

2023 Wild Turkey Draw Information J.E. Roush 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:

- 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 CST and until 1 p.m. for properties on EST. Roush is Eastern Time, so hunting is allowed until 1 p.m., and hunters have until 2 p.m. to be out of the field. Only drawn turkey hunters and anglers are allowed to be on the property from sunrise to 1 p.m.

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.

Hunt Information:

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office, located at 517 N Warren Rd, Huntington, IN 46750, before 5:30 a.m. ET on the first day of your hunt. A turkey permit for that day will be issued to each drawn hunter and hunters must check in at the office each day they are drawn to hunt. The office opens at 4:30 a.m. ET each day during turkey season. Please drive through the gated area and come in the side door of the building marked Enter. If you do not claim your reservation by 5:30 a.m. ET, 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 to hunt turkey and sign in at the property office to obtain a miscellaneous property use permit.

Area information:

J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area provides quality outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 7,347 acres of land, 900 acres of lake, and 350 acres of impoundments. The property, which is approximately 15 miles long, is a long narrow band along the Wabash River. JE Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area is located in Huntington, Indiana and is a flood-controlled reservoir that has altered recreational opportunities when it is a very wet spring or the property receives a large quantity of rain in a short period of time. It is recommended to call the office if flooding may be an issue during turkey season for an update on closures, such as the campground, boat ramp, and some roads.

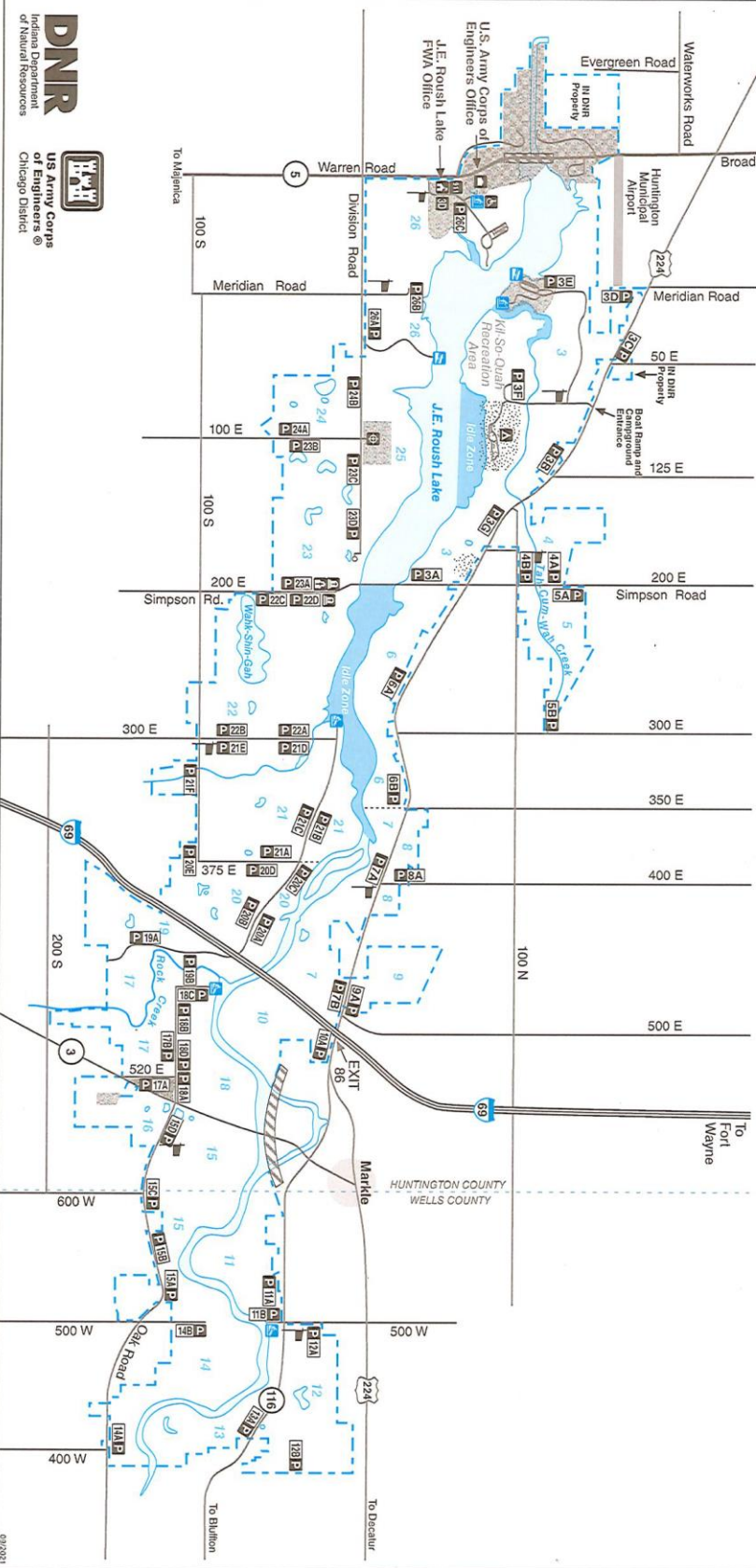
All days of spring turkey season are by draw only at Roush FWA (April 26 to May 14, 2023). If one of the 10 daily drawn hunters do not claim their draw by 5:30 a.m. EST, a no show draw may be held for that spot. To be entered into the no show draw, a hunter must be licensed to hunt turkey prior to the draw and be signed in before 5:30 a.m. for that day. Please note that the 10 drawn spots are not assigned to units. Scouting and ethical hunting is strongly encouraged. The entire property is open to turkey hunting, except for safety zones.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Roush FWA property office at 260-468-2165.

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