

# **Non-toxic shot requirements in effect at additional Illinois hunting sites for 2018-19 dove, controlled pheasant, and upland hunting seasons**

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SPRINGFIELD – As they head to the field this fall, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds hunters of new requirements for use of non-toxic shot at a number of IDNR sites for dove, controlled pheasant, and upland game hunting, effective for the 2018-19 season.

Many IDNR sites have required use of non-toxic shot in recent years. Lead shot has been banned for waterfowl hunting by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1991. Non-toxic shot is required for use at all IDNR sites for hunting waterfowl, coots, snipe, and rail.

The 2018-19 Illinois Dove Hunting Season opens on Sept. 1. IDNR is implementing the required use of non-toxic shot during dove hunting season at these IDNR sites this year:

Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA);  
Copperhead Hollow SFWA;  
Crawford County SFWA;  
Dixon Springs State Park;  
Edward R. Madigan SFWA;  
Harry Babe Woodyard State Natural Area (SNA);  
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA;  
Kickapoo SRA;  
Lake Le-Aqua-Na SRA;  
Middle Fork SFWA;  
Pere Marquette State Park;  
Ramsey Lake State Park;  
Ray Norbut SFWA;  
Shelbyville SFWA;

Siloam Springs State Park;  
Siloam Springs SP/Buckhorn Unit;  
Weinberg-King State Park.

IDNR is implementing the required use of non-toxic shot for Controlled Pheasant Hunting at five additional sites this year:

Des Plaines SFWA;  
Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co);  
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA;  
Silver Springs SFWA;  
Mackinaw River SFWA.

IDNR is also implement the required use of non-toxic shot for Upland Hunting seasons at a number of additional sites this year:

Anderson Lake SFWA;  
Banner Marsh SFWA;  
Big Bend SNA;  
Bradford Pheasant Habitat Area (PHA);  
Crawford Co. SFWA;  
Cretaceous Hills SNA;  
Double T SFWA;  
Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co.);  
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA;  
Mackinaw SFWA;  
Marshall SFWA;  
Mautino SFWA;  
Sam Parr SFWA;  
Sand Ridge State Forest/Sparks Pond and Rollo;  
Sanganois SFWA;  
Victoria PHA;  
Whitefield PHA.

IDNR reminds hunters to check Hunter Fact Sheets posted on the IDNR website for information on site-specific hunting season information and regulations, as other sites not listed above require non-toxic shot: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/FactSheets/Pages/default.aspx>

Additional information on hunting regulations in Illinois can be found in the *Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2018-2019*:  
<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/HuntingTrappingDigests.aspx>

