

## **2023 Wild Turkey Draw Information Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area**

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2023 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 2023 Wild Turkey Draw Hunt is from Feb. 19, 2023, to March 19, 2023. 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.

**Tagging Requirements:**

- Immediately upon killing a turkey, the hunter must complete a temporary transportation tag on paper stating the hunter's full name, address, sex of the turkey, license number (if applicable), and the date the turkey was taken before transporting the turkey from the field.

**Reporting Requirements:**

- Hunters are required to register their harvested turkey within 48 hours of the kill. This can be done one of three ways:
  - Self-reporting online through the DNR's CheckIN Game system ([CheckINGame.dnr.IN.gov](http://CheckINGame.dnr.IN.gov)).
  - Calling 800-419-1326 (a \$3 fee applies).
  - Finding a check station, license vendor, or retailer who will file the information for you through CheckIN Game.

Once the turkey is registered with the CheckIN Game system, a confirmation number will be generated. The number must be recorded on a temporary transportation tag and kept with the turkey until processing begins. For a printable version of a temporary transportation tag, visit [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov).

**Hunt Information:**

If drawn pre-season, hunter check-in is not 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.

Hunters who harvest a turkey should check it in online at [CheckInGame.dnr.IN.gov](http://CheckInGame.dnr.IN.gov). Remember to tag your turkey with a temporary transportation tag. Printable transportation tags can be found online at the website mentioned above or you may make your own. A tag must include your name, address, license number and date of harvest.

**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 a number of 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 not 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 [JasperPulaskiFWA@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:JasperPulaskiFWA@dnr.IN.gov).

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