

2026 Application for Delaware State Forest Turkey Hunts

The Delaware Forest Service issues permits to hunt turkeys on State Forest lands through a separate public lottery system. Hunters will **no longer be eligible** to receive a permit to hunt **both** State Forests and State Wildlife Areas in the same season. The State Forest lottery will be held **after** the State Wildlife Area lottery. Hunters that successfully receive a State Wildlife Area permit, and applied for a State Forest permit, will have their State Forest application removed before the lottery takes place and will not be eligible for the State Forest lottery. This change is intended to maximize the number of individual hunters who have an opportunity to hunt on public lands. Applications are due by January 6, 2026 and are available at State Forest offices or [online](#).



APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- **Print all information clearly. Illegible information could result in application being rejected.**
- **Submitting more than one application per individual will result in disqualification.**
- **Awarded permits are non-transferrable. Only successful applicants will be notified.**
- **Remember: To apply, you must have a completed Turkey Hunting Safety Class on file.**

Hunter's Name _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP _____

License # or LEN _____
Date of Birth: _____
Telephone # _____

Eligible State Forests: Blackbird State Forest (14) Taber State Forest (2) Redden State Forest (28)

Season Segments: A (4/11–4/17) B (4/18–4/24) C (4/25–5/1) D (5/2–5/9)

Select Preferred State Forests (choose two):

1. _____
2. _____

Circle Preferred Season Segment (choose one only):

A B C D

Which is more important to you? (check one)

☐ **Area more important** ☐ **Segment more important**

Mail completed turkey applications to:

Delaware Forest Service, Turkey Permit Application, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901

The Delaware Forest Service must receive the Turkey Hunting Application by January 6, 2026.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

By signing above, you acknowledge that you have a valid Delaware hunting license **and** have successfully completed an approved turkey hunting safety education course by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Failure to sign this form and have the aforementioned qualifications will result in your removal from the lottery. **NO SUNDAY HUNTING.**