specified in the Youth Hunter's permit. I am 21 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the Youth Hunter identified on this application, and do hereby give consent without reservation to the foregoing authorization

Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian Electronic or Hand Written Signature (If authorizing Supervising Adult/Mentor to accompany youth hunter.)

NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT/MENTOR or NON-HUNTING OBSERVER CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATIONS

**This section applies to youth participants, as well as Adult participants who choose to have a non-hunting adult mentor accompany them on their hunt.*

I am 21 years of age or older and am competent to mentor/accompany the youth or adult participant named in this IRAP application and contract in my own name. I hereby agree without reservation to the foregoing authorization.

In lieu of a written signature, by providing an electronic signature by typing your name in the box below certifies to the best of your knowledge the information you have provided true, correct and complete and furthermore you are agreeing to obey all State and Federal hunting laws as well as IRAP rules and regulations.

Non-Hunting SUPERVISING Adult/Mentor Electronic or Hand Written Signature:

Date:

Please note: ALL hunters, non-hunting adults/mentors and any other individual who will be accompanying the hunters during their hunt must complete and sign a Release of Liability Waiver (attachment B). Due to the large volume of applications received, failure to **legibly** complete all the required information may result in a voided application.



Email your completed application to: DNR.Irap@illinois.gov

IL Dept. of Natural Resources
IRAP Deer Application
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702



Illinois Recreational Access Program

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION OF LANDOWNER, IDNR, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

Attachment B



I, _____ (“Participant”), am granted access to privately-owned real property (“Property”) in Illinois, and enrolled in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ (“IDNR”) Recreational Access Program (“IRAP”) for the activities described in the Application

I agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of the Risk and Indemnification agreement (“Release”) is intended to be broad and inclusive and includes, but is not limited to, the following terms and conditions:

1. *Landowner.* For purposes of this Release, "Landowner" shall include the possessor of any interest in real property participating in IRAP, whether it be a tenant, lessee, occupant, or person in control of the premises.
2. *Real Property.* For the purposes of this Release, “Real Property” or “Property” shall include roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty.
3. *No Violation of Laws and Regulations.* I agree and covenant that I will abide by all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. I have read and understand the rules and regulations referenced in the Information and Application Instructions.
4. *Release of Liability, Assumption of the Risk, and Indemnity.*
 - A. By entering upon and remaining on the Property, I accept the Property and any improvements in an "as is" condition.
 - B. I agree that no warranty has been made by Landowner, IDNR, or the State of Illinois, as to the condition of the Property. I understand that dangerous conditions can and do exist on the Property. I acknowledge and affirm that I am aware of the damage, injury or death that I and any others with me may encounter.
 - C. I hereby acknowledge and release Landowner, IDNR, and the State of Illinois, from all responsibility and liability for any dangers, accidents, damage to property, injuries to self or others, death, risks and hazards associated with my entry upon, presence on, and/or use of the Property and I assume and accept all responsibility and liability for the same.
 - D. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Landowner, IDNR, and the State of Illinois from and against any and all causes of action, liability, claims, demands, losses, damages, injuries to or death of any person or persons, and costs of every type (including attorneys' fees and legal costs) associated with or resulting from my entry upon, presence on, and/or use of the Property, even if the sole negligence of Landowner, IDNR, or the State of Illinois, is the cause of such liability, claim, demand, loss, cause of action, accident, injury, death or damages.
5. *All Participants Must Sign a Release.* I agree to have no other person with me during my time on the Property who has not signed an identical Release of liability and is not a registered IRAP Participant.

YOUTH IRAP HUNTER (under 18 years of age):

I am under the age of 18 and I hereby state that, before signing below, I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release either by having read the Release myself or having my parent/legal guardian explain the contents, meaning and impact of this Release to me.

Youth Hunter Signature

Date of Birth:

Date:

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF YOUTH IRAP PARTICIPANT:

I am 21 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this Release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release. I hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of _____, the youth IRAP hunter named above, and do hereby give consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this Person.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date:

ADULT IRAP NON-HUNTING SUPERVISING ADULT OR MENTOR (mentoring Youth or Adult hunter):

I am 21 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this Release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release.

Adult Non-Hunting Supervisor/Mentor Signature

Date:

IRAP NON-HUNTING OBSERVER (Youth or Adult who accompanying hunter for observation purposes or for taking photo/video, etc.):

I have read this Release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this Release. Or if a youth will be observing: My parents or legal guardians have explained to me the contents, meaning and impact of this Release.

Name: (First, MI, Last):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Driver's License Number:

Date of Birth:

Relationship to Hunter:

Reason for Accompanying Hunter (*observation, video, photography, etc.*)?:

In lieu of a written signature, by providing an electronic signature by typing your name in the box below certifies to the best of your knowledge the information you have provided true, correct and complete and furthermore you are agreeing to obey all State and Federal hunting laws as well as IRAP rules and regulations.

Non-Hunting Observer Signature:

Date: