

Spring 2012 Turkey Hunting Zones

The application deadline for the Spring 2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Season is **December 10th, 2011**. Applications cost \$3 and are available at any DNR Service Center, ALIS licensing agent, on the website at dnr.wi.gov, or by calling 1-877-WI-LICENSE (1-877-945-4236).

Applicants should read and follow instructions printed on the spring turkey permit application (Form 2300-118). Applications will be evaluated for all zone and time period possibilities. Applicants should list all zone/time period combinations they would accept on the application. Under no circumstances will permits be switched for different time periods or zones. A permit can only be issued if you list that time period or zone on your application. To have the greatest chance at receiving a permit through the preference drawing, diversify your options by listing as many time periods and zones on your application as you would be willing to accept. *Note:* zones with a number and letter combination (for example: 2A) are State Park Zones. Permits in state parks are limited and hunting is restricted to only within the park boundary. To learn more about the Turkey Permit Drawing System and preference point details, please refer to the *Spring 2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations*, which are now included in the *2011 Small Game Hunting Regulations* pamphlet, available in print or on the website at dnr.wi.gov.

If permits remain after the preference drawing is complete, remaining permits will be issued at a date and time to be determined later. These permits will be made available for purchase until the quota is met.

Wisconsin's Spring Turkey Youth Hunt for 2012 is set to take place on April 7th and 8th. Starting in 2010, the Youth Hunt is open to persons 10-15 years of age, with or without Hunter Education (see the new **Mentored Hunting Program** requirements on the reverse side and on the website at dnr.wi.gov) that possess a spring turkey license, stamp, and a valid permit/carcass tag for spring 2012. Both resident and non-resident youth are eligible. The permit/carcass tag can be for any hunting period of the spring 2012 season, but youth hunters are limited to the turkey management zone for which their carcass tag was issued. All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply. For more information see the *Spring 2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations*.

Persons holding a class A or C permit who are interested in participating in a **disabled hunt on private land** can fill out a special application (Form 2300-271). Application forms must be returned between Sept. 10 and December 10. **NOTE:** Persons on the list of participating hunters in a disabled hunt on private land **may not** apply for a permit through the regular spring turkey drawing. For more information visit the following website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/turkey/disabl.htm>.

Wild Turkey Management Zones

Spring Turkey Youth Hunt – April 7 and 8

Time periods:

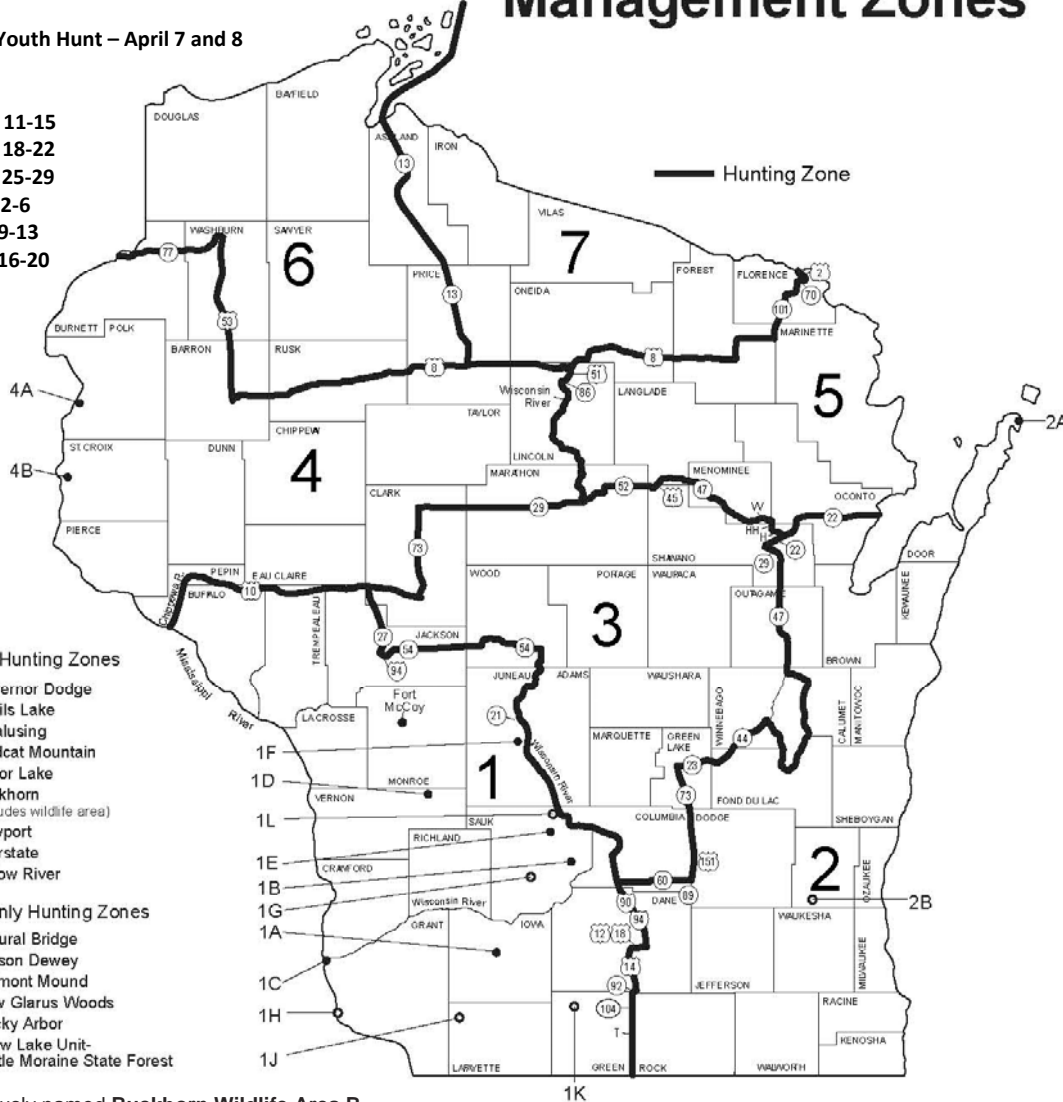
- A — April 11-15
- B — April 18-22
- C — April 25-29
- D — May 2-6
- E — May 9-13
- F — May 16-20

State Park Hunting Zones

- 1A Governor Dodge
- 1B Devils Lake
- 1C Wyalusing
- 1D Wildcat Mountain
- 1E Mirror Lake
- 1F Buckhorn (includes wildlife area)
- 2A Newport
- 4A Interstate
- 4B Willow River

Disabled Only Hunting Zones

- 1G Natural Bridge
- 1H Nelson Dewey
- 1J Belmont Mound
- 1K New Glarus Woods
- 1L Rocky Arbor
- 2B Loew Lake Unit-Kettle Moraine State Forest



To apply for the previously named **Buckhorn Wildlife Area B**, now named the **Yellow River Wildlife Area**, choose Management Zone 1. For more information regarding hunting at Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Areas (Zone 1F), call 608-565-2789.

Fort McCoy conducts its own spring turkey hunt, independent of the state season. In order to hunt at Ft. McCoy you must call Ft. McCoy for an application at 608-388-3337.



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2012 - PRELIMINARY Spring Turkey Harvest and Permit Information - 2012

Zone	2011 Spring First Choice Applicants*	2011 Spring Permits Available	2011 Permits Issued through the Preference Drawing†	2011 Permits Issued Over-the-Counter‡	2011 Spring Harvest	2011 Spring Hunter Success	2012 Spring Permits Available (PRELIMINARY)
1 Total	40,475	74,400	40,383	26,769	12,253	18.2%	74,400
2 Total	34,638	34,200	30,815	3,383	8,411	24.6%	34,200
3 Total	34,298	63,000	34,096	20,515	9,848	18.0%	63,000
4 Total	25,148	34,920	24,222	10,686	6,156	17.6%	34,920
5 Total	9,859	12,000	9,183	2,811	2,158	18.0%	12,000
6 Total	4,900	4,500	4,175	320	786	17.5%	4,500
7 Total	3,043	2,400	2,400	0	382	15.9%	2,400
Ft. McCoy	405	520	325	N/A	65	20.0%	N/A
Sub-Total	152,766	225,940	145,599	64,484	40,059	19.1%	225,420
State Parks (1st through 3rd periods only)							
1A	160	36	36	0	5	13.9%	36
1B	102	45	47	0	8	17.0%	45
1C	65	24	24	0	0	0.0%	24
1D	78	36	36	0	0	0.0%	36
1E	29	15	15	0	0	0.0%	15
1F	67	63	66	0	0	0.0%	63
2A	61	18	18	0	1	5.6%	18
4A	109	6	6	0	0	0.0%	6
4B	130	24	24	0	0	0.0%	24
State Parks with Disabled Hunting Only							
1G	0	6	0	2	0	0.0%	6
1H	1	6	1	0	0	0.0%	6
1J	0	3	0	1	0	0.0%	3
1K	1	6	1	5	0	0.0%	6
1L	0	3	0	1	0	0.0%	3
2B	7	18	8	10	0	0.0%	18
Grand Total	153,576	226,249	145,881	64,503	40,073	19.0%	225,729

- * Applicants can choose up to 6 time periods and zone combinations. "First choice spring applicants" represents only the first choice selection of each applicant; and this number does not represent every option of all applicants.
- † A permit is issued through the preference drawing by evaluating every option of zones and time periods the applicant would accept in the order in which they made selections. A maximum of one permit can be awarded through the preference drawing.
- ‡ All options of all applicants are evaluated to issue one permit to as many applicants as possible before leftover permits are issued. Permits remaining after the preference drawing will go on sale at a date and time to be determined.
- The above permit levels are **PRELIMINARY**.
- Permit levels are set to allow the maximum recreational opportunities without impacting the turkey population while minimizing hunter interference problems. Permit levels reflect the amount of turkey habitat and turkey population densities and distribution in each zone. The number of permits for fall hunting will be lower than the number for spring hunting.
- Preliminary harvest numbers include turkeys harvested during the two-day Youth Hunt. Turkeys harvested during the Youth Hunt do not represent additional permits, but rather, permits awarded to youth that were used during the Youth Hunt weekend rather than during the

Spring Turkey Hunting Opportunities

Mentored Hunting Program

The **Mentored Hunting Program** allows hunters age 10 and older, born on or after January 1, 1973, to obtain a hunting license and / or permit without first completing hunter education, provided they hunt with a mentor and comply with all of the requirements under the Mentored Hunting Program. For additional information, visit the **Mentored Hunting Program** website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/mentor.htm> or call the DNR Call Center.

Youth Hunt & Learn to Hunt

The annual **Spring Turkey Youth Hunt** is designed to give young hunters the opportunity to hunt wild turkey and gain valuable experience at a time when other hunters are not authorized to hunt. The 2012 Spring Turkey Youth Hunt will take place on April 7 & 8, and is open to persons 10-15 years of age (both residents & non-residents), with or without hunter education certification, and who possess a spring turkey license, stamp, and a valid carcass tag for Spring 2012. For more information, visit the **Spring Turkey Youth Hunt** website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/turkey/youthhunt.htm> or call the DNR Call Center.

The **Learn to Hunt Program** is an educational opportunity, offered outside of the regular spring turkey season, designed to help inexperienced hunters, both youth and adults, have a high-quality, safe, and rewarding first-time hunting experience under the guidance of qualified Hunter Education instructors and hunting mentors. Participants will receive both classroom and field instruction prior to an actual hunt. All participants will be paired up one-on-one with a qualified mentor to provide the highest level of instruction and safety. Many of these Learn to Hunt events are sponsored by local conservation clubs and organizations under the supervision of the DNR. For more information, visit the **Learn to Hunt Program** website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/learnhunt.htm> or call the DNR Call Center.

Disabled Hunting Opportunities

Wisconsin law provides for a variety of hunting, fishing, and recreational use permits designed to help people with disabilities enjoy the state's natural resources. For disabled hunters with a Class A or Class C permit wishing to participate in the spring turkey hunting season on private lands, one option is to apply for a "**Wild Turkey Hunt for People with Disabilities**" using Forms 2300-271 and 2300-271A. For more information, visit the **Spring Turkey Hunting Opportunities for the Disabled** website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/turkey/disabl.htm> or call the DNR Call Center.