



2026 IDNR Wingshooting Clinic

The Aurora Sportsmen's Club

The ASC Special Programs and Shotgun Departments in coordination with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Conservation Foundation are hosting a “Hunter’s Wingshooting Clinic” on August 15 & 16, 2026 at the Aurora Sportsmen’s Club Sporting Clays Course. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice with certified wingshooting instructors. Open to shotgun shooters ages 16 years and up, these clinics benefit target shooters and hunters alike to improve skills at hitting moving targets with birdshot loads. Some previous experience shooting moving targets with a shotgun is recommended. This is not designed to introduce new shooters to wingshooting.

A \$30.00 fee per person for each 4-hour session covers the cost of clay targets, instruction and on course refreshments. IDNR/NSCA Certified Wingshooting Instructors from the IDNR's Wingshooting Program, each working with a squad of 3-5 participants, provide coaching throughout the session. Participants will have opportunities to engage clay targets at multiple sporting clays stations chosen specifically for this type of clinic.

There will be two separate sessions on Saturday, one morning and one afternoon, plus one session on Sunday morning. Attendees can sign up for one or multiple 4-hour sessions, over one or both days. Preregistration is required by email message to: hunterwsclinic@gmail.com. No walk-ins please.

Required supplies and equipment. Bring a modern shotgun in 12, 16, or 20 gauge. Tactical shotguns and shotguns with optics installed are not recommended. Each shooter will need 6-8 boxes of target load factory ammunition (limited to lead size 7½, 8 or 9 shot or steel shot not larger than #6) plus safety glasses and hearing protection. No hunting or defensive loads, primitive firearms or unidentifiable ammunition will be permitted on the course.

See also the IDNR introductory and youth/women clinics plus additional Hunter Clinic locations and dates at the link: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/wingshooting/Pages/default.aspx>