

Spring Wild Turkey Draw Willow Slough 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 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) each day of your hunt. If you do not claim your reservation 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 noon CT and be out of the field by 1 p.m. CT.

Youth Hunt: April 19-20, 2025

Youth hunting is available via self-service check-in. 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 adult partner may not take a turkey and must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field, except for a handgun carried lawfully.

Area Information:

Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), located west of Lake Morocco, Indiana, provides quality outdoor recreational opportunities for both hunters and wildlife viewers. The 10,175-acre property is comprised of wetlands, rolling dunes, oak savanna, and forest that surround a 1,000-acre lake. Each year, hunters successfully harvest several species, including deer, turkey, waterfowl, and rabbits.

Spring turkey season at Willow Slough FWA is by pre-season draw (reserve hunts) only for the entire season, with standby draws held at 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) daily to fill any open spots for the day.

When applying to the 2024 Wild Turkey Reserves at Willow Slough FWA, you may choose from seven hunt periods:

- April 23 April 25
- April 26 April 27
- April 28 April 30
- May 1-May 3
- May 4-May 6
- May 7-May 9
- May 10 May 11

The property will draw 18 hunters for each hunt period and hunters will be able to hunt anywhere on the main property or Kankakee Sands. If you are successful in drawing for a hunt at Willow Slough FWA, you must sign in at the property office (located at 1803 S. 700 W., Morocco, IN 47963) before 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) each day of your hunt period. If you do not claim your reservation by the time indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely.

If you are not successfully drawn for a reserve hunt period at Willow Slough FWA, you may still attend the daily standby drawings held at 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) from April 24, 2024 - May 12, 2024. This drawing will be to fill any open spots left after the reserve hunters choose. Hunters participating in the standby draw must sign up in the office prior to the 4:30 a.m. (5:30 a.m. ET) draw time. The office opens at 4 a.m. CT (5 a.m. ET) on the dates indicated above.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Willow Slough property office at 219-285-2704.



