



# 2008 PUBLIC DUCK & GOOSE HUNTING AREA PERMIT

Instructions for applying on-line at  
[www.dnr.state.il.us/duck](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/duck) OR [www.dnr.state.il.us/goose](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/goose)

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& Wildlife Area are now permit duck hunting areas.

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## NEW FOR 2008

All initial applications for the Public Duck & Goose Hunting Area Permit program must now be made via the internet, free of charge, accessible at [www.dnr.state.il.us/duck](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/duck) OR [www.dnr.state.il.us/goose](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/goose). If you do not have a computer, see if a relative, friend or neighbor has one for you to use, or go to a Public Library. The phone-in procedure remains the same (see Application Dates).

Paper applications are no longer available.

Most questions regarding this new application process can be answered by reviewing the information, instructions and hunting areas on this sheet.

This process is similar to our Upland Game Hunting Program that has been an internet-only program for several years.

Eliminating paper applications will help us issue more permits in a more timely fashion.

## APPLICATION DATES

Internet applications from Illinois residents will be accepted as soon as the season dates are announced in late August for inclusion in random daily drawings beginning September 2 through September 15. Beginning September 30 unsuccessful applicants, non-residents and anyone that has not applied for or received a permit may call 217 524-6514 (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday) to apply for remaining open areas and dates.

A second permit (for a different day than your first permit) may be obtained from unfilled quotas by calling 217 524-6514 (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday) beginning October 9.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Each applicant may apply for and receive only one duck permit AND one goose permit prior to October 9.
- If more than one application for a duck hunting permit or a goose hunting permit is received prior to October 9 in the same name, all applications will be rejected and permits revoked.
- A random daily drawing means all applications from one day are randomly processed before applications from the next day are randomly processed.
- Successful applicants will receive mail confirmation. • Permits are not transferable.
- Hunters under the age of 16 may apply for and receive a permit as long as they will be 16 by the day of the drawing. They must be at least 16 years of age at the time of the drawing for the permit to be valid to draw a pit or blind.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Choose your hunt area and then indicate your First Choice of hunting dates. Your Second Choice of hunting dates is optional, however, select the appropriate date if you have a second choice. The Third, Fourth and Fifth Choices are considered if your first and second choices are not available.

You will be required to provide your Social Security Number OR DNR Direct customer number (located above your name on your DNR license).

Your name, date of birth, mailing address and daytime phone number will complete the application process.

Please call 217 782-7305 if you have any questions. IDNR information is available to the hearing impaired by calling DNR's TTY: 217 782-9175.

### How to Fix Your Online Application Errors:

If you (1) made a mistake on any portion of your application (DO NOT REAPPLY), (2) mistakenly applied twice or (3) need to cancel an application please notify us as soon as possible - there are two ways to do this:

1. Email us at [DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov) - you will need to include your name, birthdate and a detailed explanation of what needs to be changed (example: please change my Hunt Area Choice from Union Co. to Horseshoe Lake).
2. Fax us at 217 782-5016 - on the receipt you printed out simply cross out the incorrect information and write the correct information next to it. Sign the receipt and fax it to us - Attn: Permit Dept. No cover sheet is needed.



# 2008 PUBLIC DUCK & GOOSE PERMIT AREAS AND HUNTING INFORMATION



Season dates will be announced (late August).

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## DUCK AREAS [www.dnr.state.il.us/duck](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/duck)

- **BANNER MARSH F&WA**  
(FULTON COUNTY)  
5 Mi. East of Banner on Rt. 24
- **BANNER MARSH F&WA DISABLED\***
- **SANGCHRIS LAKE SUBIMPOUNDMENT (CHRISTIAN COUNTY)**  
Accessible by boat only! 16' boat recommended; 25 HP motor limit.

Sangchris Lake Subimpoundment only, hunting is allowed on opening day, Tuesdays, Sundays (10 a.m. closing on Dec. 7) and the last day of the duck season. (On Thursdays (except closed Dec. 4) blinds will be allocated by a daily drawing at Sangchris Lake.)

- **SPRING LAKE SF&WA** - Spring Lake Bottoms Unit (Tazewell County)

Spring Lake SF&WA - Spring Lake Bottoms Unit - hunting is allowed every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday during the duck hunting season except the second Sunday in November which is closed due to the Youth Hunt.

- **UNION COUNTY SF&WA**  
On Rt. 3, 6 Mi. south of Ware, turn east 1/4 Mi. at Reynoldsville
- **UNION COUNTY SF&WA DISABLED\***
- **HORSESHOE LAKE SF&WA**  
(Alexander County)  
On Rt. 3, 12 mi. northwest of Cairo near Olive Branch

Union County and Horseshoe Lake will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays and December 24, 25 and 26, 2008.

Union County and Horseshoe Lake will be open during the Southern Zone Duck Season.

A duck hunting permit holder is allowed to bring three (3) partners except at Horseshoe Lake and Union County where a hunter can only bring one hunting partner and one non-hunting partner or 2 non-hunting partners. The permit holder must be present to hunt for the partners to hunt.

A \$10 daily usage stamp must be purchased at Banner Marsh, Sangchris Lake Subimpoundment, Spring Lake - Spring Lake Bottoms Unit, Union County and Horseshoe Lake. (Partners under 16 are free).

\*One blind will be allocated, each day of the hunting season, to a disabled person. Successful applicants must present a State Disabled person I.D. card showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability, along with their permit, at the check station when they check in.

## GOOSE AREA [www.dnr.state.il.us/goose](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/goose)

- **SNAKEDEN HOLLOW (Knox County)**

On Rt. 167, 1 mi. east of Victoria

- **SNAKEDEN HOLLOW DISABLED\***

Snakeden Hollow will be closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and December 24, 25 and 26, 2008.

A goose hunting permit holder is allowed to bring one partner. The permit holder must be present to hunt for the partner to hunt.

A \$15 daily usage stamp must be purchased at Snakeden Hollow. (Partners under 16 are free).

### LICENSE INFORMATION

You must have a valid Illinois Hunting or Sportsman's License unless you are:

- A person who is disabled. A State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
- An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- A disabled veteran. A veteran's disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.

Hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Training Course provided by the Department or must show a previous year's hunting license.

To obtain information about Hunter Safety Education classes scheduled in your area, call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599.

### WATERFOWL STAMPS

Unless exempt, hunters must possess both a Federal and State Migratory waterfowl stamp. Hunters under 16 years of age are not required to have a State or Federal stamp. Habitat Stamps are not required to hunt waterfowl.

Licenses/stamps are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, by phone at 1-888-6Permit or [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us)

### ATTENTION MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS -- You have to be H.I.P. in 2008

Registration with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) is required to hunt migratory game birds in Illinois.

Do you hunt doves, ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock, coots or rails in Illinois? All **licensed** hunters must register with HIP if they intend to hunt migratory birds. It's free and it's easy.

HIP certifications are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, [www.dnr.state.il.us](http://www.dnr.state.il.us) or 1-888-6Permit. Lifetime licenses holders are automatically registered with HIP.

### FIREARM OWNER'S I.D. CARD (Issued by Illinois State Police)

Regardless of who owns the gun, anyone who has a firearm or firearm ammunition in their possession must have in their possession a valid Firearm Owner's I.D. (F.O.I.D.) Card unless he or she is:

- A licensed out-of-state sportsman hunting in Illinois, or
- Under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid F.O.I.D. Card.

**F.O.I.D. Card Information 217 782-7980**

This is only a guide to the highlights of the rules and regulations governing goose hunting. More complete information is available from Department of Natural Resources Regional Offices, Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement Office, or the Permit Office.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, 217/785-0067; TTY 217/782-9175. This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at 217/782-7498 for assistance.