

Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

Applying for Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery and Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas

- **Firearms hunters 18 and older do not need to apply for an A or B time period spring turkey license.** Licenses for all time periods (A-F) may be purchased over the counter beginning March 1; however, a lottery for permits to access major-unit wildlife management areas will occur (see below).
- **Firearms turkey hunters 18 and older may hunt statewide, except access to the Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas during time periods A-C is by lottery only.** Any hunter with a valid license may hunt in these areas after the C time period.
- **Firearms turkey hunters 18 and over who wish to hunt the Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas during time periods A-C** must apply and be successful in a lottery drawing for permits to access these areas. The lottery deadline is February 11, 2022
- **All hunters (spring license or archery license) will be asked which permit area they hunt most.** This information is collected to help monitor anticipated harvest pressure in each permit area but *DOES NOT* restrict the license holder to a permit area.

Applications are required only for firearms hunters age 18 and older who wish to hunt in the Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas. If you want to apply for the lottery to hunt in the Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas:

- You must submit your application by Friday February 11, 2022.
- Successful applicants will receive notification before March 1. This notice is your permit to hunt in the wildlife management area you selected in the lottery.
- Youth hunters (age 17 and younger) and hunters with archery-only licenses may hunt in these areas without being selected in the lottery.

Please double-check your receipt at the time of application to ensure information has been properly entered into the computer. Retain your receipt as proof of application.

WHO NEEDS TO APPLY FOR THE LOTTERY TO HUNT MILLE LACS, CARLOS AVERY OR WHITEWATER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS?

If you are 18 years old or older and plan to purchase a firearms spring turkey license for the A, B or C time periods, you may want to apply for a permit to hunt the Mille Lacs, Carlos Avery or Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas.

WHEN AND WHERE DO I NEED TO APPLY AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The deadline to apply is Friday February 11, 2022. You may apply in person wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold, by telephone at (888) 665-4236 or [online](https://www.mndnr.gov/licenses) at [mndnr.gov/licenses](https://www.mndnr.gov/licenses). There is a \$5 application fee; online and telephone purchases include additional fees. All fees are non-refundable.

WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT A VALID APPLICATION?

You can apply if you have either a valid Minnesota driver's license or a state of Minnesota ID card (issued by the Department of Public Safety). If you are born after December 31, 1979, you will need a firearms safety certificate number. Your ID card must have your current mailing address because this is where your winning notification will be sent if you are successful in the drawing. If you are a non-resident, you must provide an ID from your state of residency, or your MNDNR number from the last time you applied for or purchased a Minnesota hunting or fishing license.

MAY WE APPLY AS A GROUP?

You may submit a group application with a party of up to four hunters. All of your group members must apply for the same wildlife management area and time period. The hunter with the lowest preference rating determines the rating for the group. If we draw your group application, all group members will receive a license. The first applicant of each group will receive a group ID number, which is printed on your receipt. *The remaining group members must use this ID number when applying in order to be included in the group.*

DO I STILL NEED TO APPLY IN THE LANDOWNER/TENANT SPECIAL DRAWING?

Hunters 18 or older, including those who are landowners or tenants, may purchase a license to hunt any time period (A-F). Because of this change, there is no longer a need for a special landowner/tenant drawing, which set aside a percentage of A and B time period licenses for landowners with qualifying land.

Permits per time period	
Area	Permits available per time period (A-C)
Mille Lacs WMA (512)	10
Carlos Avery WMA (511)	30
Whitewater WMA (502)	150