

2023 Dove Draw Information Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2023 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.

Applying:

The application period for the 2023 Dove Hunt Draw is July 2 - Aug. 6, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp 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 dove.

A HIP number is also required to hunt doves. Hunters must register at <u>indianaoutdoor.IN.gov</u> or by calling 866-671-4499. There is no cost to register.

Restrictions:

- Non-toxic shot is required at Kankakee FWA for all dove hunting.
- The firearms must not be able to hold more than 3 shells.
- 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.
- No alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances are allowed in the fields.
- Do not shoot up, down, or behind the length of shooting strips. Only shoot over mowed areas is permitted.

Bag Limit:

• The daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves. The possession limit is 45 mourning doves (three times daily bag).

Hunting Hours:

• Shooting hours for dove are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. CT from Sept. 1-3 (hours may change).

Hunt Information:

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 11 a.m. CT (noon ET) on the day of your hunt. Hunters who have been awarded a reservation may pick their preferred field in order of their given draw number. If you do not claim your reservation by the times indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely. You may bring one (1) hunting partner with you during your hunt.

You must carry with you and return the one-day access permit received upon drawing a unit. Each permit has an area to indicate your harvest records and additional information. Please fill your permits to the best of your ability. Permits can be returned at the property office or at any self-service kiosk around the property.

Area Information:

Kankakee FWA is located five miles north of North Judson, Indiana. Kankakee FWA provides outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 4,199 acres of land, which includes open water, marshes, riparian timber, periodically flooded crop fields, and 11 miles of river.

Kankakee FWA offers five dove fields, two in LaPorte County, and three in Starke County. Each hunter should have 50 yards between hunters. Reservation draws are on Sept. 1 - 2. There will be a daily draw at 11 a.m. CT each day after until hunter numbers have dropped below field sizes. Please check with the property office by phone, email, or in person each day after the draw to know if the next day will be a draw or self-check in.

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Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Kankakee FWA property office at 5748963522 or KankakeeFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

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