

Spring Wild Turkey Draw Tri-County 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 Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area office before 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on each day of your hunt. Office doors open at 5:00 a.m. ET (4:00 a.m. CT). When checking in, hunters will receive a one-day hunting permit card which must be returned to a property drop box upon completion of hunt, whether a turkey was harvested or not. If you do not claim your reservation each day by the time 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. ET (noon CT) and be out of the field by 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT).

Youth Hunt:

Youth season will be an online reserved draw and follow the same guidelines and procedures as the regular season draw. A no-show drawing will be conducted at the property both Saturday and Sunday of youth season, held at 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT). The stand-by drawing is conducted at the property office. Office doors open at 5:00 a.m. ET (4:00 a.m. CT).

Area Information:

Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), located just south of Syracuse, Indiana, provides quality outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 3,546 acres of land with 650 acres of lakes and impoundments. This

area is composed of flat to rolling upland fields and gradual to steep slopes of oak-hickory woodlands, falling off to depressions of wetlands. Tri-County includes 10 natural lakes with water depths up to 75 feet. Each year, hunters successfully harvest several species, including deer, turkey, and waterfowl.

The spring turkey season at Tri-County FWA is by draw only. A maximum of eight hunters per day will be selected to hunt the property. Drawn hunters may hunt anywhere on Tri-County's main property, with the exception of safety zones and other no-hunting areas listed on the property map.

If you are successful in drawing for a hunt at Tri-County FWA, you must check in at the property office (8432 N 850 E Syracuse, IN 46567) before 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on each day of your hunt. If you do not claim your reservation each day by the time indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely.

If you are not successful in drawing to hunt at Tri-County FWA, you may still attend the daily standby drawing held in the office at 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) as any reservations left unfilled or forfeited will be drawn in-person and given to standby draw participants.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Tri-County FWA's property office at 574-834-4461 or email tricountyfwa@dnr.IN.gov.

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