

Spring Wild Turkey Draw Salamonie Lake

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:

- Hunting hours for youth and adult hunters are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. ET; guns must be unloaded by 1 p.m. ET and hunters must have exited the field by 2 p.m. ET.

Hunt Information:

Adult hunters are drawn through the online Division of Fish & Wildlife process. Drawn hunt opportunities are **not transferrable**, except to an eligible youth hunter; the drawn adult must accompany the youth hunter during the hunt period. We do not conduct "no-show" drawings; if you are not drawn through the online process, you will be unable to hunt Salamonie Lake this season.

Licenses required include either the Turkey Hunting License, Lifetime Comprehensive License, or Youth License. Hunters with the standard Turkey Hunting License are also required to have the Game Bird Habitat Stamp. A separate Turkey Hunting License is required for both Spring and Fall seasons, but a single Game Bird Habitat Stamp is valid for both seasons.

A non-hunting partner may assist in calling, but they must have a license and may not carry a weapon. A person may accompany the drawn hunter without a license **but must not actively participate in the hunt**. Hunters are required to check in at the sign-in boxes and carry a hunting permit throughout the hunt, which must then be dropped back off at the sign-in box at the conclusion of the hunt. Other activities such as trail use, mushroom hunting, and dog-running are still currently allowed during turkey hunting hours. Please attempt to distance yourself from well-used trails and facilities if possible.

Youth Hunt:

For 2025, the youth turkey season will be April 19th and April 20th. Unlike previous years, interested youth hunters will be required to enter through the same online drawing process as the adult hunt. Youth hunters will need to select which date they would like to hunt. Youth age 17 or younger on the date of the hunt can participate but must be

accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age. The youth hunter must possess a valid license to take a wild turkey. The youth's adult partner must not possess a firearm, bow, or crossbow while in the field. All non-hunting partners who assist must be properly licensed. Successfully drawn youth hunters will be required to sign in and utilize a one-day hunting permit, included within. All other regulations must be followed as described above.

Area Information:

Salamonie Lake is centrally located between the cities of Wabash, Huntington, and Marion. Enjoy scenic trails, wildlife and bird watching, hunting, and camping at this 2,665-acre lake property, constructed for flood control by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The 12,554 land acres, managed by the DNR Division of State Parks, contain grasslands, woodlands, and wetlands, contributing to diverse wildlife and recreational opportunities. DNR manages several properties on the lake, including the Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area (SRA), Lost Bridge East SRA, Dora-New Holland SRA, Mount Etna SRA, and Mount Hope SRA.

All spring wild turkey hunting on Salamonie Lake is by drawing only. Salamonie Lake will have 6 hunting periods, listed below, lasting 3 or 4 days each. 16 hunters will be drawn for each period. No blinds are available for use, but hunters may set up their own blinds. The property office is located at 9214 Lost Bridge Road West, Andrews, IN, 46702.

- Wednesday - Friday: April 23 - April 25, 2025
- Saturday - Monday: April 26 - April 28, 2025
- Tuesday - Thursday: April 29 - May 1, 2025
- Friday - Sunday: May 2 - May 4, 2025
- Monday - Wednesday: May 5 - May 7, 2025
- Thursday - Sunday: May 8 - May 11, 2025

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