
2024 IPLA Early Small Game Hunt Draw Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2024 Indiana IPLA Early Small Game 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.

Applying:

The application period for the 2024 IPLA Small Game Hunt Draw is July 8 - Aug. 4, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid hunting license prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select one county from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt small game.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- There are no equipment or ammunition restrictions for squirrel hunting. A 20-gauge or smaller shotgun loaded with 6 to 7 1/2-size shot or a .22-caliber rimfire rifle is recommended. Trapping of squirrels is illegal.

Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit for squirrels is 5.
- The possession limit is two times the daily bag limit.

Hunting Hours:

- There are no restrictions on small game hunting hours.

Hunt Information: The time frame for this hunt is Aug. 15 – Sept. 30, which will be divided into three sets of 15-day windows. Squirrel hunting is the only hunting available during the IPLA Early Small Game hunt window. If you are successful in drawing an IPLA Early Small Game Hunt, you will receive a more detailed letter with hunt instructions, a map of the property you were selected to hunt, and a link to a post-hunt survey.

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.).
- **Hunters are permitted for squirrel hunting only.** Removal of anything from the property other than squirrel is prohibited.
- Drawn hunters are allowed to bring up to three (3) additional hunting partners. The drawn hunter must be present during the hunt. Additional hunting partners must also sign the release of liability waiver.
- Post-hunt surveys must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the post-hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA.
- Cutting of trees and tree limbs is prohibited.
- Dogs are allowed.

- Non-motorized watercraft and electric trolling motors are allowed (NO gas motors).
- Youth hunters (17 and younger) must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.
- Hunting stands and/or blinds are not provided. Blinds may be constructed with onsite natural materials or carried in (no permanent blinds).
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Only foot traffic is allowed beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes stand/blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access to hunters with disabilities.
- Each successfully drawn hunter and any additional partners are required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.

Area Information: IPLA properties vary in size and habitat. All small game properties have some woodlands. Most properties will also have some brushy cover and some agricultural fields. All small game properties will allow only one small game hunting party per window; however, there may be other (waterfowl, deer, gamebird) hunters using the property at the same time.

IPLA Early Small Game Hunts are available in 4 counties. IPLA Early Small Game Hunt applicants may select 1 location when applying. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- Bartholomew: 1
- Harrison: 1
- Scott: 2

Contact:

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