

# 2024 Spring Wild Turkey Draw Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2024 Indiana Wild Turkey Draw Hunt. 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 Wild Turkey Hunt drawing is from Feb. 19, 2024, to March 17, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. A valid hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp for spring turkey hunting must be obtained prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select one hunt period from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions. All properly licensed hunters may apply.

#### **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 from one-half hour before sunrise until noon CT. All others are required to stay out of the field until after this time.

## **Hunt Information:**

If drawn pre-season, hunter check-in is <u>not</u> required to claim your reservation on the day of your hunt. You may proceed directly to the property. 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 turkeys must be properly licensed.

Hunters must stop hunting by noon CT and be out of the field by 1 p.m. CT.

### **Area Information:**

Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area (WCA), located just north of Wheatfield, Indiana, in combination with The Nature Conservancy's NIPSCO Savanna property, provides 600 acres of land open to visitors. The land borders the Kankakee River and consists of both river bottoms and oak savanna uplands. Each year, hunters successfully harvest several species, including deer, turkey, and small game.

The spring turkey season at Aukiki WCA is by draw only. A maximum of three (3) hunters per day will be selected to hunt the property. All huntable areas shown on the property map are open for spring turkey hunting.

If you are successful in drawing for a hunt at Aukiki WCA, you may proceed directly to the property on each day of your hunt as hunter check-in is <u>not</u> required.

# **Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area, the managing property's office, at (219) 843-4841 or email <u>JasperPulaskiFWA@dnr.IN.gov</u>.



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