

Spring Wild Turkey Draw Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana Wild Turkey Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- A 410 caliber and 10-, 12-, 16-, 20-, or 28-gauge shotgun loaded with pellets of size No. 4, 5, 6, 7, or 7½. Shot sizes smaller than size 7½ must be made of Tungsten Super Shot or equivalent pellet density only, such as Tungsten Super Shot 9 and 10.
- A muzzleloading shotgun not smaller than 20-gauge and not larger than 10-gauge, loaded with pellets of size 4, 5, 6, 7, 7½, and Tungsten Super Shot 9 and 10. Combination loads using shot sizes other than these are illegal.
- A bow and arrow or crossbow.

Bag Limit:

- The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey for the spring season.

Hunting Hours:

- All DNR properties managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife have spring season hunting hours one-half hour before sunrise until noon for properties on CT and until 1 p.m. for properties on ET. All others are required to stay out of the field until after this time.

Hunt Information:

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on the first day of your hunt. If you do not claim your reservation by the times indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely. You may NOT bring a hunting partner with you during your hunt; however, you may bring a non-hunting observer or assistant. All non-hunting partners who assist in calling in turkeys must be properly licensed.

Hunters must stop hunting by 1 p.m. and be out of the field by 2 p.m.

Youth Hunt: April 19-20, 2025

Youth Turkey season is by self-service. Sign in at one of the property's check-in booths to obtain your permit.

Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age who may not possess a firearm, bow, or crossbow while in the field. Both the youth hunter and the non-hunting adult partner must be properly licensed.

The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey during the spring season, which includes both the youth and regular spring turkey seasons.

Hunters must stop hunting by 1 p.m. ET and be out of the field by 2 p.m. ET.

Area Information:

Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) is a 3,631 acre property composed of upland game and wetland habitat, lakes and shallow impoundments. It is located east and west of State Road 59 approximately 5 miles north of Linton.

The first five days of spring turkey season at Hillenbrand FWA are by draw only. When applying to the 2025 Wild Turkey Hillenbrand FWA hunt, you may choose from two hunt periods:

- Wednesday - Friday: April 23-25, 2025
- Saturday- Sunday: April 26-27, 2025

The property will draw 12 hunters to hunt for each period. If you are successful in drawing for a hunt at Hillenbrand FWA, you must check in at the Goose Pond property office (located at 13540 W 400 S Linton, IN, 47441) before 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on the first day of your hunt to pick your location. If you do not claim your reservation by the times indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely. Once you have claimed your reservation at the property office, you must sign in via the self-service stations each day of your hunt. If you are not successful in drawing to hunt at Hillenbrand, you may still attend the standby drawing held at 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on April 23, 2025 and April 26, 2025. Any reservations left unfilled will be drawn again and given to the standby crowd.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Goose Pond property office at 812-512-9185. Check in at:

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area Visitors Center
13540 W 400 S
Linton, IN 47441

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