

IPLA Late Small Game Hunt Draw Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) 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:

You must obtain a valid hunting license prior to applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply but must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older if drawn.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- There are no equipment or ammunition restrictions for squirrel or rabbit hunting. A 20-gauge or smaller shotgun loaded with 6- to 7 1/2-size shot or a .22-caliber rimfire rifle is recommended. Trapping squirrels is illegal.

Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit for squirrels is 5.
- The daily bag limit for rabbits is 5.
- The possession limit is two times the daily bag limit.

Hunting Hours:

- There are no restrictions on small game hunting hours.

Hunt Information: The time frame for this hunt is January 15 – February 28, divided into 3 separate windows. If you are successful in drawing an IPLA hunt, you will receive a more detailed letter with hunt instructions, a map of the property you were selected to hunt, and a link to a post-hunt survey.

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the [IN Hunting & Trapping Guide](#) (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.).
- Hunters are permitted for rabbit and squirrel hunting only. Removal of anything from the property other than squirrel is prohibited.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.
- Drawn hunters are allowed to bring up to three (3) additional hunting partners. The drawn hunter must be present during the hunt. Additional hunting partners must also sign the release of liability waiver.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA.
- Cutting of trees and tree limbs is prohibited.

- Dogs are allowed.
- Non-motorized watercraft and electric trolling motors are allowed (NO gas motors).
- Youth hunters (17 and younger) must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes stand/blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access to hunters with disabilities.

Area information: IPLA properties vary in size and habitat. All small game properties have some woodlands. Most properties will also have some brushy cover and agriculture fields. All small game properties will allow only one small game hunting party per window, however there may be other (waterfowl, deer, gamebird) hunters using the property at the same time.

IPLA squirrel and rabbit hunts are available in 4 counties. IPLA squirrel and rabbit hunt applicants may select 1 location when applying. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- Bartholomew 1
- Harrison 1
- Scott 2
- Sullivan 3

Contact:

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