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## 2023 Wild Turkey Draw Information Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Wild Turkey Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserve 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 Feb. 19, 2023, to March 19, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp for spring turkey hunting prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select one hunt date from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt spring turkey.

### 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.

#### 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](https://checkin.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](https://hunting.IN.gov).

**Hunt Information:**

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property booth before 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) on the first day of your hunt. You must have your successfully drawn letter with you at check in and keep this on your person when in the field. 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 1 p.m. and be out of the field by 2 p.m.

**Area Information:**

Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) is a 7,234 acre property composed of bottomland hardwoods, upland, and ephemeral wetland habitats. It is located west of Highway 63 approximately three miles west of Fairbanks, Indiana along the Wabash River.

The first five days of spring turkey season at Fairbanks Landing FWA are by draw only. When applying to the 2023 Wild Turkey Fairbanks Landing FWA hunt, you may choose from two hunt periods:

- Wednesday – Friday: April 26, 2023 – April 28, 2023
- Saturday – Sunday: April 29, 2023 – April 30, 2023

The property will draw 18 hunters to hunt for each period. If you are successful in drawing for a hunt at Fairbanks Landing FWA, you will receive notification, your hunt permit and parking pass via email. If successful, you must print out both the parking pass and hunt permit and take your hunt permit with you and check in each day of your hunt period at the self-service station on located at the intersection of 925 N and 800 W on Fairbanks Landing FWA. You must also the parking pass on the dash of your vehicle to be visible while parked. There is no standby drawing at Fairbanks Landing FWA.

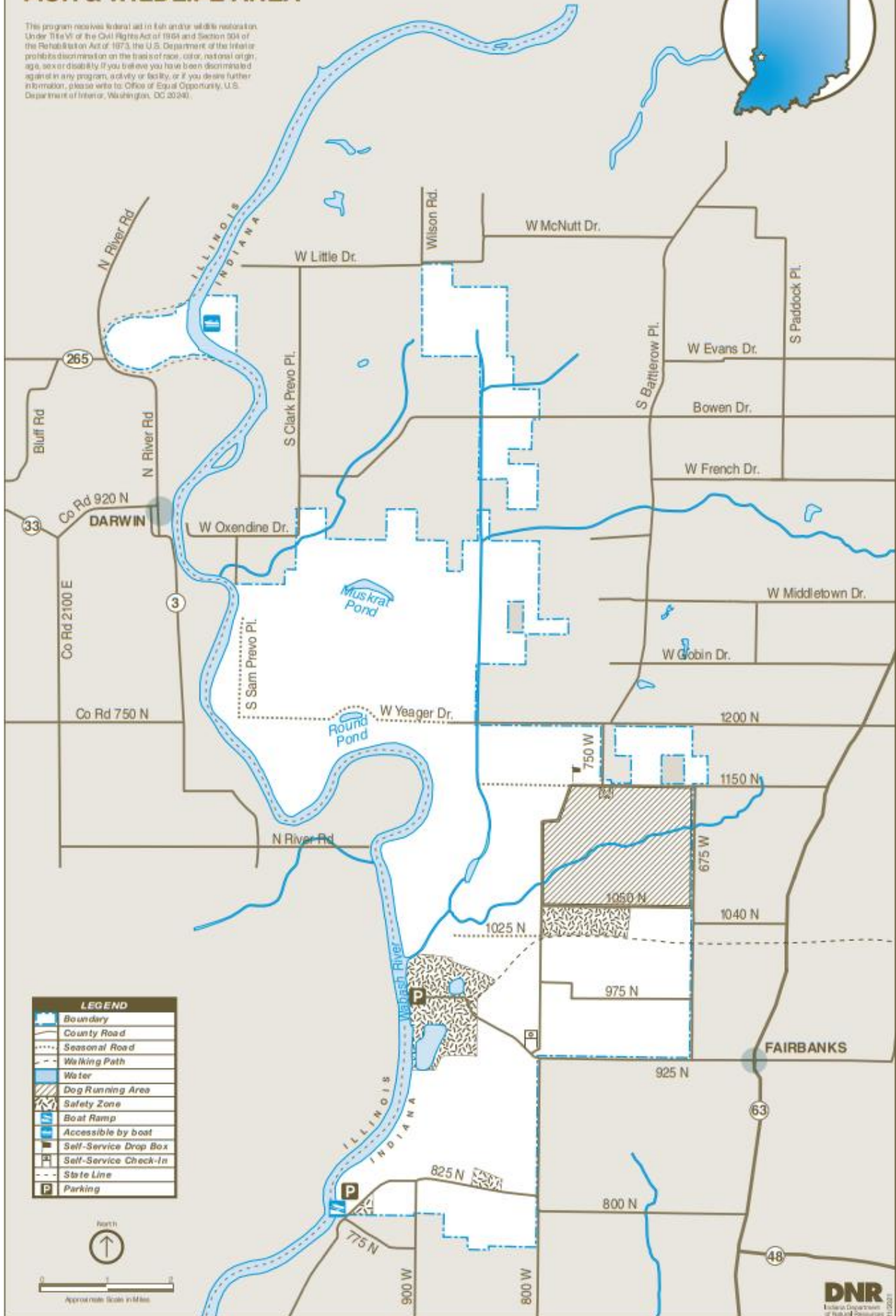
**Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the Goose Pond property office at 812-512-9185.

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	Boundary
	County Road
	Seasonal Road
	Walking Path
	Water
	Dog Running Area
	Safety Zone
	Boat Ramp
	Accessible by boat
	Self-Service Drop Box
	Self-Service Check-In
	State Line
	Parking

