2022 Spring Youth Wild Turkey 
Hunting Permit Information

SEASON DATES: March 26 & 27 and April 2 & 3, 2022

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility: The Spring Youth Turkey Hunt is open only to hunters who have not reached the age of 18 prior to the opening date of the youth season. Hunters must have an apprentice or youth hunting license, or they must have completed a State-approved Hunter Education course and have a hunting license, unless exempt. In addition, hunters must have a Habitat Stamp, unless exempt.

Hunters are eligible to purchase only one Youth Turkey Hunt Permit.

A permit issued for the Youth Turkey Hunt will count toward the maximum number of permits an individual can receive for the Spring Wild Turkey Season. It shall be unlawful to apply for or receive more than three permits for the spring turkey season. The three-permit total includes lottery drawn, OTC, youth and landowner permits.

The Youth Turkey Hunt Permit shall be valid only for the dates and counties/Special Hunt Area listed on the permit.

It is unlawful to use any weapon except a shotgun or bow and arrow. #4 shot is the largest size shot that may be legally used or possessed while turkey hunting.

Each hunter participating in the Illinois Youth Turkey Hunt while using an Apprentice Hunter License or Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by a non-hunting, validly-licensed (Illinois hunting license) adult who is 21 years of age or older.

All other hunters (using other types of hunting licenses or license-exempt) participating in the Youth Turkey Hunt must each be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent, guardian or responsible adult). If the youth is hunting with a firearm, a nonresident supervisor must have a valid Illinois hunting license.

The non-hunting supervisor must remain with the hunting youth so as to have the youth under immediate control. Each supervisor may only accompany a single youth at any given time during the hunt. The supervising adult shall be criminally liable for the actions of the youth in the hunting party and shall be subject to the criminal penalties provided by law.

SPECIAL HUNT AREA APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Application Dates: January 18, 2022 through February 21, 2022
- On-Line Application only: https://www.exploremoreil.com
- Application Fee: The applicant will not be charged at the time of application submittal. The applicant’s method of payment will be charged $10 plus any associated fees at the time of the lottery drawing, only if the applicant is successful in being issued a permit.
NORTHERN ZONE SPECIAL HUNT AREAS and SEASON DATES
March 26 & 27 and April 2 & 3, 2022
Butterfield Trail SRA in Iroquois County
Castle Rock SP in Ogle County
Clinton Lake SRA in DeWitt County
Coffeen Lake SFWA in Montgomery County
Edward Madigan SP – James Helfrich Propagation Center (designated areas only) in Logan County
Harry “Babe” Woodyard SNA in Vermilion County
Heidecke SFWA (Jugtown Unit) in Grundy County
Hidden Springs SF in Shelby County
Iroquois Co SWA in Iroquois County
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA in Cass County
Kankakee River SP in Kankakee/Will Counties
Kickapoo SRA in Vermilion County
Middlefork SFWA in Vermilion County
Momence Wetlands in Kankakee County
Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County
Sangchris Lake SP in Sangamon/Christian Counties
Weldon Springs SRA (Piatt Co. Unit) in Piatt County

SOUTHERN ZONE SPECIAL HUNT AREAS and SEASON DATES
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Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area in Jackson County
Crab Orchard NWF (closed portion) in Williamson County
Dixon Springs SP in Pope County
Eldon Hazlet State Park in Clinton County
Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area in Lawrence County
Ferne Clyffe SP - Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area in Johnson County
Fort Massac SP in Massac County
Ramsey Lake State Park in Fayette County
Sam Dale Lake SFWA in Wayne County
Stephen A Forbes SP in Marion County
Wayne Fitzgerrell SRA in Franklin/Jefferson Counties

OTC (OVER-THE-COUNTER) COUNTY PERMIT INFORMATION
Dates Available for Purchase: March 1, 2022, through April 3, 2022
Permit Fee: $10.50 plus any associated fees
Sold over-the-counter by License Vendors
NORTHERN ZONE OPEN COUNTIES and SEASON DATES
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SOUTHERN ZONE OPEN COUNTIES and SEASON DATES
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YOUTH HUNTING SITES IN NORTH & SOUTH ZONES

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

Anderson Lake FWA (Fulton County)
Apple River Canyon SP – Thompson & Salem Units (JoDaviess County)
Argyle Lake SP (McDonough County)
Big Bend FWA (Whiteside County)
Big Grand Pierre Glade State Natural Area (Pope County)
Big River SF (Henderson County)
Cache River SNA (Johnson/Pulaski/Massac)
Cape Bend SFWA (Alexander County)
Carlyle Lake SFWA (Fayette County)
Carlyle Lake SFWA - East Fork Management Unit (Clinton County)
Cave-In-Rock State Park – Kaegi Tract (Hardin County)
Copperhead Hollow SWA (Jersey County)
Crab Orchard NWR - Public Hunting Area (Williamson/Jackson/Union)
Crawford County SFWA (Crawford County)
Cretaceous Hills State Natural Area (Pope County)
Cypress Pond SNA (Union/Johnson)
Deer Pond SNA (Johnson County)
Devil’s Island SFWA (Union/Alexander)
Dog Island WMA (Pope County)
Ferne Clyffe SP - Cedar Draper SHA (Johnson County)
Giant City SP (Jackson/Union)
Green River SWA (Lee County)
Hamilton County SFWA (Hamilton County)
Hanover Bluff SNA (JoDaviess County)
Horseshoe Lake CA in Alexander County (Alexander County)
Kaskaskia River SFWA (Monroe/Randolph/St. Clair)
Kinkaid Lake SFWA (Jackson County)
Lake Shelbyville Project Land – Moultrie County
Lake Shelbyville Project Land – Shelby County
Mackinaw River SFWA (Tazewell County)
Marshall SFWA (Marshall County)
Mermet Lake SFWA (Massac County)
Mississippi River Area Pools 21,22,24,25 &26 (Adams/Calhoun/Jersey/Pike)
Moraine View SP (McLean County)
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center (Jefferson County)
Nauvoo State Park (Max Rowe Unit Only) (Hancock County)
Newton Lake SFWA (Jasper County)
Pere Marquette SP (open area east of Graham Hollow Road only) (Jersey County)
Pyramid SP – East Conant and Park Units (Perry County)
Rall Woods State Natural Area (JoDaviess County)
Rauchfuss Hill State Recreation Area (Pope County)
Ray Norbut SFWA (Pike County)
Rend Lake SFWA (Jefferson/Franklin)
Rend Lake COE (managed land in Jefferson and Franklin counties) (Jefferson/Franklin)
Sahara Woods SFWA (Saline County)
Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area (Saline County)
Sam Parr SFWA (Jasper County)
Shelbyville SFWA (Moultrie)
Sielbeck Forest SNA (Massac County)
Siloam Springs SP (Adams/Brown)
Siloam Springs SP (Buckhorn Unit) (Brown County)
Skinner Farm State Habitat Area (Johnson County)
Spoon River SF (Knox County)
Tapley Woods SNA (JoDaviess County)
Ten Mile Creek SFWA (Hamilton/Jefferson)
Trail of Tears SF (Union County)
Turkey Bluffs SFWA (Randolph County)
Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area (Firing Line and Controlled Hunting Area only) (Union County)
Weinberg-King SP (Schuyler County)
Weinberg-King SP- (Cecil White Unit) (Hancock County)
Weinberg-King SP- (Scripps Unit) (Schuyler County)
Weinberg-King SP- (Spunky Bottoms Unit) (Brown County)
Winston Tunnel SNA (JoDaviess County)
Wise Ridge SNA (Johnson County)
Witkowsky SWA (JoDaviess County)

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

For IDNR site-specific information: Hunter Fact Sheets:
https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/FactSheets/Pages/default.aspx