

Spring 2010 Turkey Hunting Zones

The application deadline for the spring 2010 wild turkey hunting season is **December 10, 2009**. 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 2010 Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations* which are now included in the *2009 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. Permits will be issued on a one-per-day limit.

Wisconsin's Spring Turkey Youth Hunt for 2010 is set to take place on April 10 and 11. Starting in 2010, the youth hunt will be open to persons 10-15 years of age, with or without hunter education (see the new **Mentored Hunting Program** requirements on 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 2010. Both resident and non-resident youth are eligible. The permit/carcass tag can be for any hunting period of the spring 2010 season, but youth hunters are limited to the turkey management zone in which their carcass tag was issued for. All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply. For more information see the *Spring 2010 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 September 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 10 and 11

Time periods:

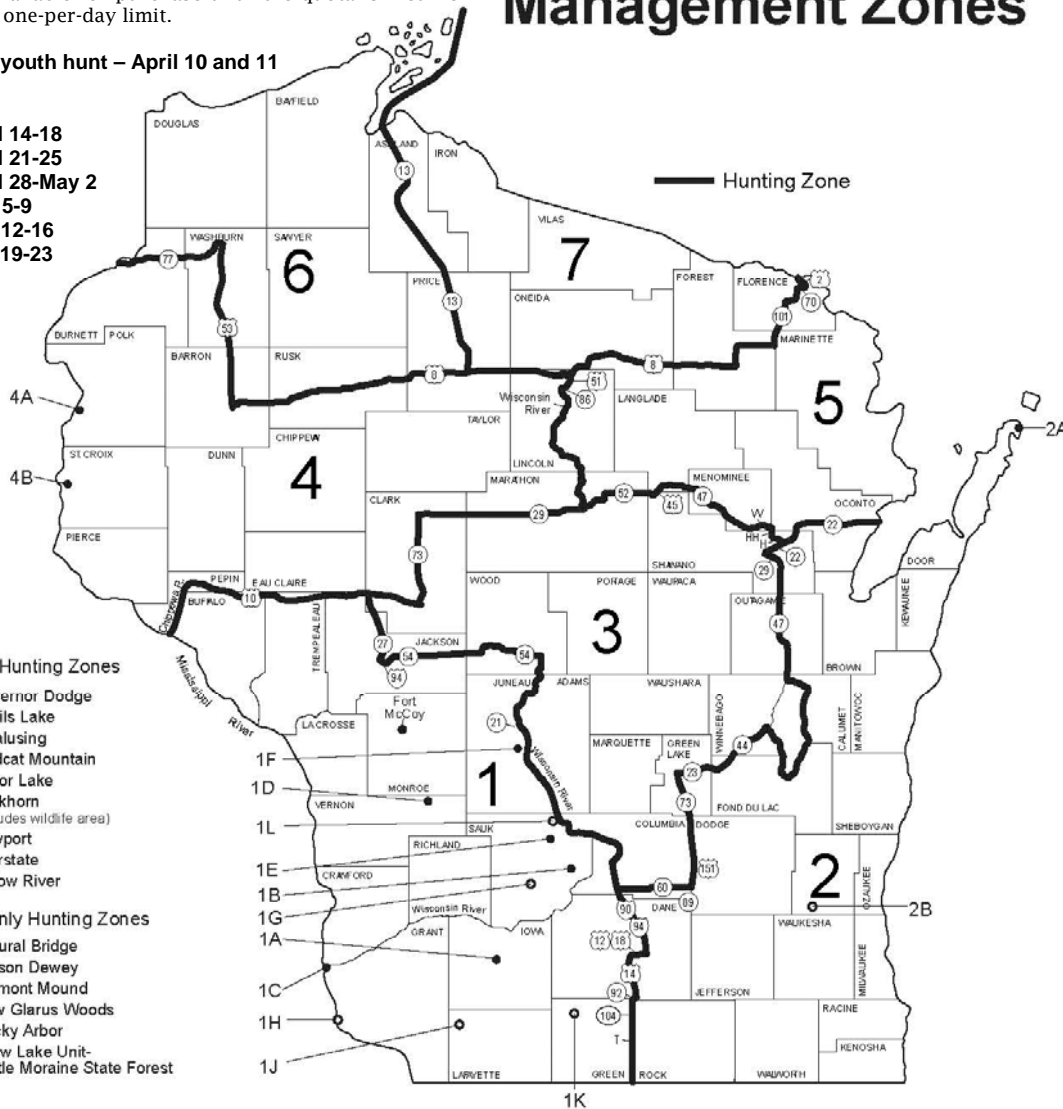
- A — April 14-18
- B — April 21-25
- C — April 28-May 2
- D — May 5-9
- E — May 12-16
- F — May 19-23

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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2010 - FINAL Spring Turkey Harvest and Permit Information - 2010

New Zone	2009 Spring First Choice Applicants*	2009 Spring Permits Available	2009 Permits Issued through the Preference Drawing†	2009 Permits Issued Over-the-Counter‡	2009 Spring Harvest	2009 Spring Hunter Success (%)	2010 Spring Permits Available
1 Total	44,349	74,400	43,948	26,120	15,729	22.4%	74,400
2 Total	32,804	34,200	29,818	4,378	10,253	30.0%	34,200
3 Total	39,011	63,000	38,234	21,460	12,947	21.7%	63,000
4 Total	27,421	34,920	26,159	8,750	9,630	27.6%	34,920
5 Total	10,409	12,000	9,548	2,441	2,645	22.1%	12,000
6 Total	4,827	4,200	4,134	66	863	20.5%	4,500
7 Total	2,985	2,400	2,400	0	358	14.9%	2,400
Ft McCoy	398	398	398	0	106	26.6%	N/A
State Parks (1st through 3rd periods only)							
1A	173	36	36	0	8	22%	36
1B	121	45	45	0	11	24%	45
1C	58	24	24	0	1	4%	24
1D	107	36	36	0	0	0%	36
1E	40	15	15	0	1	7%	15
1F	82	48	48	0	1	2%	63
2A	40	18	18	0	1	6%	18
4A	115	6	6	0	0	0%	6
4B	127	24	24	0	0	0%	24
State Parks with Disabled Hunting Only							
1G	1	6	1	4	0	0%	6
1H	0	6	0	1	0	0%	6
1J	1	3	1	1	0	0%	3
1K	1	6	2	1	0	0%	6
1L	0	3	0	1	0	0%	3
2B	7	18	8	7	1	7%	18
Grand Total	162,679	225,414	154,505	63,230	52,581	24.1%	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 **FINAL**. Spring permit levels may be revised following reviews of new population data.
- 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 harvest 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 regular season.

NEW Spring Turkey Hunting Opportunities under the Mentored Hunting Program

Effective September 1, 2009, hunters age 10 and older, born on or after January 1, 1973 can obtain a hunting license and/or permit and hunt, without first completing hunter education, provided they hunt with a mentor and comply with all of the requirements under the Mentored Hunting Program.

For the 2010 Spring Turkey Youth Hunt, this means that youth hunters 10-15 years of age, with or without hunter education, are eligible to participate, provided they hunt with a mentor (see website for additional details).

During the regular 2010 Spring Turkey season, this means that any hunter age 10 or older, born on or after January 1, 1973 who does NOT possess a hunter education certificate, can obtain a turkey hunting license, permit and stamp, provided they hunt with a mentor (see website for additional details).

For additional information visit the **Mentored Hunting Program** website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/mentor.htm>

Or call the DNR Call Center at 1-888-WDNRINFo (1-888-936-7463)