

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

Youth Turkey Hunt

Refuge Hunt Program

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experiences when pursued responsibly. For details specific to the regular season, see the Turkey Hunt Fact Sheet.

Turkey hunting is allowed in the spring season only. We allow hunting in accordance with state laws and the following refuge specific regulations:

Youth Hunt Permits

We hold a youth hunt on the same days as the New York State Youth Turkey Hunt for junior hunters between 12-15 years of age. The program is free but space is limited to 25 participants.

Participants must pre-register by completing the permit application online at <http://IroquoisNWR.RecAccess.com>. No paper applications will be accepted. There is no fee for registration.

Applications will be accepted from March 1 - April 1. If selected hunters will receive an email notification which will include an electronic copy of their permit and vehicle pass. Hunters are required to have a copy of their permit with them while hunting and scouting.

All junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult during the hunt. Adult guides must have a valid New York State hunting license and turkey permit but may not hunt.

Harvest Reports

All hunters who receive a permit must complete and return a Big

Game Harvest Report no later than June 7 whether or not hunting was performed.

Stands, Blinds, and Other Property

Portable stands and blinds may be used on the refuge during the applicable hunting season but must be removed at the end of each hunt day. Trail cameras are prohibited.

Vehicles

All off-road vehicular travel, including snowmobiles and ATVs is prohibited. Please do not block refuge gates or roads. The issued vehicle pass must be displayed on the dashboard.

Boats

The use of motorized boats is prohibited. Non-motorized boats are permitted on Oak Orchard Creek from Knowlesville Road to Route 63, only. You may launch boats from Route 63, Sour Springs Road, and Knowlesville Road.

Scouting

Youth Hunt participants may scout during the weekend prior to the youth hunt weekend. Participants must have their youth hunt permit while scouting.

No Hunting Zones/Closed Areas

Weapons may not be discharged within, into, or across a No Hunting Zone or Closed Area; nor from, on, or across any refuge road or designated trail.

No Hunting Zones include but are not limited to:

- The area around the refuge office and residences.

- The vicinity of the Iroquois Job Corps Center; Swallow Hollow, Kanyoo Headquarters, and Onondaga Nature trails.

In addition, the main dike in Mohawk Pool and County Line Dike are closed to all entry to protect nesting bald eagles.

Common Prohibited Activities

- Using illuminating devices, including automobile headlights, for the purpose of spotlighting game species
- Camping, overnight parking, open fires, and littering
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Hunters may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint, or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs

Hunters with Disabilities

Please contact the Refuge Office for more information.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

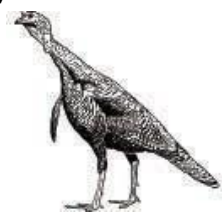
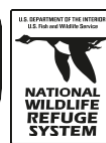
1101 Casey Road
Basom, NY 14013-9730
(585) 948-5445

www.fws.gov/refuge/iroquois
www.fws.gov/refuges/hunting

Federal Relay Service
for the deaf and hard-of-hearing
1- 800-877-8339

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1- 800-344 Wild
<http://www.fws.gov>

February 2020



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Iroquois
National Wildlife
Refuge Hunt Map

