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## 2023 Dove Draw Information Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Dove Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserve 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 [indianaoutdoor.IN.gov](http://indianaoutdoor.IN.gov) or by calling 866-671-4499. There is no cost to register.

### Restrictions:

- Non-toxic shot is required at Goose Pond FWA for all dove hunting.
- The shotgun used must not be capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- All dove hunters are limited to a maximum of 50 shells per hunter.
- 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 flowers.

### Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves. The possession limit is 45 mourning doves.

### Hunting Hours:

- Shooting hours for dove are 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET from Sept. 1-3.

### Hunt Information:

The first three days of dove season at Goose Pond FWA are by draw or reservation only. When applying to the 2023 Dove Season Goose Pond FWA hunt, you may choose from three hunt periods:

- Friday, Sept. 1, 2023
- Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023
- Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 5:30 a.m. CT (6:30 a.m. ET) on the day of your hunt. Each managed dove field at Goose Pond FWA will be marked with evenly spaced and numbered stakes. Hunters who have been awarded a reservation may pick their preferred field and stake 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 a hunting partner with you during your hunt. You and your hunting partner will draw a single hunting stake and sit together.

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 addition 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.

Hunters must stop hunting by 1 p.m. ET and be out of the field by 2 p.m. ET Sept. 1-3.

### **Area Information:**

Goose FWA, located two miles south of Linton, Indiana, provides quality outdoor recreation opportunities for both hunters and wildlife viewers. The 9,098-acre property is comprised mostly of wet marshland habitat in low lying areas and native prairies on the upland sides. Each year, hunters successfully harvest several species including deer, turkey, waterfowl, and quail.

The property has several managed dove fields available and will award reservations to 40 hunters each of the first three days of season. Most of our dove fields can be accessed by a brief walk and all fields will have parking nearby. We always attempt to leave standing cover near each stake for hunter concealment. The dove fields will differ in quality and size given the many factors that may affect the outcome of sunflower plantings. Accurate field maps will be posted to the property webpage when we can determine the success of each field. Maps can be found here around one month before season opens: [Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area](#).

The first three days of dove season are very popular at Goose Pond FWA we ask that each sportsman do their part to keep litter contained and showcase ethical hunting to help preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

If you have questions about property rules, accessing dove fields, or other specifics, please call or visit the main office.

### **Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the Goose Pond property office at 812-512-9185.

**Address:** 13540 W 400 S Linton, IN, 47441



# Goose Pond FWA Upland Game Units Map

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