

Indiana Private Lands Access Program

What Is the Indiana Private Lands Access Program?

With nearly 96% of Indiana privately owned, public hunting opportunities are limited. The Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) program provides financial incentives for allowing limited public access hunting and the opportunity for private landowners to work with wildlife biologists to establish and improve wildlife habitat. IPLA focuses on finding places and activities for youth and families to experience the outdoors. We are currently looking to expand the program across the state.

Hunters

- All hunters must have been drawn through the online reserved hunt system.
- A permit for IPLA hunts will be sent to successfully drawn hunters.
- A limited number of individuals will be allowed to access the property on any given day. All hunters will be restricted to **foot traffic only** and non-motorized watercraft.
- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the IN Hunting Guide.
- For hunting access, a hunter **must** apply for a specific date and region in which they would like to hunt through the Division of Fish & Wildlife's reserved hunt system (on.IN.gov/reservedhunt) **and** be successfully drawn. (Maximum 1 hunting choice per applicant per season).
- Hunters who are successfully drawn will be notified approximately ~~two~~ weeks after the reserved hunt draw deadline provided on on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.
- If successfully drawn, hunter applicants may be placed into an IPLA lottery to determine which hunt site they will be able to access.
- Space is limited. Not all applicants will be successful in applying/reserving a site for hunting activities.
- All successfully drawn hunters will need to complete and return the permit provided to him/her before being allowed access to hunt.

Indiana DNR Fish & Wildlife Website: www.wildlife.IN.gov

Reserved Game Hunt Drawings: Pheasant, Quail, and Woodcock

- A. Sites will be hunted during Indiana quail, pheasant, and woodcock hunting seasons. Specific dates will be determined annually.
- B. Each established hunting date will have a specific hunting party ranging from 1-3 persons.
- C. Hunting hours will be from 9 AM - 3PM EST on IPLA hunt dates.
- D. Each site enrolled in IPLA will be easily identifiable and posted.
- E. Each site will have a designated parking location.

Reserved Game Hunt Drawings: Wild Turkey

- A. Sites will be hunted during Indiana wild turkey hunting seasons. Specific dates will be determined annually.
- B. Each established hunting timeframe will have a specific hunter drawn. Drawn hunters may bring one additional non-hunting partner. Only the drawn hunter can harvest a turkey. Partners calling for the drawn hunter must possess a valid Indiana turkey hunting license and gamebird stamp.
- C. Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise - 1PM EST on IPLA hunt dates.
- D. Each site enrolled in IPLA will be easily identifiable and posted.
- E. Each site will have a designated parking location.
- F. Hunt options include 4 day youth (2 days prior to youth weekend for scouting/bind setup and youth weekend for hunting), and three pre-determined 5-7 day hunt windows (Opening Wednesday-Sunday, including Monday and Tuesday prior for scouting/bind setup or the remaining Monday-Sunday windows afterward) throughout the season.