



Illinois Recreational Access Program

SUMMARY



The Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) leases private property throughout Illinois for semi-controlled public access for a variety of public recreational opportunities. Landowners enrolled in IRAP can choose which outdoor recreational activities they agree to let the public to access while also retaining time for their personal outdoor activities on their property. With nearly 97% of Illinois privately owned, there are few public places available. IRAP focuses on finding places and activities for youth and families to experience the outdoors. Since the program's inception in 2011, over 22,000 acres have been leased by IRAP in 48 counties.

Landowner Incentives:

- Eligible landowners will have a management plan established/updated for their property addressing invasive species, opening of the canopy, natural oak/hickory forest regeneration, prairie grass plantings, etc.
- Landowners will receive a lease payment for each eligible IRAP activity and period they allow public access.
- Up to 75% cost-share to implement wildlife management projects.
- Liability Insurance coverage provided for landowners for IRAP public access activities.
- IRAP signs will be placed at designated parking areas and the property boundaries will be marked using additional signage and/or purple paint (no trespassing law) as needed.

Public Access Participants:

- Semi-controlled public access through participant registration and reservation system.
- IRAP participants must have an IRAP permit and reservation *prior* to using sites.
- IRAP participants must carry their IRAP permit and put vehicle permit in auto when accessing site.
- IDNR restricts the number of individuals will be allowed to access the property day.
- All participants must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the IL Digest of Hunting/Trapping and Fishing Regulations.



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