

## 2023 Wild Turkey Draw Information Tri-County 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 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.
- 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 and Wildlife have spring turkey season hunting hours of 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://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](https://hunting.IN.gov).

**Hunt Information:**

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) on each day of your hunt. If you do not claim your reservation by the time indicated above, your spot for that day will be included in the standby (No-Show) Draw. 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.

Hunter must stop hunting by 1 p.m. ET and be out of the field by 2 p.m. ET.

**Area Information:**

Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), located 7 miles south of Syracuse, Indiana, provides quality outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 3,546 acres of land with 650 acres of lakes and impoundments. This area is composed of flat to rolling upland fields and gradual to steep slopes of oak-hickory woodlands, falling off to depressions of wetlands. Tri-County FWA includes 10 natural lakes with water depths of 75 feet.

All spring season turkey hunting at Tri-County FWA is by draw only. When applying to the 2023 Wild Turkey Tri-County FWA hunt, you may choose from the following periods:

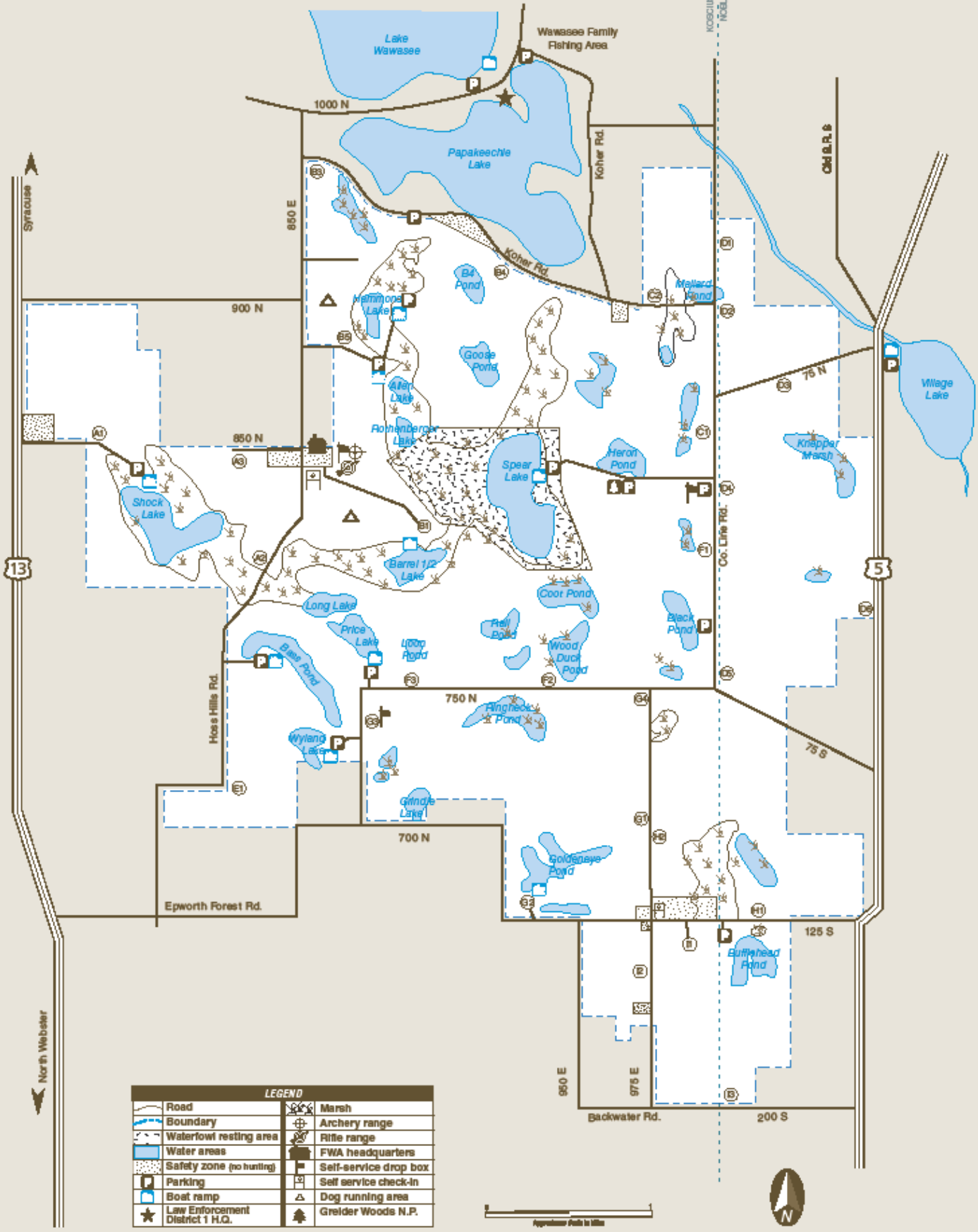
- Wednesday – Friday: April 26, 2023 – April 28, 2023
- Saturday – Sunday: April 29, 2023 – April 30, 2023
- Monday – Wednesday: May 1, 2023 – May 3, 2023
- Thursday – Saturday: May 4, 2023 – May 6, 2023
- Sunday – Tuesday: May 7, 2023 – May 9, 2023
- Wednesday – Friday: May 10, 2023 – May 12, 2023
- Saturday – Sunday: May 13, 2023 – May 14, 2023

Turkey hunting is permitted throughout the property with eight drawn spots each period. If you are successfully drawn for a hunt at Tri-County FWA, you must check in at the property office (located at 8432 N 850 E Syracuse, IN, 46567) before 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) each day of your hunt to claim your spot. If you do not claim your reservation by the time indicated above, your spot will be forfeited. If you are not successfully drawn to hunt at Tri-County FWA, you may still attend the daily standby (No-Show) drawing held at 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET). Any unclaimed reservations will be drawn again and given to standby hunters.

Spring turkey hunting at Pisgah Marsh Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and Durham Lake Wetland Conservation Area (WCA) is by draw only. These properties offer 5 units (Pisgah Marsh WMA Units 2 and 3, and Durham Lake WCA Units 1, 2 and 3) that will be included in the daily standby draw.

**Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the Tri-County FWA property office at 574-834-4461 or [tricityfwa@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:tricityfwa@dnr.IN.gov).



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	Road
	Boundary
	Waterfowl resting area
	Water areas
	Safety zone (no hunting)
	Parking
	Boat ramp
	Law Enforcement District 1 H.Q.
	Marsh
	Archery range
	Rifle range
	FWA headquarters
	Self-service drop box
	Self-service check-in
	Dog running area
	Greider Woods N.P.