

Spring Wild Turkey Draw Private Lands Access Program (IPLA)

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 IPLA properties 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.

Hunt Information: If you are successful in drawing an IPLA Wild Turkey 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.).
- All turkeys harvested must be checked in using [Indiana CheckIN Game](#) as PRIVATE land.
- Hunters are permitted for turkey hunting only. Removal of anything from the property other than turkey is prohibited.
- Hunters may bring 1 non-hunting partner. However, there can only be 1 weapon in the field, and only the drawn hunter can harvest a turkey. Partners can call, take photos, observe, help with equipment, etc. Partners who call for the hunter must have a turkey license and gamebird stamp to participate. Additional partner must also sign the release of liability waiver. Cutting trees and tree limbs is prohibited.
- Advanced scouting is not permitted. You may only access the property during your selected hunt window.
- Blinds may be constructed with onsite natural materials or carried in (no permanent blinds). Hunters must remove their stands/blinds by the end of their assigned hunt window.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access for hunters with disabilities.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes a hunter's future eligibility in IPLA.

- No trail cameras, baits or attractants are permitted.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.
- Only one hunter will be selected per property for each hunt window. Advanced scouting is not permitted.
- Hunters must stop hunting by 1 p.m. and be out of the field by 2 p.m.

Area Information:

IPLA properties vary in size and habitat. Most will have some woodland areas on the property. Many will also have some row-crop agriculture, brushy areas, and food plots. IPLA properties vary in size from 35-260 acres.

IPLA Wild Turkey Hunts are available in counties listed below. IPLA Wild Turkey. Some counties include more than one hunt location.

- LaPorte
- Cass
- Greene
- Sullivan
- Scott
- Ripley
- Harrison
- Bartholomew
- Starke
- Steuben

Contact:

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