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## 2025 Dove Draw Information JE Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2025 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 2025 Dove Draw Hunt is July 7-30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid hunting license and Game Bird Habitat stamp for dove hunting 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 [GoOutdoorsIN.com](https://GoOutdoorsIN.com) or by calling 260-323-5378. There is no cost to register.

### Allowed Equipment:

- Non-toxic or steel shot is required for all dove hunting. Shot size #6 or smaller.
- 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:

- Limit is 15 doves per person per day. Hunter must leave field when limit is reached.

### Hunting Hours:

- Shooting hours are from Noon – 6:00 p.m. on Sept 1 & 2. After those days, shooting time is ½ hour before sunrise – sunset for the remainder of the season.

**Hunt Information:**

- Hunters are required to sign in at the Roush FWA office Sept. 1 & 2 by 11 a.m. (EST) the day of your hunt. Each managed dove field will be marked with spaced numbered hunter stakes. Stake locations will be assigned in order of drawn hunter. 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.
- Hunters must drop harvest cards at any of the self-registration station locations at the completion of their hunt. (Failure to return harvest card may result in being ineligible for future draws.) After the first two days, hunting is open for the duration of dove season and sign in is required at any self-registration station prior to hunting.
- Hunters must have a valid Indiana hunting license, gamebird stamp, and HIP number.
- Hunter's safety is very important! PLEASE KEEP SHOTS ELEVATED! Remember there are hunters on each side of you. Be aware of hunters walking in and out of fields.
- Be sure to identify your game before shooting. We do not want to find any non-game or out of season species lying dead in the fields.
- Please do not sky bust or shoot at birds that are out of your range. The fields have been mowed to help you gauge a distance that a dove can be killed. Please let the birds work in close. This will cut down on crippling loss, which has been as high as 20% in previous years.
- Hunters must harvest only their own limit and not assist a fiend.
- Hunters may not take their guns with them in the field to retrieve downed birds.
- All hunters must shoot from the same side of the field (where the stakes are located). Strips have been mowed to make it easier to find birds
- Please only park in designated parking areas and do not block any access lanes.

**Area information:**

J.E. (J. Edward) Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area provides quality outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 7,347 acres of land, 900 acres of lake, and 350 acres of impoundments. The property, which is approximately 15 miles long, is a long narrow band along the Wabash River.

All hunters, range users, and dog runners are required to sign in and obtain the appropriate one-day access permit before entering the field at this property. The one-day permit card must be completed and returned to a self-service booth, drop box, or property office before you leave.

The property has several managed dove fields available and will award reservations to hunters each of the first two 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.

The first couple of days of dove season are very popular and 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 the Roush FWA office.

**Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact the Roush FWA property office at (260) 468-2165.

# J.E. ROUSH LAKE

## FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

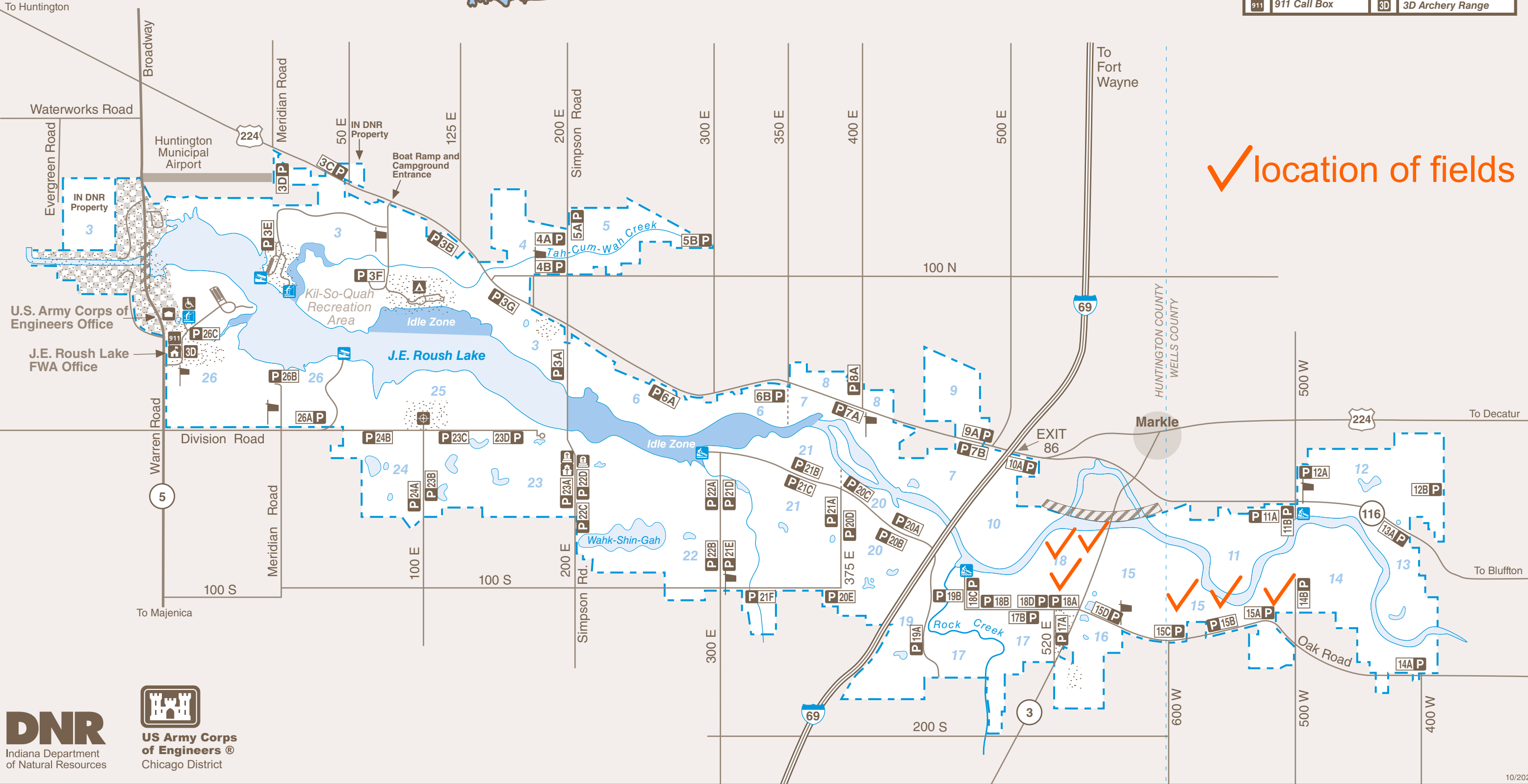
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# 2025 SUNFLOWER FIELDS



LEGEND			
	Boundary		Accessible
	Road		Fishing Pier
	USACE Dam		Boat Launch
	Water		Camping
	Idle Zone		Shooting Range
	Safety Zone		J.E. Roush Lake FWA Office
	USACE Managed		Corps Office
	Parking		Church
	Self-Service Box		Cemetery
	Resource Mgmt. Unit		Car-Top Boat Launch
	911 Call Box		3D Archery Range



✓ location of fields

J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area is dedicated to providing quality hunting and fishing opportunities while maintaining 7,347 acres of land, a 900-acre lake and 350 acres of impoundments.



HISTORY

Roush Lake was constructed in 1967 and is one of the three Upper Wabash Valley lakes. Roush Lake operates primarily as a unit with Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes to control floodwaters along the Wabash River Basin and secondarily with other lakes downstream in reduction of lower Wabash and Ohio River floods.

The lake provides benefits to nearly 60,000 acres of agricultural lands as well as general recreation activities associated with hunting and fishing. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partners with Indiana Department of Natural Resources under a lease agreement. The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife operates and maintains the recreation facilities and wildlife areas at the lake. Roush Lake was operated by DNR Division of Reservoirs until 1998, and then by the DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs until 2010.

The property is a long narrow band along the Wabash River approximately 15 miles long, located in Huntington and Wells counties. The public access site (boat ramp) and campground are located off U.S. 224, two miles east of Huntington and six miles west of I-69. The main office is 2.5 miles southeast of Huntington, off S.R. 5. Hunting areas and fishing ponds are located throughout the property.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

In addition to state fish & wildlife laws, this property is governed by posted regulations affecting the public use of lands and facilities owned, leased or licensed by the DNR.

Posted Areas

Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl-resting and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs.

CAMPING

The campground has 41 electric sites and 20 primitive sites. All campsites have fire rings and picnic tables. Camping is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum stay is 14 days. Water fountains and pit toilets are available in the campground.

- Camping, picnicking, and open campfires are allowed in the campground only.
- Picnicking is allowed at the Kil-So-Quah boat ramp area.
- Unloaded firearms, unstrung bows and arrows, and air guns may be possessed, but not used in the camping and picnic areas.
- Swimming is not allowed.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

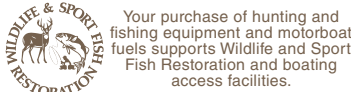
J.E. Roush Lake FWA is a long narrow property along the floodplain of the Wabash River. It provides excellent wildlife watching throughout the year and the spring is great for waterfowl.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Wetland trapping is available through drawing only. Contact property staff for details.
- Dog training is allowed in Area 22 (see map).
- Additional hunting opportunities include youth hunts for deer, dove, turkey and waterfowl. Put-and-take pheasant hunting starts the Saturday before Thanksgiving, with sign-up online starting September 1.
- Hunting areas accessible to persons with disabilities are available. Ask for details at office.

NEIGHBORING LAND

Salamonie Lake, managed by the DNR Parks & Reservoirs, is located within 15 miles. Phone (260) 468-2125.



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Online Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Licenses

Violations

Violation of any law, rule or regulation governing this property may be cause for forfeiture of your hunting, fishing or visiting privileges at J.E. Roush Lake FWA.

Responsibility

The DNR will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities.

Permits

In addition to a hunting and/or fishing license, the following permits are required for the following activities:

- All visitors must obtain a one-day permit before entering the field, regardless of their activity. The one-day access permit must be kept with you while visiting and must be completed and returned to a self-service booth before leaving.
- Hunters are required to sign in at one of the self service boxes prior to entering the field. One-day hunting permit cards must be in the possession of the hunter at all times. Bagged game must be reported through the check-in station. Self-service drop boxes are located throughout the property for your convenience. No shooting of woodchucks (groundhogs) is allowed.
- Dog training is available in Area 22 only.
- Collecting Permits are required from the property manager or DNR for the collection of everything except nuts, berries and mushrooms.

Shooting Ranges

Shooting ranges are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis during business hours of the range and only when certified range safety officers are on duty. Range fees will be charged. (\$4/day adults, \$2/day youth; trap and skeet range prices are \$5 per round.) Hours of operation vary between seasons.

Hours of Operation:

Open: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Wednesday – Sunday  
Closed: Monday & Tuesday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day

Winter Hours for January & February:

Open: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
Closed: Monday – Thursday

Range address:

1002 E Division Road, Huntington, IN 46750

Phone Number: (260) 468-2416

DAM

Type: Concrete rolled earth-fill  
Maximum height: 91 feet  
Length: 6,500 feet  
Drainage area above dam: 707 square miles

OPERATING LEVELS

	Elevation (Feet mean sea level)	Area (Acres)	Length (Miles)
Winter Pool	737	500	5
Summer Pool	749	900	7
Flood Pool	798	7,900	29

FUNDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife sells hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. All revenue is used for managing fish and wildlife resources in Indiana. No license money goes into the state general fund.

The Division also receives money from the federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration programs (sometimes referred to as Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson funds). The funds are derived from excise taxes levied on sporting arms and ammunition, bows and arrows, fishing equipment and motor boat fuel. The funds are then returned to state fish and wildlife agencies using a formula that in part is based on the number of fishing and hunting license buyers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Division of Fish & Wildlife

WRITE: DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife  
402 W. Washington Street, W273  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
  
CALL: (317) 232-4200  
  
ONLINE: [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

WRITE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
735 N. Warren Rd.  
Huntington, IN 46750  
  
CALL: 260-356-8648

Chicago District, Public Affairs Office

WRITE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
231 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500  
Chicago, IL 60604  
  
CALL: 312-846-5330

Traffic

Traffic on public roads through J.E. Roush Lake FWA is governed by state and county laws. All other roads are limited to foot traffic only.

FISHING

- J.E. Roush Lake FWA has 15 miles of river and 200 acres of impoundments open to fishing.
- Check-in is required for fishing.
- Primary species in the main lake include channel catfish, crappie, white bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and rough fish in the main lake. Walleye are below the dam in the river. Impoundment species include largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish.
- Motorized boats are allowed on Roush Lake only. Please use concrete boat ramp located off U.S. 224 at Kil-So-Quah Recreation Area. No swimming allowed at ramp. Non-motorized boats and electric motors are allowed on both Roush Lake and its impoundments. No ramps provided on impoundments.
- Shoreline fishing is available at boat ramp and around the main lake and impoundments.
- There is a 14-inch size limit for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.
- On Rock Creek, smallmouth bass fishing is catch-and-release only.
- See Fishing Regulations for details, [fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov)

HUNTING

- Hunting for furbearers, deer, rabbit, squirrel, waterfowl, dove, pheasant and wild turkey is common at J.E. Roush Lake FWA.
- Daily check-in is required. All hunting seasons and bag limits apply.
- Special hunts include those for mourning dove and turkey, and put-take pheasant hunts.
- Area 22 is designated for dog training.
- Please respect private land owner’s property adjacent to our state land.

TRAPPING

Trapping is allocated by in-person drawing the first Saturday of October.

DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources

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