

Dove Draw Information

Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana Dove 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.

Restriction:

- Non-toxic shot is required at Blue Grass FWA for all dove hunting.
- Any shotgun used must not be capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- All dove hunters are limited to a maximum of 50 shells per day.
- All trash should be removed from the field after the hunt. Spent hulls are considered trash.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Dove hunting during draw days is from managed dove fields only.
- A HIP number is required to hunt doves. Hunters must register [online](#) or by calling 260-323-5378. There is no cost to register.

Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves. The possession limit is 45 mourning doves.

Hunting Hours:

- Hunting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

Hunt Information:

The first three days of dove season at Blue Grass FWA are by draw only. When applying for the 2026 Blue Grass FWA dove hunt, you may choose from three hunt periods:

- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026
- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026
- Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026

Successfully drawn hunters are not required to check in at the property office. If you are drawn, the third page of this PDF serves as your one-day hunt permit and must be completed and returned to a drop box at the conclusion of your hunt. You may bring one (1) hunting partner with you during your hunt. You and your hunting partner are not required to sit next to each other.

Area Information:

Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area provides quality hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife watching opportunities. The property covers approximately 2,532 acres and features 20 pits and lakes, totaling around 600 acres of water.

Blue Grass FWA is a unique natural resource area because all of the land was previously strip-mined. The area is named after Bluegrass Creek, located just west of the property. Amax Coal Company began mining operations in October 1973 and ceased operations in 1993. Re-vegetation was carried out using herbaceous cover and woody species planted in clumps and strips.

The property has several managed dove fields available to hunters during the first three days of the season. Most of the fields can be accessed by a brief walk from a parking lot. We always attempt to leave standing cover along the fields for hunter concealment. The dove fields will differ in size and quality due to many factors that may affect the outcome of sunflower plantings. Accurate field maps will be posted to the property webpage when we can determine the success of each field. Maps can be found around one month before the season opens here: [Fish and Wildlife: Blue Grass Fish & Wildlife Area](#).

The first three days of dove season are popular at Blue Grass FWA. We ask that each hunter do their part to keep litter contained and showcase ethical hunting to help preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

Contact:

If you have any further questions, please contact the Sugar Ridge FWA property office at (812) 789-2724 or SugarRidgeFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

FOR USE BY DRAWN HUNTERS ONLY

**Blue Grass FWA Dove Draw 2026
ONE-DAY HUNT PERMIT**

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The undersigned, individually, being desirous of participating in hunting and fishing, or other permitted activity upon any property owned or leased by the State of Indiana and operated by its Department of Natural Resources, do hereby specifically and knowingly release and hold harmless the State of Indiana, its agencies and departments, officers, employees, and agents from any claim, liability, demand, judgment or execution for death, injury or loss or damage to personal property, which is incurred or suffered by the undersigned upon said property as a result of his or her use or occupancy thereof.

This waiver is intended by the undersigned to be binding upon all heirs, executors, administrators, insurers, or other legal representatives as of the date affixed next to the signature below.

Hunter Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Hunting Partner Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

How many doves did you harvest? _____

How many doves did your hunting partner harvest? Put "N/A" if no partner. _____

How would you rate your hunt from 1 to 10,
with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent? _____

**UPON COMPLETION OF HUNT, FILL OUT HUNTER AND HARVEST INFORMATION
AND DEPOSIT IN THE MOST CONVENIENT DROP BOX.**

COMMENTS: _____

BLUE GRASS FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

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2,532 Acres, 600 Water Acres | Established 1993

