

## **Spring Wild Turkey Draw**

### **Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area**

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

#### **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.

#### **Hunt Information:**

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on the first day of your hunt. If you do not claim your reservation by the time 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 1 p.m. ET (noon CT) and be out of the field by 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT).

#### **Youth Hunt:**

The youth hunt is April 18-19, 2026. There is no reserve draw for the youth hunt. All rules above apply. Youth age 17 or younger on the date of the hunt can participate but must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age. The youth hunter must possess a valid license to take a wild turkey. The youth's adult partner must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field, except for a lawfully carried handgun. All non-hunting partners who assist in calling turkeys must be properly licensed.

Hunters must sign in and obtain a one-day hunt permit card before entering the field. The one-day permit card must be completed and returned to a self-service drop box or property office before leaving.

## **Area Information:**

Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) provides quality hunting and outdoor recreational opportunities. The property is made up of six separate areas located in Pike and Warrick counties, totaling approximately 8,900 acres. The strip-mined land now features around 100 pits and lakes, along with rows of overburden from the mining operation. The land that has not been mined remains mostly rough and rolling forest.

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

- Wednesday - Friday: April 22-24, 2026
- Saturday- Sunday: April 25-26, 2026

The property will draw 20 hunters for each hunt period. Hunters may choose from any of the six areas to hunt; areas are not assigned. If you are successful in drawing for a hunt at Sugar Ridge FWA, you must check in at the property office (located at 2310 E State Road 364, Winslow, IN 47598) between 4:30 a.m. ET (3:30 a.m. CT) and 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on the first day of your hunt to claim your reservation. If you do not claim your reservation by 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on the first day, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely. Once you have claimed your reservation at the property office, you will be given your hunt permit cards and a parking pass. If you are not successful in drawing to hunt at Sugar Ridge, you may still attend the standby drawing held at 5:30 a.m. ET (4:30 a.m. CT) on April 22, 2026, and April 25, 2026. Any reservations left unclaimed will be drawn again and given to the standby crowd.

## **Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the Sugar Ridge FWA property office at (812) 789-2724, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. ET, or [SugarRidgeFWA@dm.IN.gov](mailto:SugarRidgeFWA@dm.IN.gov).

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