

Dog Training Locations and Permit Instructions

Listed below are locations and permit instructions for some of the more popular local areas for dog training. *Please recognize that instructions and permit information is subject to change. We strongly encourage you to contact the supervisors of the areas in which you plan on training in order to receive the most current rules and regulations.*

Instructions for applying for Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Dog Training Permits

There are several types of dog training permits available from the IDNR.

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/Sporting-Dog-Training.aspx>

The most common for our purposes is for the **Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area**

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/windshieldcard/index.asp>

To apply for and print a dog training license for the Des Plaines SFWA you will need your IDNR customer number from your current Illinois hunting license.

<https://www1.il.wildlifelicense.com/license.php?action=custlkup>

Once you have your IDNR customer number go to the IDNR website for a dog training permit.

<https://dnr.illinois.gov/windshieldcard/ufstep1.asp?cR=2>

Enter your IDNR customer number and select Des Plaines SFWA for the site name.

Complete the rest of the information and print out your permit. The permit must be displayed in your windshield when you are in the field training.

You might also want to get a class A bird breeder license. You need this to transport live game birds. It is only \$10.50 and you will need your IDNR customer number for this also.

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/CommercialLicensesFees.aspx>

After you have your license and permits you may also register to reserve the East Grounds at Des Plaines for training. You must do this in person at the main office on the West Grounds. There is no charge for this.

All of these must be renewed annually, usually toward the middle of March.

You may also apply for a permit to train on private land.

<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/DogTraingPrivateLand.aspx>

Instructions for applying for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Dog Training Permits

Several of the Wisconsin State Parks allow dog training.

The two that are closest to Illinois are Richard Bong State Recreation Area and Kettle Moraine

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/dogtrainingmap.html>

Dog training permits are required. They are valid for roughly three years and require a \$25 fee.

Wisconsin Dog Training Permit

<http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/forms/9400/9400-606.pdf>

Dog training permits and parking passes can be purchased at either of the two on site offices at Richard Bong State Recreation Area. A runway pass is also required in order to drive out into the field. We recommend that you purchase an annual parking pass.

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<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/admission.html>