

2023 Wild Turkey Draw Information Hovey Lake 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 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 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:

- The hunting hours are one half hour before sunrise until noon CT.

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).
- 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.

Hunt Information:

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 4:30 a.m. CT on the first day of your hunt. The Hovey Lake office is located at 8401 Hwy 69 S Mount Vernon, IN, 47620. If you do not claim your reservation by the times indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely.

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 noon CT.

Area information:

Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), located 8 miles Southwest of Mount Vernon, IN is located at the southernmost point in Indiana near the confluence of the Ohio River and Wabash River. The 7,400 acre property is comprised of bottomland hardwood forests, open agricultural fields, fallow farm fields, low-lying marsh habitats, and upland habitat on higher elevation parts of the property.

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

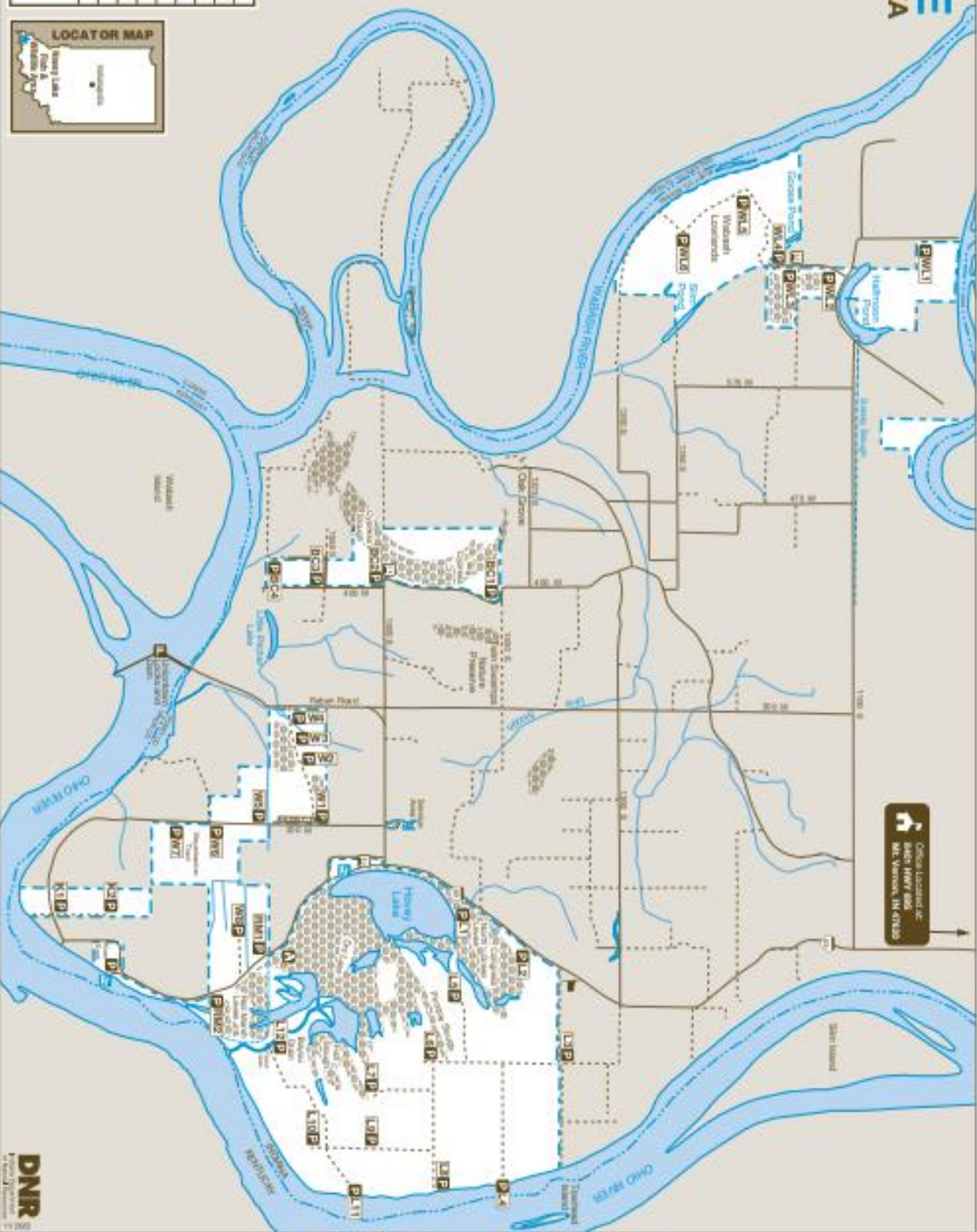
- Wednesday – Friday: April 26, 2023 – April 28, 2023
- Saturday – Sunday: April 29, 2023 – April 30, 2023

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area property office at (812) 838-2927 or email HoveyLakeFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

HOVEY LAKE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

This program provides fishing and wildlife access to the Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area. The Ohio River and Hovey Lake are the main features of the area. The Ohio River is a major waterway and the Hovey Lake is a large body of water. The area is located in Adams County, Indiana. The Ohio River is a major waterway and the Hovey Lake is a large body of water. The area is located in Adams County, Indiana. The Ohio River is a major waterway and the Hovey Lake is a large body of water. The area is located in Adams County, Indiana.



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	Property Boundary		Wooded/Forested Timber
	Water		Parking
	Road		Dike
	Access Road		Boat Launch
	Levee		Observation Area
	State Line		Safe Service Dock-in
	Stream		Safe Service Dive Box
	Safety Zone		

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In Miles

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Office Located at:
4400 HWY 508
Mt Vernon, IN 47360