

**Mines of Spain State Recreation Area
E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center**

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NEWS RELEASE

When: April/May 2012
Where: Mines of Spain Recreation Area
What: Iowa Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons.

Iowa's spring turkey hunting seasons begin April 16 at the Mines of Spain Recreation Area and across Iowa. There are specific rules and regulations for hunting at the Mines of Spain. Hunters will again be able to hunt wild turkey in specified zones at the Mines of Spain. Turkey Hunters using shotgun can only hunt wild turkey during the first season. The Shotgun Season will run April 16-19 only and will include an area in the southern portion of the park..

The archery seasons will run: Season 1 – April 16-19, Season 2 April 20-24, Season 3 – April 25–May 1., and Season 4 - May 2-20. The archery zone covers a vast majority of the park.

It is illegal to hunt wild turkey at the park during the Youth Only Season which is April 7-15.

Hunting at the Mines of Spain is open in certain zones. Areas that you cannot hunt in at anytime include 1. The E. B. Lyons Interpretive Area down to Granger Creek, 2. The Julien Dubuque Monument Area bordered by the railroad tracks, park road and Catfish Creek, 3. Area at the south entrance between the two upper parking lots and towards the river, and 4. An area west of HWY 151. Maps are available at the park office or at www.minesofspain.org under maps.

While turkey hunting is in progress all other users are allowed in the park. Hiking, running, bird watching, mushroom hunting, and other activities will bring visitors to the park. Hunters should avoid using hiking trails or areas that may have non-hunters using the park. It is encouraged and recommended that non-hunters wear some type of clothing so that they are both visible and heard by hunters during the hunting seasons.

For more information on hunting and seasons in Iowa go to www.iowadnr.gov For maps or other information about hunting in the Mines of Spain call the park office at 563-556-0620 .

*For more information on this press release please contact the park office at 563-556-0620.
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