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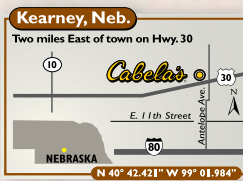


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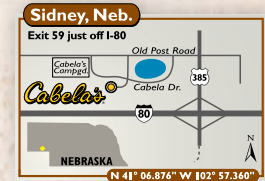
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NOTE: Most listings are home phone numbers. If you need to report a game violation in progress and can't reach the officer, contact the sheriff's department in the county or call Wildlife Crimestoppers, 1-800-742-7627.

General Hunting Regulations

NOTICE

This is a guide only. For sources, consult Nebraska statutes and official regulations.

NEW IN 2007

• It is unlawful to trap any wildlife in the county road right-of-way beginning Aug. 29, 2007.

WHO NEEDS A HUNTING PERMIT?

• For hunting deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep and turkey, a species-specific permit is required. A fur harvest permit is required to hunt or trap furbearers. Every resident 16 years and older who hunts small game or waterfowl also needs a Nebraska hunting permit.

• All nonresidents, regardless of age, who hunt for or possess any mammal or bird, must have a valid hunting permit.

Permits and stamps are valid for the calendar year as dated and must be signed by the permit holder to be valid.

A farmer or rancher and immediate family who actually live on the land they own or lease may hunt upland game birds (except turkey), squirrels, rabbits and furbearers with a hunting season on that land within current regulations without obtaining a Nebraska hunting permit or Habitat Stamp.

Residents 69 years and older and qualifying veterans 64 and older may obtain a reduced-fee hunting permit. This permit includes the Habitat and Nebraska Waterfowl stamps and is issued only at Commission permitting offices.

A resident is any individual who has

lived in Nebraska continuously for 30 days and intends to become a resident of this state. A new resident should be prepared to provide documentation of residency (driver's license, voter registration card, etc.) to an officer when in possession of a resident permit.

Military personnel and full-time students stationed or attending school in Nebraska for more than 30 days may obtain a resident permit.

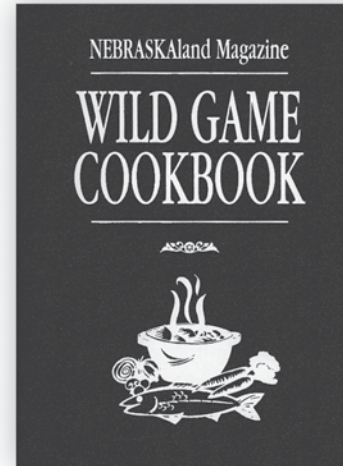
Some mammals in Nebraska, including coyotes, prairie dogs and woodchucks, are considered nongame species. Residents do not need a permit to hunt these species, however, nonresidents must have a hunting permit. A Habitat Stamp is not required for nongame species.

For information on prairie dog hunting, write to the Wildlife Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln NE 68503 or call (402) 471 0641.

WHO NEEDS A HABITAT STAMP?

Every resident 16 years of age or older, and all nonresidents regardless of age, must have a Habitat Stamp to hunt game species or to harvest furbearers in Nebraska. A Habitat Stamp is valid for the calendar year as dated. If a hunter has a physical Habitat Stamp, to be valid, the stamp must be signed in ink across the face and attached to a valid hunting or fur harvest permit (this does not apply to stamps printed electronically or included as part of a reduced-fee permit). Landowners hunting antelope, deer, elk or wild turkey with limited landowner permits on their own land do not need a Habitat Stamp.

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STATE AND FEDERAL WATERFOWL STAMPS

Nebraska residents 16 years of age and older and all nonresidents regardless of age who hunt waterfowl are required to have a 2007 Nebraska Waterfowl Stamp, valid through Dec. 31, 2007.

All waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older must also have a Federal Migratory Bird Stamp (Duck Stamp), which can be purchased from U.S. Post Offices. A 2007 Federal Duck Stamp is valid through June 30, 2008.

WHERE ARE PERMITS AVAILABLE?

About 900 permit agents, including sporting goods, hardware, discount and convenience stores, county clerks, banks and Commission offices, sell hunting and fishing permits and Habitat and Nebraska Waterfowl stamps. Permits also are available online at www.OutdoorNebraska.org.

HIP - MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

Anyone planning to hunt doves, ducks, geese, snipe, rail, coot or woodcock in Nebraska between Aug. 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008 must register.

Only residents under 16 years of age are exempt. Registration is valid through June 30, 2008. If you hunt migratory birds in another state, you must also register in that state. If you are registered in another state, you must also register in Nebraska before hunting.

HIP registration is required by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission regulations.

Registration is free and available 24 hours a day by calling toll-free, 1-877-NEHUNTS (634-8687), or online at: www.OutdoorNebraska.org.

For band report over the Internet: www.reportband.gov.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Nebraska honors hunter and bowhunter certifications from other states, Canadian provinces, and foreign countries that meet or exceed the International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) minimum standards. Hunter Education is not required for anyone under age 12 (see the Youth Hunting Section in this Guide for more information).

Firearm or Crossbow Hunters:

While hunting with a firearm or crossbow, residents and nonresidents 12 or older and born on or after January 1, 1977 must carry a certificate showing completion of a firearm Hunter Education course.

Bow Hunters

While hunting deer, antelope, elk or mountain sheep with bow and arrow, residents and nonresidents born on or after January 1, 1977 must carry on their person a certificate showing completion of a Bowhunter Education course.

Finding a Hunter Education class:

For information on available classes and local volunteer instructors, use our Web site at www.OutdoorNebraska.org and look in the Hunter Education section. Classes in Douglas, Sarpy or Lancaster counties are posted on this web site. Classes outside of this metro area may also be listed, but if none are, contact the nearest Game and Parks Commission district office, Hunter Education at Commission Headquarters (402) 471-6133 or a local volunteer instructor.

HUNTER ORANGE

All hunters should wear hunter orange as a precaution in the field. Hunter orange makes hunters more visible to others in the field and is proven to save lives. Everyone hunting deer, antelope, elk or mountain sheep with firearm or muzzleloader is required to wear at all times at least 400 square inches of hunter orange on their head, back and chest. Camouflage hunter orange patterns are legal if the minimum square inches requirement is met.

NONTOXIC SHOT

Nontoxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting on federal waterfowl production areas, national wildlife refuges and some state wildlife management areas, as posted.

It is unlawful to use or possess shotgun shells loaded with or containing shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting, taking or attempting to take waterfowl.

At present, only steel, coated steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-nickel-iron shot and tungsten-iron-copper-nickel are legal nontoxic shot. Check the waterfowl hunting section at www.OutdoorNebraska.org for the latest legal shot types.

JACKRABBIT HUNTING

Jackrabbits may only be hunted west of U.S. Highway 81, which runs through Norfolk and York.

PHEASANT HUNTING

Only rooster (male) pheasants may be taken in Nebraska. The taking of hens is not allowed.

GROUSE HUNTING ZONES AND PERMITS

Nebraska is divided into East and West zones for prairie grouse (prairie chicken and sharp-tailed grouse) hunting.

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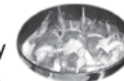


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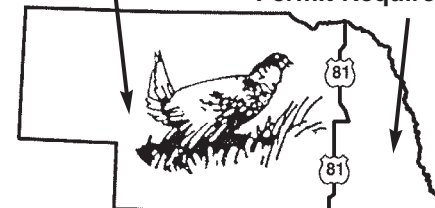
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The West Zone includes the area west of U.S. Highway 81. The daily bag limit is 3 and the possession limit is 12.

The East Zone includes the area east of U.S. Highway 81. Limited grouse hunting was allowed there in 2000 for the first time since the 1920s and will be allowed again this year.

West Zone East Zone - Special Permit Required



2007-2008 NEBRASKA HUNTING SEASONS

Species	Inclusive Dates	Daily Bag	Possession	Open Area
Squirrel	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	7	28	Statewide
Cottontail	Sept. 1 - Feb. 29	7	28	Statewide
Jackrabbit	Sept. 1 - Feb. 29	4	16	W of 81
Dove ¹	Sept. 1 - Oct. 30	15	30	Statewide
Snipe ¹	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	8	16	Statewide
Virginia & Sora Rail ¹	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	10	20	Statewide
Grouse - East Zone	Sept. 15 - Dec. 31	3 total, special permit required		E of 81
Grouse - West Zone		3	12	W of 81
Woodcock ¹	Sept. 22 - Nov. 5	3	6	Statewide
Youth Cock Pheasant, Quail and Partridge	Oct. 20 - Oct. 21	2	4	Statewide
Cock Pheasant	Oct. 27 - Jan. 31	3	12	Statewide
Quail	Oct. 27 - Jan. 31	6	24	Statewide
Partridge	Oct. 27 - Jan. 31	3	12	Statewide

SHOOTING HOURS: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. ¹ Requires HIP registration, see Page 6

FURBEARER HARVEST SEASONS

Species	Inclusive Dates	Bag	Method of Taking
Muskrat and Beaver	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31	No Limit	Trap Only
Bobcat	Dec. 1 - Feb. 29	No Limit	Hunt and Trap
Raccoon, Virginia Opossum, Long-tailed Weasel, Mink, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger	Nov. 1 - Feb. 29	No Limit	Hunt and Trap
Striped Skunk	Year-round	No Limit	Hunt and Trap
Canada Lynx, River Otter, Marten, Spotted Skunk, Mountain Lion, Bear	No Open Season	No Take	No Take

EARLY RACCOON AND VIRGINIA OPOSSUM HUNTING SEASON

Species	Inclusive Dates	Bag	Method of Taking
Raccoon, Virginia Opossum	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	No Limit	Hunt Only

FURBEARER RUNNING SEASONS²

Species	Inclusive Dates	Bag	Method of Taking
Raccoon, Virginia Opossum	Mar. 1 - Aug. 31	No Take	No Take
Red Fox	Mar. 1 - Oct. 31	No Take	No Take
Bobcat	Mar. 1 - Nov. 30	No Take	No Take

FURBEARER SHOOTING/TRAPPING HOURS: 24 hours.

² During the running season, bobcat, raccoon, red fox and Virginia opossum may be pursued or chased with hounds, but not killed. A fur harvest permit is required to pursue or chase furbearers with hounds during the take seasons.

Four hundred special permits to hunt grouse in the East Zone will be issued, each allowing the harvest of three birds. Only one permit is allowed per person.

Permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, with permit requests accepted at the Commission's headquarters in Lincoln beginning Aug. 1 by mail, phone at (402) 471-5597, or over the counter. Hunters wishing to apply by mail should submit a postcard or letter including their name, address and 2007 Nebraska Hunting Permit number or their Lifetime Hunting Permit number. Residents age 12 to 15 must submit their Hunter Education certification number. Those who are not required to purchase a Hunting Permit must provide documentation of such exemption (seniors, veterans, landowners, etc.)

Postcards should be mailed after Aug. 1 to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Attn: Grouse Permits, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503.

WHEN HUNTING OR TRAPPING IN NEBRASKA

The following hunting and trapping practices are illegal in Nebraska:

PERMITS

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Hunt migratory game birds without a Nebraska HIP registration number.
- Refuse to show the hunting permit on demand to any person or officer whose duty it is to enforce the game laws and regulations.
- Use a hunting permit or stamp unless signed by the holder. Stamps issued online need not be signed.
- Hunt or trap unless required permits, stamps or Hunter Education card are in your possession.
- Lend or transfer a permit to another person.
- Borrow a hunting permit from another person.
- Provide any false information when procuring a hunting permit.
- Hunt or secure a permit if disqualified from holding a permit.

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GAME BIRDS

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Shoot doves or bobwhite quail except when in flight.
- Hunt migratory game birds without making a reasonable effort to retrieve dead or crippled birds and including them in the daily bag. Crippled birds must be killed immediately.
- Hunt or take any game birds by baiting or attracting them to the place where hunted by distribution of grain or other feeds. Federal regulations consider an area baited for 10 days after bait is removed.
- Use electrically amplified imitations of bird calls, including records, tapes, compact discs and digital audio files, to take game birds.
- Take migratory game birds or turkeys by use or aid of live decoys.

POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF GAME IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Take a legal limit of any species and return to take more of the same species in the same day.
- Possess meat from any species taken on a permit past Aug. 1 following the close of the season or to possess meat from any deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, or elk taken during the 2007 season after Aug. 1, 2009.

- Waste game. All game meat must be utilized to its fullest potential. If you shoot it, eat it.
- Possess more than one daily bag limit of migratory game birds while in the field or when returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, etc.
- Sell or trade the meat of any game bird or game animal.

USE OF VEHICLES, BOATS OR AIRCRAFT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Hunt, take or trap any game bird from a vehicle of any kind.
- Communicate the location of any game animal or game bird by radio or other electronic device to or from any aircraft, vessel, vehicle, snowmobile or other conveyance one day before or during the open season.
- Carry a firearm, bow and arrow or other projectile device on a snowmobile, except when unloaded and in a case.
- Take or hunt any wild animal or bird from or with a snowmobile.
- Hunt, drive or disturb game birds or game animals with or from any aircraft or boat propelled by power or sail.
- Shoot or attempt to shoot any bird, fish or other animal from an aircraft.
- Take migratory game birds from a sinkbox, from any motorboat unless motor is shut off and boat stopped, from a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, from an aircraft, or from a sailboat unless the sail is furled and the boat is stopped.
- Take migratory game birds by driving or chasing them with any motorized conveyance to put them in range of hunters.

EQUIPMENT USE AND TRANSPORTATION IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Have or carry a loaded shotgun in or on any vehicle on any highway or roadway. A shotgun is considered loaded if there is a shell or shells in the chamber, receiver or magazine.

- Shoot from any public highway, road or bridge, including the traveled surface and the right-of-way.
- Take any game bird, including migratory birds, with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- Possess a pistol if under 18 years of age.

FUR HARVEST IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Take furbearers other than with snares, metal spring traps with smooth jaws or box traps except that raccoon, red fox, gray fox, bobcat, badger, long-tailed weasel, striped skunk, mink and Virginia opossum may be taken by firearm or bow.
- Possess any live furbearers.

MISCELLANEOUS IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

- Hunt on private land without permission of the owner or agent, including railroad rights-of-way.
- Party hunt. Every hunter must shoot his or her own game.
- Interfere with a person lawfully engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.
- Use a spotlight or other artificial light from or attached to a vehicle or vessel while having in possession or control any firearm or bow and arrow.
- Take game birds or game animals or to hawk except during the legal shooting or hawking hours.
- Take crows by means other than firearms, bow and arrow and falconry.
- Willfully injure or kill livestock with firearms or bow and arrow.
- Dig, cut or destroy natural or planted vegetation on any state-owned or controlled area.
- Cause game birds or game animals to depart from a game reserve or game sanctuary.
- Hunt, take or trap any wild mammal or wild bird within a 200-yard radius of an inhabited dwelling or livestock feedlot, unless permission to do so

has been granted by the owner or tenant of that dwelling or feedlot.

LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

Small Game, Upland Game and Migratory Game Birds

SHOTGUN: Only 10 gauge or smaller may be used for all game birds. For waterfowl and other migratory game birds, including **doves**, shotguns must be plugged to limit shell capacity to no more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined. No plug is required for upland game birds. No plug or gauge restriction exists for cottontail rabbits and squirrels.

RIFLE OR PISTOL: Illegal for all game birds.

BOW AND ARROW: Legal for rabbits, squirrels, and upland game birds. Legal for turkey with a special permit (see the fall and spring turkey brochures for turkey permit information). Legal for migratory game birds.

CROSSBOW: Legal for rabbits, squirrels, upland game birds except turkey (see the 2007 fall turkey brochure for turkey permit information). NOT legal for migratory game birds.

TRAPPING: Legal for furbearers, cottontails, jackrabbits and squirrels during open seasons.

FIREARM RESTRICTIONS

During the nine-day November firearm deer season, wild animals other than deer may be hunted only with a shotgun, .22 rimfire rifle, .22 rimfire handgun, or a smaller caliber rimfire rifle or handgun.

Only hunters with valid (unfilled) firearm deer permits may hunt other animals with a centerfire rifle or centerfire handgun during the firearm deer season.

NEBRASKA WILDLIFE CRIMESTOPPERS

If you see a game law violation, call the Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers toll-free hotline at 1-800-742-7627. The

service, sponsored by the Nebraska Wildlife Protectors Association and the Game and Parks Commission, has helped convict over 750 violators with over \$300,000 paid in penalty and assessed fees. Your call will be kept completely confidential and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

HELP STOP ROAD HUNTING AND TRESPASSING

Shooting from the road and hunting without permission are by far the most common complaints received by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission conservation officers during fall hunting season. Often the violations go hand in hand. But violators should take note: If you are caught, you will be prosecuted, and a conviction for either offense can result in a fine of up to \$500, up to 3 months in jail, or both, and loss of hunting privileges for up to 3 years.

Not only is shooting from a road illegal, it is unsafe. One-eighth of all hunting-related accidents reported in Nebraska involve both a gun and a vehicle.

You can help prevent these few scofflaws from tarnishing the image of law-abiding hunters. If you witness any game violation, take note of any information you can, such as the description of the perpetrators, the type of vehicle involved and its license plate number, and immediately call the Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers hotline at 1-800-742-7627. You can remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward.



Commission Permitting Offices

These offices sell all permits available over the counter, including big game and landowner permits.

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Chadron State Park	(308) 432-6167
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TRANSPORTING AND POSSESSING GAME

Pheasants, grouse and turkeys must have head or one leg attached for identification purposes while in the field or returning home. All migratory game birds except doves must have one fully feathered wing or head plumage attached when in transport.

If en route no tags are required if licensee accompanies the game (big game excepted).

It is unlawful to give, put, or leave any game birds or game animals at any place or in the custody of another person unless the game is tagged with the following hunter information: (1) name, (2) address, (3) phone number, (4) date of birth, (5) permit number or seal number (if deer, antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, or turkey), (6) estimated pounds of meat for deer, antelope, elk and bighorn sheep (7) species of birds or animals and total number of each, (8) date taken, and if transferred by gift, (9) signature of donor and name of recipient.

If shipped by commercial carrier, game birds and game animals must be tagged with official tags. These tags are available from Commission offices and conservation officers.

ROAD-KILLED DEER, ELK AND ANTELOPE

A Nebraska resident who accidentally kills a deer, elk or antelope with a motor vehicle may field dress and take possession of the animal at the time of the accident and take it to his or her residence. The person must notify the Game and Parks Commission within 24 hours of the time the carcass is picked up and before the animal is processed so a conservation officer or designee may issue the person a salvage permit. Meat from these animals may only be possessed for 90 days after a salvage permit is issued. It is unlawful to sell or trade any meat from a salvaged carcass. An individual may possess only one road-killed carcass at any one time and must have a salvage permit for the carcass in his or her possession.

YOUTH HUNTING SEASONS

Nebraska's youth spring turkey; youth pheasant, quail and partridge; and youth waterfowl seasons are perfect opportunities for hunters to introduce youngsters to hunting.

Because only youths can hunt, adults can focus their attention on the youths rather than worrying about bagging a bird themselves. This low-pressure environment makes the experience more enjoyable for hunter and guide alike.

Special youth deer and youth spring turkey permits also are available. Adults can hunt alongside youths during all or part of these seasons, providing quality hunting and teaching opportunities.

YOUTH SUPERVISION

Anyone under age 12 hunting with a firearm or crossbow must be accompanied by a licensed adult age 19 or older. Anyone age 12 through 15 hunting with a firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow for deer, antelope, elk or mountain sheep must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 21 or older. All hunters 12 or older must meet Hunter Education requirements and must carry the appropriate Hunter Education certification card with them while hunting.

YOUTH DEER PERMITS

Archery: Sept. 15 - Nov. 9
and Nov. 19 - Dec. 31

Muzzleloader: Dec. 1 - 31

Firearm: Nov. 10 - 18

Youth deer permits allow residents and nonresidents who are 12 through 15 years old to harvest one deer of either sex anywhere in the state during the archery, muzzleloader and November firearm seasons. Youths age 16 may hunt on youth deer permits provided they are age 15 when they apply and provided they are age 15 on Sept. 15 of the calendar year. All youths must have passed an approved Firearm Hunter Education course to hunt with a firearm, and an approved Bowhunter

Education course to hunt with a bow. Youths must be accompanied by a person 21 years old or older and must hunt with the legal weapons appropriate for the season in which they hunt.

YOUTH WATERFOWL SEASON Sept. 29 - Sept. 30, 2007

Hunters must be 15 years of age or younger to take part. Resident youth hunters do not need any state or federal permits or stamps. Nonresident youths must have a 2007 nonresident youth hunting permit, Habitat Stamp and a Nebraska Waterfowl Stamp.

The season is open for ducks, mergansers, coots and geese. Hunters age 12 through 15 must be accompanied by a person at least 18 years old. This adult does not need to be a licensed hunter. Hunters younger than 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older. The accompanying adult may not hunt ducks, coots, mergansers or geese.

Bag and possession limits: same as regular season. See 2007 waterfowl brochure (available by early September) for more information.

YOUTH PHEASANT, QUAIL, AND PARTRIDGE SEASON Oct. 20 - 21, 2007

Hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. Resident youth hunters do not need a permit. Nonresident youths are required to have a 2007 nonresident youth hunting permit and Habitat Stamp. Hunters under 12 years old must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 19 years old or older.

Adults accompanying youth hunters are not allowed to shoot pheasants, quail, or partridge.

Daily bag limits: Two male (rooster) pheasants, two quail and two partridge.

Possession limits: Twice the daily bag.

Pheasants, quail and partridge taken during the youth season do not count against the youth hunter's possession limit during the general hunting seasons.

GAME VIOLATIONS

In many cases, the Legislature has passed statutes that spell out specific penalties and liquidated damages for violating the state's game laws. The following liquidated damages (assessed in addition to fines and court costs) are set by the Legislature as replacement costs for wildlife taken illegally. The damages apply to each animal taken illegally, and also apply to wanton waste.

- Bighorn sheep, \$5,000.
- Elk and moose, \$1,000.
- Deer, antelope, bear, swans and paddlefish, \$750.
- Small game animals, ducks and geese, \$75.
- Fur-bearing animals, \$75, (except raccoon, \$25).
- Game fish greater than 12 inches in length, \$50; 12 inches long or less, \$20.
- All nongame birds that are protected, \$50.

The Legislature also established mandatory revocation of a convicted violator's hunting license from one to three years for: intentionally injuring or killing livestock; exceeding the bag limit by two times; hunting game animals during a closed season; obstructing a conservation officer from discharging his or her duties; being a habitual offender (defined as two violations in a calendar year, or three violations or more in a 10-year period).

The Legislature leaves revocation of a license for one to three years to the judge's discretion in cases of: hunting without a permit; hunting from a vehicle, aircraft or boat; shooting from the road; or knowingly hunting on private property without permission.

If a person is not eligible for a permit because it has been suspended, and that person obtains a permit, a judge may revoke hunting privileges for two to five years.

YOUTH TURKEY SEASON

See the spring turkey brochure, available in January, 2008, for season dates and other regulations, or visit the Game and Parks Commission's Web site at www.OutdoorNebraska.org.

PERMIT REVOCATION

Under Nebraska law, hunting privileges may be revoked for some game law violations. This could include certain one-time offenses by individuals or repeated violations by habitual offenders.

Any person whose privilege to hunt, fish or harvest fur has been suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction within the United States or Canada shall also be prohibited from obtaining a permit for such activity in Nebraska for the duration of such suspension.

DOG TRAINING

Dog training is defined as the use of dogs in a noncompetitive process solely intended to enhance the hunting skills of dogs. Dog training is permitted on private land within the state at any time, provided permission is obtained from the landowner and dog training rules are followed.

It is unlawful for anyone to exercise, run, train, or hunt with dogs on state wildlife management areas during the period from May 1 through July 31 of each year, except on areas designated and specifically posted with "Authorized Dog Training Area" signs.

It is unlawful for any professional dog trainer, specific to his or her business activities, to exercise, run, or train dogs owned or controlled by him or her on state wildlife management areas at any time.

Dog owners or handlers are prohibited from exercising, running, training or hunting with dogs on areas where these activities are prohibited by special regulations.

Training or exercising dogs on areas designated and posted as a "Dog Trial Area" is prohibited. Such areas are restricted for field trial use only.

All game birds released for training purposes must be obtained from a cap-

DOVE BANDING AND WING STUDYS

As part of a national study, Commission biologists across the state began placing bands on mourning doves in the summer of 2003. If you discover a band, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service banding office at 1-800-327-BAND (2263) or on the Internet at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl.

Nebraska is cooperating with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in collecting mourning dove wings from hunters. Randomly selected hunters will be asked to save one wing from each dove during the first week of the season and mail the wings (postage free) to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Hunters using public areas may also be asked to provide dove wings on-site as part of the monitoring effort. Data from the wings will be used to estimate annual productivity of the dove population, and eventually used in helping to establish hunting regulations.

Teal Season

The 2007 Teal Season is Sept. 8-23 in the Low Plains Unit and Sept. 8-16 in the High Plains Unit. Hunting is allowed only in the southern part of the state. See the 2007 Nebraska Early Teal Season brochure for more information.

Early Canada Goose Season

A special Early Canada Goose Season is in place for portions of eastern and central Nebraska. The season is set for Sept. 8-16 and allows for the take of 5 Canada geese per day, with a possession limit of 10. More information, including a zone map, can be found in the 2007 Early Canada Goose brochure, available at Commission offices and permit vendors across the state and online at www.OutdoorNebraska.org in August or in the 2007 Waterfowl brochure available in early September.

CROW SEASON

Crow season dates will be set in late August. See 2007 Waterfowl brochure (Available in September) for more information.

Crows may be hunted using any firearm or bow. Electronic calls can be used. A Nebraska Hunting Permit is required; a Habitat Stamp is not.



tive wildlife permit holder or licensed nonresident breeder, and must be banded by the trainer or seller with official bands authorized by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Any person who purchases game birds from a captive wildlife permit holder or licensed nonresident breeder shall have in his or her possession a sales tag/receipt from the permit holder listing the date, species and number of birds purchased.

For each dog involved in the session, no more than 2 hen pheasants and 5 quail may be harvested. An unlimited number of mallards and chukars may be harvested. Birds must be harvested by the trainer, except at controlled shooting areas (CSA) during the CSA season. Training sessions are limited to one day, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset. All birds released for dog training purposes, but not taken on the day they are released, are considered wild birds and subject to the rules and regulations covering taking of the same upon completion of the training session.

Game birds obtained for dog training may be kept in captivity without a captive wildlife permit for a period not to exceed 14 days following date of purchase or receipt.

WATERFOWL HUNTING

Duck and goose seasons will be set in late August. Please consult the 2007 Waterfowl brochure (Available in September) for more information.

NEW FOR 2008

• **Nebraska Lifetime Waterfowl Stamp:** \$100.00

HUNTING PERMITS AND STAMPS

• **Nebraska Waterfowl Stamp:** Required of all Nebraskans 16 years of age and older and all nonresidents regardless of age who hunt waterfowl.

• **Nonresident two-day hunt permits:** Valid for two consecutive days of small game hunting, as printed on the permit. Only one permit per year. Valid only the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving through Dec. 31. Applicable stamps must be purchased.

• **Veteran and reduced-price senior-citizen permits:** Nebraska veterans 64 years old or older with six months active duty service (honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions) can purchase a combination hunt/fish permit for \$5. All residents 69 years old and older can purchase a combination hunt/fish permit for \$5. The \$5 fee entitles Nebraska to obtain more in federal funding to promote and improve outdoor recreation. Eligible resident disabled veterans receive a permit for no fee. Nebraska Aquatic Habitat, Habitat and Waterfowl stamps are included.

• **Deployed military permits:** Available to Nebraska residents deployed outside of the state for six months or more. Allows for \$5 permits for either a hunting or hunt/fish combination permits. Restrictions apply, contact the Commission for more information about eligibility and application requirements. Applicable stamps must be purchased.

Lifetime Permits, Fees and Stamps

Lifetime hunting, fishing and hunt/fish combination permits are issued on a sliding-fee scale based on the age of the applicant.

A \$100 Lifetime Aquatic Habitat Stamp is included in the cost of all Lifetime Fishing and Hunt/Fish Combination Permits.

• **Residents 0-5 years of age:**
 Hunting permit * \$126
 Fishing permit * \$276
 Hunt/fish combination * \$376
 Habitat stamp \$320

• **Residents 6-15 years of age:**
 Hunting permit * \$186
 Fishing permit * \$326
 Hunt/fish combination * \$501
 Habitat stamp \$320

• **Residents 16-45 years of age:**
 Hunting permit * \$286
 Fishing permit * \$426
 Hunt/fish combination * \$646
 Habitat stamp \$320

• **Residents 46 and older:**
 Hunting permit * \$186
 Fishing permit * \$326
 Hunt/fish combination * \$501
 Habitat stamp \$320

• **Nonresidents 0-16 years of age:**
 Hunting permit * \$626
 Fishing permit * \$551
 Hunt/fish combination * \$1,076
 Habitat stamp \$320

• **Nonresidents 17 and older:**
 Hunting permit * \$1,001
 Fishing permit * \$851
 Hunt/fish combination * \$1,601
 Habitat stamp \$320

*Includes \$1 agent fee.



2007/08 Permit Fees

RESIDENT

	2007	2008
Annual Hunt*	\$12.00	\$14.00
Annual Hunt/Fish Combo*/Aquatic Habitat Stamp ..	\$31.00	\$37.50
Deployed Military Hunt (See page 18 for details) . . .	\$5.00	\$5.00
Deer* (except Statewide Buck, which is \$68.50) . . .	\$28.00	\$28.00
Youth Deer*	\$28.00	\$28.00
Landowner Deer*	\$14.50	\$14.50
Antelope*	\$28.00	\$28.00
Landowner Antelope*	\$14.50	\$14.50
Elk Application Fee	\$7.00	\$8.50
Elk Permit	\$132.00	\$132.00
Landowner Elk Permit	\$26.40	\$26.40
Bighorn Sheep Lottery Fee (No permits for 2007) .	\$20.00	\$20.00
Turkey*	\$21.00	\$24.00
Landowner Turkey*	\$11.00	\$12.50
Habitat Stamp**	\$13.00	\$16.00
Fur Harvest*	\$16.00	\$16.00
Fur Buyers	\$112.00	\$112.00
Lifetime Permits (see page 16)		

NONRESIDENT

Annual Hunt*	\$68.00	\$81.00
Annual Youth Hunt (15 and under, see below)* . . .	\$12.00	\$14.00
Two-Day Hunt (valid between Nov. 21 - Dec. 31)* **	\$36.00	\$36.00
Deer* (except statewide buck, which is \$443.50) . .	\$178.00	\$178.00
Landowner Deer*	\$89.50	\$89.50
Antelope*	\$133.00	\$133.00
Turkey*	\$86.00	\$86.00
Spring Turkey (landowner*)	\$43.50	\$43.50
Fur Harvest *** (reciprocal)	\$224.00	\$224.00
Fur Buyers	\$560.00	\$560.00
Habitat Stamp**	\$13.00	\$16.00
Lifetime Hunting, Fish and Hunt/Fish Combo (See page 16 for details)		

Annual Nonresident Youth Hunt permits purchased while the youth is 15 are valid for the entire calendar year, regardless of when the youth turns 16 during that year.

*Includes \$1 agent fee.

**A current Nebraska Habitat Stamp is required for all resident hunters 16 years of age and older and for all nonresidents regardless of age. A Habitat Stamp is valid for all hunting during the calendar year as dated. Farmers and ranchers who hunt on their own land for other than Migratory Game Birds with a landowner permit do not need a Habitat Stamp.

***Up to 1,000 furs. \$11.00 per additional 100 furs.

Fur Harvest and Trapping Regulations

WHO NEEDS A FUR HARVEST PERMIT?

All individuals, except Nebraska residents 15 years of age or younger, must have a Fur Harvest Permit and Habitat Stamp to take the following furbearers by hunting or trapping: badger, beaver, bobcat, gray fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, muskrat, Virginia opossum, raccoon, red fox and striped skunk. An annual hunting permit is not required in addition to the Fur Harvest Permit. All fur harvest permits are valid for the calendar year as dated. To pursue or chase these species with dogs during the take seasons, a current fur harvest permit is required whether take occurs or not.



Coyotes, prairie dogs and woodchucks are considered nongame species in Nebraska. Residents do not need a permit to take these and some other species, however, nonresidents must have a Nebraska Hunting Permit. A Habitat Stamp is not needed for these species.

PROTECTED SPECIES

The following mammals are fully protected with no open seasons in Nebraska: bear, black-footed ferret, Canada lynx, marten, moose, mountain lion, river otter, southern flying squirrel, spotted skunk and swift fox.

RECIPROCITY REQUIRED

Nonresident permits for harvesting fur-bearing animals may be issued only to residents of states that sell similar permits to Nebraska residents. This permit is issued only by the Commission's Lincoln office.

LEGAL TRAPS, SETS

Furbearers may be trapped only with snares metal spring traps with smooth jaws, or box traps.

Conibear-type traps with a jawspread larger than 8 inches cannot be used unless they are placed under water or at least 6 feet above the ground.

On any land owned or controlled by the Game and Parks Commission, on CRP-Map areas, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl production areas, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land at Harlan County Reservoir, conibear-type traps with a jawspread larger than 5 inches can be used only when placed under water or at least 6 feet above the ground.

During upland game bird seasons, it is unlawful to use snares on any land owned or controlled by the Game and Parks Commission, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl production areas or on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land at Harlan County Reservoir.

It is unlawful to use any baits in plain sight within 30 feet of foothold traps set on dry land. Bait is defined as fish, animal flesh, fur, hide, entrails or feathers.

TRAP TAGGING

It is unlawful to set any trap for furbearers or coyotes unless such trap has the following information stamped or inscribed legibly onto the trap or onto a metal tag that is securely affixed to

the trap: (1) the valid driver's license number of the owner or user; or (2) the owner or user's Nebraska State Identification Card number applied for at Motor Vehicle Operator License Examiner's offices. Individuals 15 years of age or younger may use the driver's license or ID card number of a parent or guardian. Traps are defined to include snares, steel-jawed spring traps and box traps.

DENS PROTECTED

It is unlawful to mutilate the dens or houses of any fur-bearing animal.

BOBCAT TAGGING

All bobcats taken must be registered and officially tagged by the Game and Parks Commission within two calendar days of the close of the season and before the pelt is sold. To have a bobcat tagged, contact your local Conservation Officer or Commission office.

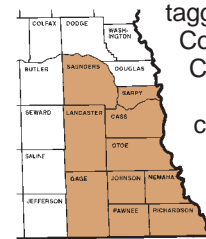
Bobcats taken in the counties shaded at left must be checked at official Commission check stations.

Conservation Officers will not make individual visits. Official check stations, with dates and times, are:

Indian Cave State Park: Park Headquarters, 65296 702 Road, Shubert, NE. Call (402) 883-2575 for appointment.

Wymore: R & D Bottle Shop, 403 S. 14th (Hwy 77) (402) 645-3718, Saturday, Jan. 12, noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24, noon to 4 p.m.

Lincoln: Commission Headquarters, 2200 N. 33rd St., Lincoln, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium: 21502 W. Hwy. 31, Gretna. Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on holidays.

Omaha: Commission Office, 1212 Bob Gibson Blvd. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Plattsmouth: Schilling Wildlife Management Area, 17614 Refuge Road. Office not always staffed, call (402) 296-0041 for appointment.

Tecumseh: Osage Wildlife Management Area, 73181 619th Ave. Office not always staffed, call (402) 335-2534 for appointment.

RUNNING SEASONS

During the running seasons, bobcats, raccoons, red foxes, and Virginia opossums may be pursued or chased with hounds, but not killed.

EARLY RACCOON AND VIRGINIA OPOSSUM HUNTING SEASON

Raccoons and Virginia opossums may be hunted but not trapped from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. A Fur Harvest Permit is required during this season. Raccoons and Virginia opossums may be hunted and trapped during the main fur harvest season Nov. 1, 2007, to Feb. 29, 2008.

RACCOON, STRIPED SKUNK AND VIRGINIA OPOSSUM DEPREDATION

Farmers and ranchers are allowed to destroy or have someone else destroy raccoons, striped skunks and Virginia opossums that cause agricultural depredation on their property. These species may be taken for depredation control any time of the year and no permit is needed. Raccoons, striped skunks and Virginia opossums taken for depredation control can be sold only by individuals with a valid Fur Harvest Permit and if the take occurred during the take season.

GRAY FOX TAGGING

All gray foxes taken in Nebraska must be registered and officially tagged by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission within two calendar days of the close of the season and before the pelt is sold. To have a gray fox tagged, contact your local Conservation Officer or a Commission office.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS

Artificial lights may be used only while hunting on foot to take unprotected species, including coyotes, and the following furbearers: badger, bobcat, gray fox, long-tailed weasel, mink, Virginia opossum, raccoon, red fox and striped skunk. The light shall not be used from or attached to a vehicle or boat.

WHERE TRAPPING IS PERMITTED

• It is unlawful to trap any wildlife in the county road right-of-way beginning Aug. 29, 2007.

Permission of the landowner or operator is required to trap on private land.

Although the entire state is open to trapping, this does not include marshes, lakes or other areas closed by federal, state or local laws or regulations. State wildlife management areas are open unless otherwise posted. Trapping is prohibited on state and his-

torical parks without special written permission. It is permitted in season on state recreation areas, except within 100 yards of developed facilities, such as picnic areas, campgrounds and boat ramps.

It is unlawful to trap or attempt to trap on any upland (dryland) portion of Branched Oak or Yankee Hill state wildlife management areas before Dec. 15.

Trapping is not permitted within 200 yards of any dwelling, feedlot or livestock crossing (road or bridge) without permission.

CHECK YOUR TRAPS

All traps set for furbearers must be checked as follows: one-way, slide-wire drowning sets and underwater conibear-type sets, once every two calendar days. All others: every day.

DISPOSAL OF FURS

All furs must be disposed of within 10 days after the close of the season. To retain furs longer, written permission must be obtained from the Game and Parks Commission. An affidavit must be filed with the Commission within 10 days after the close of the season, describing the numbers and kinds of furs to be held.

All furs shipped out of state by commercial carrier must have a special shipping tag available from any Game and Parks Commission office.

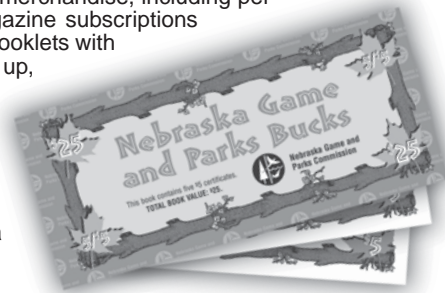
Nebraska Game and Parks Bucks

The perfect gift idea for any outdoor enthusiast!

Nebraska Game and Parks Bucks can be used for the purchase of any Nebraska Game and Parks Commission merchandise, including permits, lodging fees, NEBRASKAland Magazine subscriptions and activities at state parks. Available in booklets with five \$5 certificates, so you can split them up, or give a generous gift.

(These certiftics must be redeemed at NGPC offices only).

Order online at www.OutdoorNebraska.org or call 1-800-742-0056 or stop by any Nebraska Game and Parks Commission office.



Big Game Hunting

Pick up a copy of the 2007 Nebraska Big Game Guide for detailed information on big game seasons and permits in Nebraska.

Most big game seasons are set in March. Application periods for big game permits began in April.

Deer: The number of firearm deer permits issued is limited. Permits in some management units are sold out by August, but many units have permits available when seasons open.

An unlimited number of statewide youth permits are available to hunters between 12 and 15 years of age. The permits allow holders to harvest a deer of either sex anywhere in the state during any open season. For instance, youths with these permits can hunt with archery equipment during the archery season or with firearm equipment dur-

ing the firearm season.

Archery, muzzleloader and statewide buck permits are unlimited and valid statewide. These can be purchased through the close of the season.

Antelope and Elk: Permits for these seasons are very limited and all units typically fill during the first drawing. Archery antelope permits are unlimited and available through the close of the season.

Bighorn Sheep: Disease took a significant toll on Nebraska's bighorn sheep in 2005. As a result, the Commission chose to not issue permits for the 2007 season.

Turkey: Fall turkey permits go on sale in August. The permits are unlimited in number and valid statewide during a season that now runs through December.

Note: Resident military personnel who purchase a 2007 big game permit and who are deployed outside of Nebraska for the entire season are eligible for a refund, or a \$5 big game permit in the first season after their deployment ends.

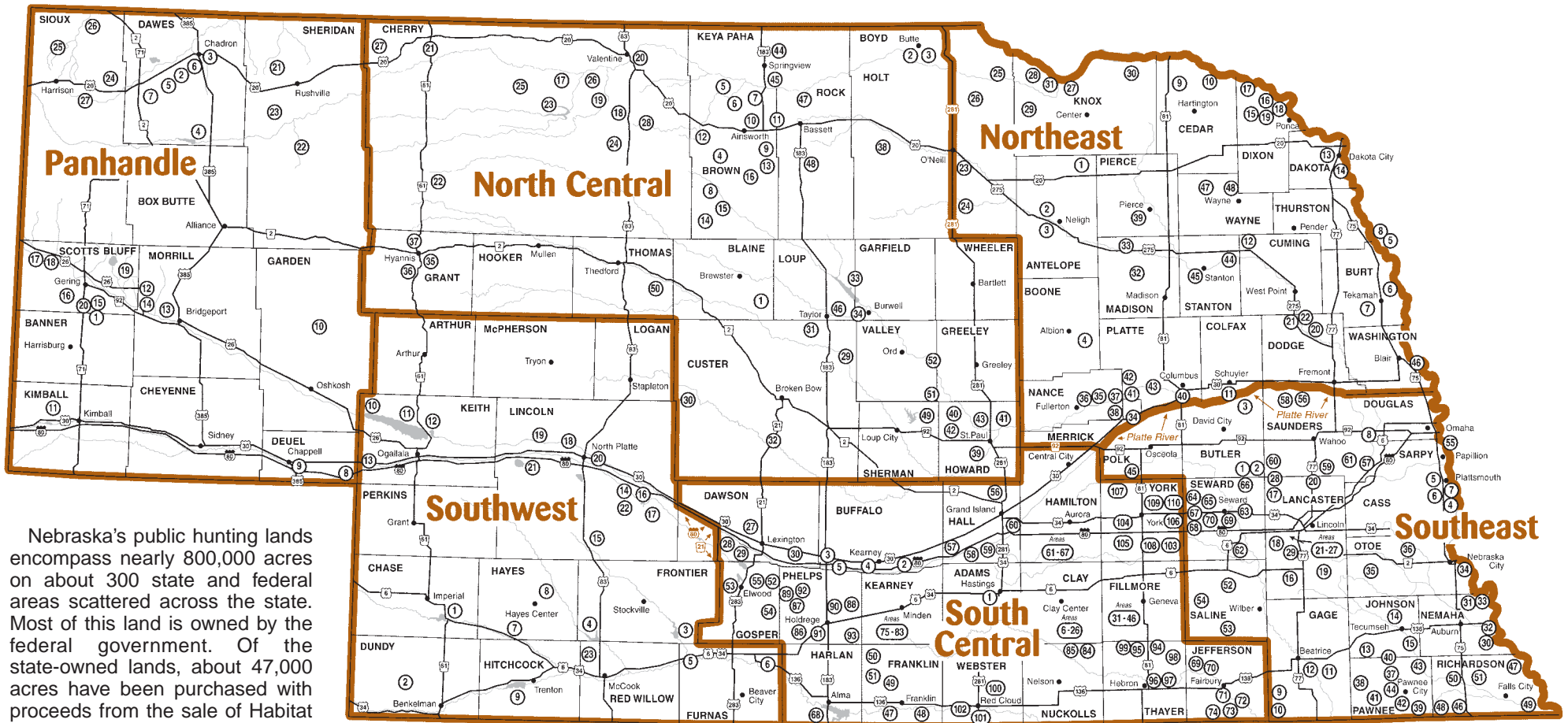
BIG GAME SEASONS - SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED

Species	Inclusive Dates
Antelope (archery) <small>(except closed in firearm units during firearm seasons)</small>	Aug. 20 - Nov. 9 & Nov. 19 - Dec. 31
Antelope (muzzleloader)	Sept. 15 - 30
Antelope (firearm)	Oct. 13 - 28
Elk (Boyd Unit)	Aug. 15 - Nov. 9 & Nov. 19 - Dec. 31
Elk (All Units Except Boyd Unit)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 28
Deer (archery)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 9 & Nov. 19 - Dec. 31
Deer (November firearm)	Nov. 10 - Nov. 18
Deer (muzzleloader)	Dec. 1 - 31
Deer (special seasons)	See 2007 Big Game Guide
Deer Youth Permit	See 2007 Big Game Guide
Turkey (archery)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 9 and Nov. 19 - Dec. 31
Turkey (shotgun)	Oct. 13 - Nov. 9 and Nov. 19 - Dec. 31
Bighorn Sheep	No Open Season in 2007

Big game permits are available online at www.OutdoorNebraska.org and from Game and Parks Commission offices. See page 12 for locations and telephone numbers.

SHOOTING HOURS: Deer, Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, and Elk - 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset; Turkey - 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Nebraska's Public Hunting Lands



Nebraska's public hunting lands encompass nearly 800,000 acres on about 300 state and federal areas scattered across the state. Most of this land is owned by the federal government. Of the state-owned lands, about 47,000 acres have been purchased with proceeds from the sale of Habitat Stamps. These lands provide outdoor recreation opportunities for all Nebraskans.

Nebraska's public hunting lands comprise just 2 percent of the state's total land area. Most hunting is done on private land, where permission is required. It is best to ask permission well in advance of the season.

Unless otherwise posted, hunting is allowed in season on all state wildlife management areas and federal waterfowl production areas. Special regulations apply on federal refuges and on national forest lands.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Hunting and trapping are permitted on state lands designated as wildlife management areas, unless otherwise posted. Contact district offices for area-specific regulations and information. (See Public Hunting Lands section for locations.)

Tree Stands

Portable tree stands and steps may be used on state wildlife management

areas but must be removed within 15 days of the close of the hunting season. It is unlawful to build or use any permanent or semi-permanent tree stand or steps that attach to any tree with nails, screws, bolts or wire, except that screw-in steps may be used.

Camping

Camping is permitted unless otherwise posted or restricted by special area regulations. Few areas have amenities, making camping truly primitive.

Fires

Open fires are permitted only in fireplaces, grills or fire rings, where provided by the Commission. Use of propane or gas stoves and charcoal grills is permitted.

Motor Vehicles

All motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways, parking areas or trails specifically designated for vehicle use. No off-road driving is permitted.

Target Shooting

Target shooting is permitted on most areas, but the activity is prohibited on certain areas which are posted.

STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Portions of some state parks are open to hunting in accordance with special area regulations. Check the list of public lands in this brochure and contact the park office for more information. A Park Entry Permit is required year-round on state parks and state recreation areas. **Annual - \$20.35, Duplicate - \$10.35, Daily - \$4.35**

State historical parks are closed to all hunting.

Hunting is permitted on many state recreation areas from the first Tuesday following Labor Day through conclusion of the spring turkey season, unless prohibited or restricted by appropriate signs or specific area regulations.

Hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of any public use facility or activity area, including picnic areas, campgrounds, private cabins, and concession areas, boat ramps and parking lots.

CRP-MAP

About 180,000 acres of private land enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program are open to public, walk-in hunting through the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Conservation Reserve Program-Management Access Program.

An atlas detailing CRP-MAP sites is available from Commission offices, permit agents and online at:

www.OutdoorNebraska.org

PRIVATE LAND

Permission of the landowner or his or her agent is required to hunt on private lands.

Watch for signs designating private lands open to hunting under the Nebraska Habitat Program or check with the local Natural Resources District office.

CLOSED AREAS

State wayside areas, hatcheries and reserves, unless otherwise posted, are closed to hunting. State and federal refuges, unless otherwise posted or designated, also are closed. Hunting from any roadway or highway, including the right-of-way, is not allowed.

KEY

Game species listed in the following section are those commonly found on the public land described. Any other legal game species found on these areas may be harvested as well.

WMA . . . Wildlife Management Area
(State owned or managed)

Areas marked with an asterisk (*) were purchased in whole or in part with Habitat Stamp funds.

SRA State Recreation Area
(Park Entry Permit required.)

SP State Park
(Park Entry Permit required)

NF National Forest
(Federally managed)

FR Federal Reservoir
(Federally managed)

WPA . . . Waterfowl Production Area
(Federally managed)

NWR National Wildlife Refuge
(Federally managed)

NRD Natural Resources District
(A few NRD-owned lands open to hunting have been included in this guide. Others may be available. Contact your local NRD for more information.)

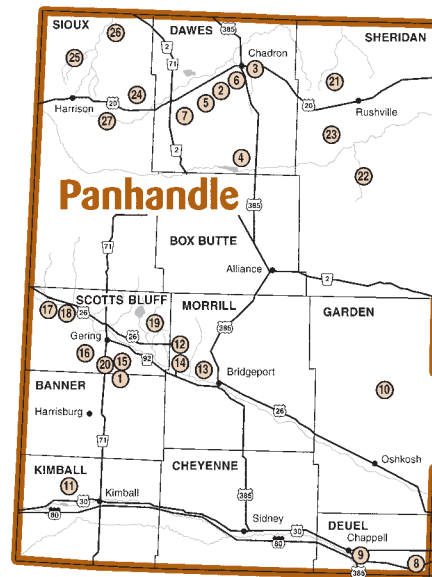


PANHANDLE

No area of the state has a wider variety of terrain or more public land than the Panhandle. There are high plateaus, scarred badlands, huge, rugged escarpments and canyons cloaked in dark pines. All have direct contrast with the vast Oglala National Grasslands, also located in the district. Traditionally a good deer hunting area, the Panhandle also has good numbers of wild turkey, especially in the Pine Ridge. Pheasants can be found in areas of cropland, antelope in the grassland and waterfowl along the North Platte River.

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- 1. Buffalo Creek WMA***; Banner/Scotts Bluff Cos., 5S, 2½W of Melbeta on county roads; Deer, Elk, Dove, Rabbit, Turkey; 4,262 acres
- 2. Bighorn WMA**; Dawes Co. 1E of Crawford on U.S. Hwy. 20. 8E, 1S & 1E on Bethel Rd., 1S on Bethel Loop Rd.; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 1,178 acres

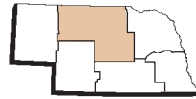
- 3. Bordeaux Creek WMA**; Dawes Co., 3E of Chadron on U.S. 20; Elk, Deer, Turkey, Dove, Rabbit; 1,841 acres
- 4. Box Butte SRA/WMA**; Dawes Co., 10N of Hemingford, county road; Deer, Pheasant, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 2,212 acres
- 5. Pine Ridge Div.**; Neb. Natl. Forest, Dawes Co., S of U.S. 20 between Chadron & Crawford; Deer, Elk, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 50,853 acres
- 6. Chadron Creek Ranch WMA**; Dawes Co., 2S of Chadron State Park on Norwesca county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 2,449 acres
- 7. Ponderosa WMA**; Dawes Co., 2S of Crawford on NE 2 to access sign 4E; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 3,979 acres
- 8. Goldeneye WMA**; Deuel Co., 1S, 3W ¼N of Big Springs on I-80 interchange; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 23 acres
- 9. Goldenrod WMA**; Deuel Co., 0.1S, 3E of Chappell on U.S. 385; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit; 97 acres
- 10. Crescent Lake NWR**; Garden Co., 28N of Oshkosh between U.S. 26 & NE 2; Deer, Grouse, Pheasant; 40,900 acres. Only designated part of refuge open to hunting. Nontoxic Shot Only. Maps and special instructions available from leaflet boxes and at refuge headquarters. No camping. No open fires.
- 11. Oliver Reservoir SRA**; Kimball Co., 8W of Kimball on U.S. 30; Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 1,187 acres
- 12. Arnold-Trupp WMA**; Morrill Co., 4N 1W ½ N of Bayard; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Pheasant, Prairie Dog; 155 acres
- 13. Bridgeport SRA**; Morrill Co., 1W of Bridgeport, off U.S. 26; Deer, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 126 acres. No centerfire or rimfire rifles or pistols.
- 14. Chet & Jane Fliesbach WMA**; Morrill Co., 3S, 3E of Bayard on NE 26-92; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 422 acres
- 15. Bead Mountain**; Scotts Bluff Co., 4½S of Gering 3E on exit county road W; Deer, Elk, Dove, Turkey, Rabbit; 3,000 acres
- 16. Cedar Canyon WMA**; Scotts Bluff Co., 3S 4W of Gering; Deer, Dove, Turkey, Rabbit; 2,200 acres

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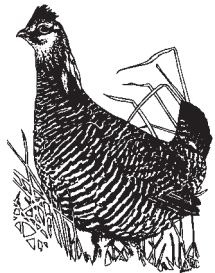
Nebraska's Sandhills region is unique. With 20,000-plus square miles of grass-covered sand dunes, it is among the largest natural grassland areas in the world. Mule deer, whitetails, sharp-tailed grouse and prairie chickens are found throughout the district, but a hunt in this area can mean lots of walking. Wild turkeys inhabit wooded areas wherever cover is adequate. Waterfowl are found on lakes and ponds throughout the area.

DISTRICT II – NORTH-CENTRAL

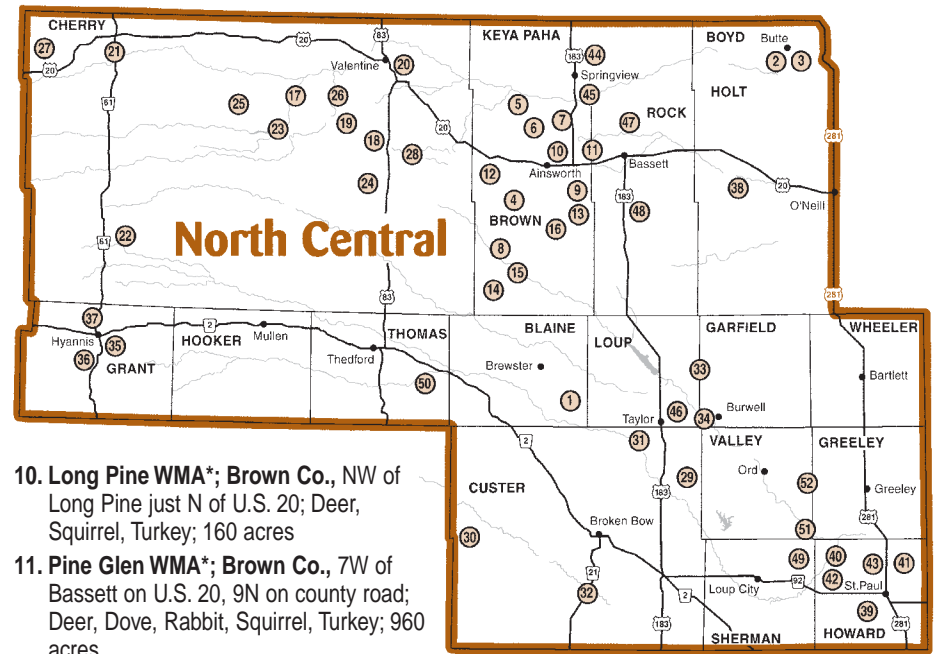
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17. **Kiowa WMA***; **Scotts Bluff Co.**, 2S of Morrill; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 506 acres, 326-acre refuge, Nontoxic Shot Only.
18. **Mitchell Valley Public Access Area**; **Scotts Bluff Co.**, 3S 1½E of Mitchell on county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 256 acres; no centerfire or rimfire rifles or pistols.
19. **Nine Mile Creek WMA**; **Scotts Bluff Co.**, 3E of Minatare on U.S. 26, 6N on county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit; 178 acres
20. **Wildcat Hills SRA/WMA**; **Scotts Bluff Co.**, 10S of Gering, NE 71 to access road; Deer, Dove, Turkey; 240 acres
21. **Metcalf WMA***; **Sheridan Co.**, 12N of Hay Springs, county road; Elk, Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 3,236 acres
22. **Smith Lake WMA**; **Sheridan Co.**, 23S of Rushville, NE 250; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 640 acres
23. **Walgren Lake SRA**; **Sheridan Co.**, 2½E of Hay Springs, 3S of U.S. Hwy. 20; Dove, Rabbit, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 130 acres
24. **Fort Robinson SP**; **Sioux Co.**, 3W of Crawford, U.S. 20; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 21,500 acres. Special free permit required. See superintendent. (308) 665-2900.
25. **Gilbert-Baker WMA**; **Sioux Co.**, 4½N of Harrison; access road; Elk, Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 2,457 acres
26. **Oglala National Grasslands**; **Sioux Co.**, extreme NW corner of NE above U.S. 20 between Harrison & Crawford; Antelope, Deer, Dove, Grouse, Rabbit; 94,344 acres
27. **Peterson WMA**; **Sioux Co.**, 9W of Crawford, U.S. 20; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Turkey, Grouse; 2,460 acres



1. **Milburn Div. Dam WMA**; **Blaine Co.**, 2NW of Milburn, county road; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 672 acres
2. **Hull Lake WMA**; **Boyd Co.**, 3W, 2S of Butte, NE 11; Dove, Rabbit, Furbearers; 5.5 acres
3. **Parshall Bridge WMA***; **Boyd Co.**, 3½S of Butte, NE 11; Deer, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 226 plus acres
4. **American Game Marsh WMA**; **Brown Co.**, 2E, 19S of Johnstown; Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres
5. **Bobcat WMA***; **Brown Co.**, 10N, 1W, 1½N of Ainsworth; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Turkey; 893 acres
6. **Keller School Land WMA**; **Brown Co.**, from Long Pine 3W on U.S. 20, 9N on U.S. 183, 1¼W, 1S on trail roads; Deer, Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 640 acres
7. **Keller Park SRA**; **Brown Co.**, 3W, 9N of Long Pine, U.S. 183; Deer, Grouse, Turkey; 196 acres
8. **Long Lake SRA**; **Brown Co.**, 20SW of Johnstown, county road; Waterfowl; 30 acres
9. **Long Pine SRA**; **Brown Co.**, NW of Long Pine just S of U.S. 20; Deer, Squirrel, Turkey; 154 acres. Archery range.



10. **Long Pine WMA***; **Brown Co.**, NW of Long Pine just N of U.S. 20; Deer, Squirrel, Turkey; 160 acres
11. **Pine Glen WMA***; **Brown Co.**, 7W of Bassett on U.S. 20, 9N on county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 960 acres
12. **Plum Creek Valley WMA**; **Brown Co.**, 1½W of Johnstown on U.S. 20, 1½S on county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Grouse, Turkey; 1,320 acres, 2 miles of Plum Creek flows through area.
13. **South Pine WMA**; **Brown Co.**, 11½ S of Long Pine, county road; Waterfowl, Dove; 420 acres, 80 acres open water, 152 acres marsh.
14. **South Twin Lake WMA**; **Brown Co.**, 2E of Johnstown on U.S. 20, 19S, 3½W on trail road; Dove, Grouse, Waterfowl; 160 acres
15. **Willow Lake B.C. WMA***; **Brown Co.**, 18½S of Ainsworth on U.S.7, 12SW on paved Brown Co. road; Dove, Waterfowl; 511 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only; snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.
16. **Yellowthroat WMA**; **Brown Co.**, 13S of Ainsworth on U.S.7, 2E on access trail; Deer, Grouse, Dove, Snipe, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 480 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only, no alcohol or camping.
17. **Anderson Bridge WMA***; **Cherry Co.**, from Kilgore 5½S, 2E, 5S on S side Niobrara River; Deer, Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 137 acres

18. **Ballards Marsh WMA**; **Cherry Co.**, 20SE of Valentine, U.S. 83; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Waterfowl; 1,561 acres
19. **Big Alkali Lake WMA**; **Cherry Co.**, 16S, 4W of Valentine, U.S. 83, State Spur 16B, 1¼SE; Dove, Waterfowl; 890 acres; snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.
20. **Borman Bridge WMA**; **Cherry Co.**, 2SE of Valentine, county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Turkey; 160 acres
21. **Cottonwood Lake SRA**; **Cherry Co.**, ½E, ½S of Merriman, S of U.S. 20; Waterfowl; 180 acres
22. **Cottonwood Steverson WMA**; **Cherry Co.**, 30N of Hyannis on NE 61; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 2,919 acres; snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice and Home Valley Lake trail when conditions permit.
23. **Merritt Reservoir WMA/SRA**; **Cherry Co.**, 26SW of Valentine; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Waterfowl, Turkey; 6,146 acres. Seasonal waterfowl blinds possible.
24. **Rat and Beaver Lakes WMA**; **Cherry Co.**, 29S of Valentine, 6W, U.S. 83; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Waterfowl; 240 acres. Limited access across private grounds.

25. **Samuel R. McKelvie NF; Cherry Co.,** 10S of Nenzel, S 16-F or trail road from Merritt Reservoir; Antelope, Deer, Dove, Grouse; 115,703 acres
26. **Schlagel Creek WMA; Cherry Co.,** 16S of Valentine, U.S. 83, 4W on State Spur 16B, 3½N on trail road; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 480 acres
27. **Shell Lake WMA; Cherry Co.,** 15NE of Gordon; Deer, Grouse, Waterfowl; 860 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
28. **Valentine NWR; Cherry Co.,** 13S of Valentine on U.S. 83, 16W on State Spur 16B; Deer, Grouse, Dove, Pheasant, Coyote with permit. Waterfowl on Duck, Rice and Watts lakes only; 70,085 acres except for posted closed areas. Closed for all other birds and animals. Area maps and regulations available from leaflet boxes and refuge headquarters. No alcohol. No camping. No open fires. Nontoxic Shot Only.
29. **Arcadia Diversion Dam WMA; Custer Co.,** 4S of Comstock, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 925 acres
30. **Arnold Lake SRA; Custer Co.,** 1S of Arnold on NE 40 or NE 92; Rabbit, Waterfowl; 40 acres
31. **Myrtle E. Hall WMA; Custer/Loup Co.,** Two locations: **East** – 8W, 1S of Taylor. **West** – 11½W 1S of Taylor; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey; 1,960 acres
32. **Pressey WMA; Custer Co.,** 5N of Oconto on NE 21; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 1,692 acres. Campground with electrical hookups.
33. **Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA; Garfield & Loup Co.s,** 4W, 3N of Burwell; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl, Turkey; 10,312 acres. Hunting below dam restricted to shotgun & archery only in signed areas; seasonal waterfowl blinds may be used.
34. **Mirdan Canal WMA; Garfield Co.,** 2½W of Burwell on U.S. 91, ¼N on access road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Waterfowl; 52 acres
35. **Avocet WMA; Grant County,** ½E of Hyannis on U.S. 2; Waterfowl, Furbearers; 188 acres with 100 acres of marsh and open water.
36. **DeFair Lake WMA; Grant Co.,** 2S of Hyannis on NE 61, ¼E; Dove, Waterfowl; 125 acres, 66 acres water.
37. **Frye Lake WMA; Grant Co.,** 1N of Hyannis; Grouse, Waterfowl; 345 acres
38. **Atkinson SRA; Holt Co.,** 1W of Atkinson on U.S. 20 or NE 11; Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 54 acres
39. **Harold W. Andersen WMA*; Howard Co.,** 2N, 3E of Dannebrog; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 272 acres
40. **Loup Bottoms WMA; Howard Co.,** ½N, ½E of Cotesfield on county roads; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 80 acres ¼ mile North Loup river access.
41. **Leonard A. Koziol WMA; Howard Co.,** 2½N of St. Paul on U.S. 281, 2E on county road and ½N; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 328 acres
42. **Marsh Wren WMA; Howard Co.,** 2½E, 1S of Elba on county roads; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 153 acres, ¾ mile North Loup river access.
43. **North Loup SRA; Howard Co.,** 4N of St. Paul on U.S. 281; Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 20 acres
44. **Holt Creek WMA; Keya Paha Co.,** 9N, 2E of Springview; Deer, Dove, Turkey; 180 acres
45. **Thomas Creek WMA*; Keya Paha Co.,** 2S of Springview on U.S. 183, 2E, 1S on county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 1,154 acres
46. **Kent Diversion Dam WMA; Loup Co.,** 5½E of Taylor on U.S. 91 and ¼N; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 194 acres
47. **Fred Thomas WMA*; Rock Co.,** 11N of Bassett on NE 7; Deer, Turkey, Rabbit; 218 acres. Lookout platform over Niobrara River.
48. **Twin Lakes RC WMA*; Rock Co.,** 15½S of Bassett on U.S. 183, 2½E, 2S on county Rd; Waterfowl, Snipe, Deer, Dove, Grouse, Turkey; 903 acres
49. **Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA; Sherman Co.,** 4E of Loup City, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 3,382 acres. Authorized dog training area; seasonal waterfowl blinds may be used.

50. **Bessey Division, Nebraska NF; Thomas Co.,** 1W of Halsey, NE 2; Antelope, Deer, Dove, Grouse; 90,445 acres. Check at headquarters.
51. **Davis Creek WMA; Valley and Greeley Cos.,** 3S of North Loup on county road; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 2,450 acres
52. **Scotia Canal WMA; Valley Co.,** 4½N of North Loup on U.S. 11 and county rds.; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 183 acres

NORTHEAST

Waterfowl hunting along the Missouri River and its marshy backwaters is some of the best Nebraska has to offer. There is good white-tailed deer hunting in the bluffs above the river and in the creek bottoms that slice through the district's grasslands and croplands. Wild turkeys are numerous along river bottoms and wherever there is an abundance of timber. Pheasants and bobwhite quail can be found in most agricultural areas. The Missouri bluffs also support an excellent squirrel population.

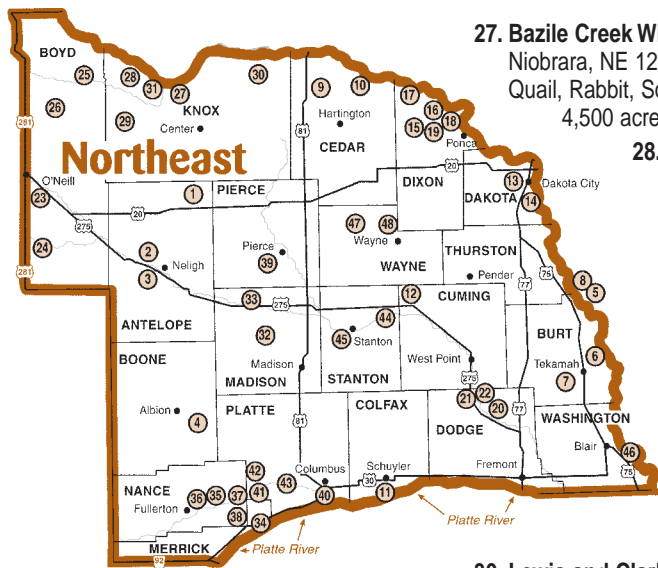
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1. **Grove Lake WMA*; Antelope Co.,** 2N of Royal, U.S. 20, N on county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 2,008 acres
2. **Hackberry Creek WMA*; Antelope Co.,** 1 ½E, ½N of Clearwater; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 235 plus acres
3. **Red Wing WMA*; Antelope Co.,** 5W of Neligh, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 320 acres
4. **Beaver Bend WMA*; Boone Co.,** ½NW of St. Edward; Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel; 27 acres

5. **Middle Decatur Bend WMA; Burt Co.,** 1½E of Decatur located on the Iowa side of Missouri River; Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl; 960 acres
6. **Pelican Point SRA; Burt Co.,** 4E, 4N, 1E of Tekamah; Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 36 acres
7. **Summit Reservoir SRA; Burt Co.,** 1S on U.S. 75, 3W of Tekamah; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 535 acres
8. **Tieville Bend WMA; Burt Co.,** ½E, ½N of Decatur located on the Iowa side of Missouri River; Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl; 1,013 acres. Hunters must use a boat or cross publicly-owned Iowa land on foot to reach Nebraska ground.
9. **Chalkrock WMA; Cedar Co.,** 5N, 1½E of Hwys. 12 & 81 Junction on county road; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 130 acres
10. **Wiseman WMA*; Cedar Co.,** 5E, 1N, 1W of Wynot on county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 380 acres
11. **Whitetail WMA; Colfax Co.,** ½W of Schuyler, U.S. 30, 3S, county road; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 216 acres
12. **Black Island WMA*; Cuming Co.,** 2E of Pilger or 5NW of Wisner; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 204 acres
13. **Basswood Ridge WMA*; Dakota Co.,** 2NW of Homer, county road; Deer, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 360 acres. Target shooting prohibited.
14. **Omadi Bend WMA; Dakota Co.,** 2N, 2½E of Homer; Pheasant, Quail, Waterfowl; 33 acres. Borders Iowa by land. Write NGPC for map. Target shooting prohibited.
15. **Buckskin Hills WMA; Dixon Co.,** 2W, 2S of Newcastle on county road; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 340 acres. Target shooting prohibited.
16. **Elk Point Bend WMA; Dixon Co.,** 5NW of Ponca State Park; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 660 acres
17. **Mulberry Bend WMA; Dixon Co.,** 1E of Maskell on NE 12 and 2½N; Waterfowl; 6 acres. Provides boat access to Missouri River.



27. Bazile Creek WMA; Knox Co., 2E of Niobrara, NE 12; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 4,500 acres

28. Bohemia Prairie WMA*; Knox Co., 5N, 4W of Verdigre; Deer, Dove, Grouse, Turkey; 680 acres

29. Greenvale WMA*; Knox Co., 9W, 3S, ½W and ½S of Verdigre on county road; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 200 acres

30. Lewis and Clark Lake SRA; Knox Co., 15N of Crofton, NE 121; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 1,227 acres

31. Niobrara SP; Knox Co., 1W of Niobrara on NE 12; Deer; Special free access permit required. Check with park superintendent; (402) 857-3373. 1,234 acres

32. Oak Valley WMA*; Madison Co., 2½S, 1W of Battle Creek; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 640 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

33. Yellowbanks WMA*; Madison Co., 3N of Battle Creek, NE 121, 2½W, ½N, ½W, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 664 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

34. Dr. Bruce Cowgill WMA*; Merrick Co., 1 ½E of Silver Creek; Deer, Quail, Turkey, Waterfowl; 250 acres

35. Council Creek WMA; Nance Co., 6½W, 1S of Genoa via county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 160 acres

36. Loup Lands WMA; Nance Co., Along Loup River near Loup power canal headgates: (1) 4SW of Genoa, north side of river; (2) 10SW of Genoa, south side of river; (3) 4SW of Genoa; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 485 acres. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.

18. Ponca SP; Dixon Co., 2N of Ponca, access road; Deer. 803 acres. Special free permit required. Check with park superintendent, (402) 755-2284.

19. Powder Creek NRD; Dixon Co., 2E, 4S of Newcastle; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 467 acres

20. Dead Timber SRA; Dodge Co., 4NW of Scribner, U.S. 275, 1½E on access road; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 150 acres

21. Hasemann WPA; Dodge Co., 2½N of intersection of U.S. 275 and NE 91 near Scribner; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 204 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

22. Powder Horn WMA*; Dodge Co., 4NW of Scribner on U.S. 275; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 284 acres

23. Dry Creek WMA*; Holt Co., 3SE of O'Neill on U.S. 275; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Turkey, Waterfowl; 322 acres

24. Goose Lake WMA; Holt Co., 25S of O'Neill on U.S. 281, 4E, 2N on gravel roads; Dove, Grouse, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 349 acres

25. O. John Emerson WMA; Holt Co., 10S, 6E of Lynch; Deer, Dove, Turkey, Rabbit, Squirrel; 322 acres

26. Redbird WMA*; Holt Co., 6SE of Lynch, county road; Deer, Turkey; 433 acres

37. Prairie Wolf WMA*; Nance Co., 1S of Genoa, NE 39; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 972 acres

38. Sunny Hollow WMA*; Nance Co., 3S, 1W, 1S, of Genoa; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 160 acres

39. Willow Creek SRA; Pierce Co., 1½SW of Pierce; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 1,600 acres

40. Flatwater Landing WMA; Platte Co., 1 ½S of Columbus U.S. 81 E & N of Platte River bridge; Dove, Rabbit; 6 acres. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.

41. George Syas WMA*; Platte Co., 2S-SE of Genoa on NE 39 then 1½E, 1N; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 917 acres

42. Looking Glass Creek WMA*; Platte Co., 1S of Monroe; Deer, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 67 acres. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.

43. Wilkinson WMA; Platte Co., 5W 1N of Columbus; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 957 acres, 300 acres restored wetland. Nontoxic Shot Only. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.

44. Red Fox WMA*; Stanton Co., 1S of Pilger on NE 15; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 363 acres

45. Wood Duck WMA*; Stanton Co., 1½W of Stanton, NE 24; 2S, 1½W, 1N, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 1,528 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

46. DeSoto NWR; Washington Co., 2½ N of Fort Calhoun; Deer only; Archery deer limited to portion of west side of Missouri River. Managed muzzleloader deer, see Big Game Guide.

47. Sioux Strip WMA; Wayne Co., 3 interrupted tracts beginning 2SE of Randolph on county road; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit; 25 acres

48. Thompson-Barnes WMA; Wayne Co., 4N, 1W, 1/2N of Wayne; Pheasant, Quail, Cottontail, Dove; 160 acres

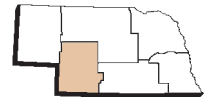


SOUTHWEST

This rugged High Plains country covers the gamut for the mixed bag hunter. The area's agricultural land provides some of the best pheasant hunting in the state and some of the largest mule deer in the state come from the Southwest's grassland areas. White-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, grouse, waterfowl and small game all have their niche here, giving hunters plenty of options.

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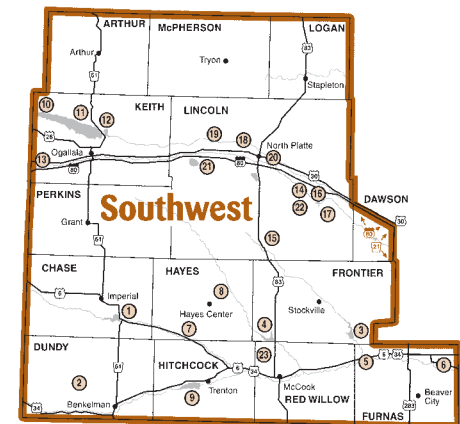


1. Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA; Chase Co., 9½SE of Imperial, U.S. 6; Deer, Dove, Turkey, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl. Portion posted as waterfowl refuge. 5,350 acres

2. Rock Creek SRA; Dundy Co., 4N, 1W of Parks, U.S. 34, gravel road; Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 165 acres

3. Medicine Creek SRA/WMA; Frontier Co., 2W of Cambridge, U.S. 6-34, 7N, access road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 8,494 acres

4. Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA; Frontier Co., 11N of McCook, U.S. 83; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 5,949 acres



5. Cambridge Diversion Dam WMA; Furnas Co., 2E of Cambridge; Dove, Rabbit, Turkey, Squirrel, Deer; 20 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

6. Oxford WMA; Furnas Co., 5W of Oxford; Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Deer; 36 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

7. Frenchman WMA; Hayes Co., ½N of Palisade; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl, Deer; 98 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

8. Hayes Center WMA; Hayes Co., 12NE of Hayes Center, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Deer, Waterfowl; 78 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

9. Swanson Reservoir SRA/WMA; Hitchcock Co., 2W of Trenton, U.S. 34; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 9,625 acres

10. Clear Creek WMA; Keith Co., ½S, 4½E, 1S of Wellen; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 6,118 acres. Special provisions govern waterfowl hunting, portion posted as refuge; Nontoxic Shot Only.

11. Lake McConaughy SRA; Keith Co., 11N of Ogallala, NE 61; Deer, Grouse, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 6,085 acres. Special provisions govern waterfowl blind or barge placement.

12. Lake Ogallala SRA; Keith Co., 9N of Ogallala, NE 61; Waterfowl; 258 acres

13. Ogallala Strip WMA; Keith Co., NW quadrant I-80 Interchange; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 453 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

14. Box Elder Canyon WMA; Lincoln Co., 3S, 2W of Maxwell; Dove, Waterfowl; 26 acres

15. Cedar Valley WMA; Lincoln Co., 1¼E of Wellfleet; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Turkey; 880 acres. Foot traffic only.

16. Chester Island WMA*; Lincoln Co., 2S, ½W of Brady; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 69 acres

17. Jeffrey Canyon WMA; Lincoln Co., 5S, 3W of Brady, county road; Waterfowl; 35 acres

18. Muskrat Run WMA*; Lincoln Co., 4W, 2N, ½W of North Platte on U.S. 30; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 224 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only. Target shooting prohibited.

19. North River WMA*; Lincoln Co., 3N of Hershey; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 681 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

20. Platte WMA*; Lincoln Co., 6E of North Platte; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Waterfowl; 242 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

21. Sutherland Reservoir SRA; Lincoln Co., 2S of Sutherland, NE 25; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 6,000 acres

22. Wapiti WMA; Lincoln Co., 12S of Maxwell on county road; Deer, Dove, Elk, Turkey; 1,920 acres

23. Red Willow Div. Dam WMA; Red Willow Co., 9NE of McCook; Dove, Pheasant, Deer, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 56 acres. Target shooting prohibited.

SOUTH-CENTRAL

The Rainwater Basins comprise a large part of this region and host waterfowl, upland and small game. In wet years, the basins teem with ducks and geese, with pheasants a bonus on the surrounding area. In dry years, the pheasant hunting improves. The central Platte River provides excellent hunting for deer and waterfowl along the rivers and streams, while quail can be found in the hilly areas in the eastern part of the region.

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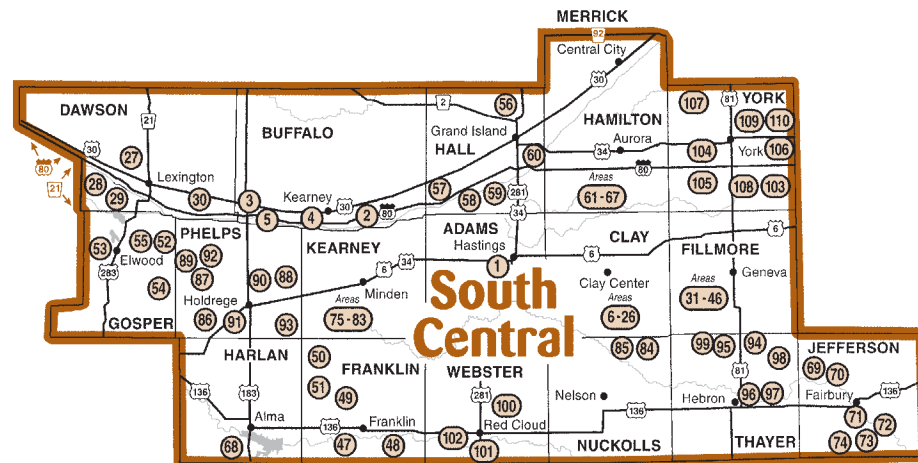
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1. Ayr Lake WMA; Adams Co., 4S of US 6, 1E Hastings; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres; Nontoxic Shot Only.

2. Bassway Strip WMA; Buffalo Co., Minden Interchange I-80, S on NE 10 to marked access road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 729 acres

3. Blue Hole WMA; Buffalo Co., West side of U.S. 183, just S of Elm Creek Interchange I-80; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 300 acres



4. East Odessa WMA; Buffalo Co., 5E of Odessa Interchange, S side of I-80 on eastbound access road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 131 acres

5. Sandy Channel SRA; Buffalo Co., 1½S of Elm Creek Interchange I-80. Marked access; Dove, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 133 acres

6. Bluewing WMA*; Clay Co., Interchange, I-80, Exit #285 10S of Clay Center; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 199+ acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

7. Bulrush WMA*; Clay Co., 1E, 3S of Fairfield; Pheasant, Rabbit, Dove, Waterfowl; 240 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

8. Eckhardt WPA; Clay Co., 8E of Clay Center, NE 41, 4S, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 174 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

9. Glenvil Basin WPA; Clay Co., 2½S, 2E, ½N of Glenvil; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 120 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

10. Green Acres WPA; Clay Co., 6E, 4S of Clay Center; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 43 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

11. Greenhead WMA; Clay Co., 11W, 1½N of Shickley; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 60 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

12. Green Wing WMA*; Clay Co., 5W, 1½N of Shickley; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

13. Hansen WPA; Clay Co., 10S of Sutton, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 320 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

14. Harms WPA; Clay Co., 2E, 3S of Clay Center, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 60 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

15. Harvard Marsh WPA; Clay Co., 4W, 1N of Harvard; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,484 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

16. Hultine WPA; Clay Co., 5W of Sutton, 2N of U.S. 6; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,000 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

17. Kissinger Basin WMA; Clay Co., Adjacent to northedge of Fairfield; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 490 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

18. Lange WPA; Clay Co., 2S, ½E of Sutton, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

19. Massie WPA; Clay Co., 3S of Clay Center, NE 14; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 853 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

20. Meadowlark WPA; Clay Co., 3E, 4½S of Clay Center; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

21. Moger WPA; Clay Co., 3E of Clay Center, NE 41, 3S, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 195 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

22. Shuck WPA; Clay Co., 3E, 4½S of Clay Center; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

- 23. Smith WPA; Clay Co.,** 6S of Clay Center, NE 14, 3½E, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 520 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 24. Theesen WPA; Clay Co.,** ½N of Glenvil, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 25. Verona WPA; Clay Co.,** 5E, 1½N of Clay Center; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 26. White Front WMA; Clay Co.,** 2W, of Clay Center on U.S. 14 and 1½N; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 280 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 27. Bittern's Call WMA; Dawson Co.,** 5W, 3N of Lexington; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 198 acres. Target shooting prohibited.
- 28. Cozad WMA; Dawson Co.,** ¼S of Cozad Interchange; Pheasant, Waterfowl, Quail, Deer, Turkey; 80 acres
- 29. Darr Strip WMA; Dawson Co.,** 3E of Cozad I-80 Interchange S side, county road; Deer, Turkey, Dove, Waterfowl, Quail, Squirrel; 980 acres
- 30. Dogwood WMA; Dawson Co.,** 4 ¾W of Overton, U.S. 30, 3½S, county road; Deer, Turkey, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 407 acres
- 31. Bluebill WMA*; Fillmore Co.,** 1N and ¼E of Grafton; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 32. Brauning WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 2S, ½W of Grafton; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 240 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 33. County Line Marsh WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 4N of Fairmont, U.S. 81; 2½E, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 408 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 34. Griess WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 3S, 3½W of Grafton; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 20 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 35. Krause WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 4W, 3½N of Shickley, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 527 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 36. Mallard Haven WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 2N of Shickley, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,247 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 37. Marsh Hawk WMA; Fillmore Co.,** N & W of Grafton; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 173 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 38. Millers Pond WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 1½S of Shickley; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 130 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 39. Morphy WPA; Fillmore Co.,** ½W, 1S of Grafton; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 89 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 40. Rauscher WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 2S, 2½W of Grafton, county road. Entrance on N side of section; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 251 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 41. Real WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 2N of Fairmont, 1E of U.S. 81; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 42. Redhead WMA; Fillmore Co.,** 5W, ½N of Shickley, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 43. Rolland WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 2E, 1½S of Sutton, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 129 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 44. Sandpiper WMA*; Fillmore Co.,** 5W, 1½S of Geneva; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 45. Sora WMA; Fillmore Co.,** 3½ E, 2½ S of Shickley; Pheasant, Rabbit, Dove, Waterfowl; 109 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 46. Wilkins WPA; Fillmore Co.,** 1S, 1E of Grafton, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 530 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 47. Ash Grove WMA; Franklin Co.,** 4SW of Franklin; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 74 acres
- 48. Limestone Bluffs WMA; Franklin Co.,** 6S of Franklin, NE 10, 2 ¾E, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 479 acres
- 49. Macon Lakes WPA; Franklin Co.,** 6½N of Franklin; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,191 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 50. Quadhamer WPA; Franklin Co.,** 3W, 1S of Hildreth, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 590 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 51. Ritterbush WPA; Franklin Co.,** 5S of Hildreth; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 81 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 52. Elley WPA; Gosper Co.,** 2W of Bertrand, NE 23, 2½S, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 60 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 53. Elwood Reservoir WMA; Gosper Co.,** 2N of Elwood; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Turkey, Waterfowl; 724 acres
- 54. Peterson Basin WPA; Gosper Co.,** 3S of Bertrand, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,154 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 55. Victor Lakes WPA; Gosper Co.,** 4½N, ½W of Bertrand, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 283 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 56. Cornhusker WMA; Hall Co.,** Grand Island, 4W of U.S. 281 and Old Potash Hwy., ½S, county road; Archery Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit; 840 acres. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.
- 57. Hannon WPA; Hall Co.,** 2E, 3S of Shelton; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 307 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 58. Loch Linda WMA; Hall Co.,** from Alda Interchange, 1N, 2E, ½S, 1½E on south side of I-80; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 38 acres. Target shooting prohibited.
- 59. Martin's Reach WMA*; Hall Co.,** ½S 3W along service road on S side of I-80 at Wood River Exit; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 89 acres
- 60. Mormon Island SRA; Hall Co.,** Grand Island Interchange, I-80, Exit 312; Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 152 acres
- 61. Deep Well WMA; Hamilton Co.,** 1½N, 2E of I-80, Exit 318; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 238 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 62. Gadwall WMA*; Hamilton Co.,** 4N, 2W of Aurora; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 90 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 63. Nelson WPA; Hamilton Co.,** 4½S, 3E of Aurora Exit I-80; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 64. Pintail WMA*; Hamilton Co.,** 2½S, 2E of Aurora exit I-80; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 478+ acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 65. Pioneer Trails NRD Area; Hamilton Co.,** 1N, 1½ E of U.S. 34 and 14 interchange; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 44 acres
- 66. Springer WPA; Hamilton Co.,** 7W of Aurora, 1½S of U.S. 34; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 640 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 67. Troester WPA; Hamilton Co.,** 1½S, 3½E of Aurora Exit I-80; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 320 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 68. Harlan County Reservoir FR; Harlan Co.,** At Alma, U.S. 183 or U.S. 136; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Turkey, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 17,278 acres
- 69. Alexandria Lakes WMA; Jefferson Co.,** 2E, ½S of Alexandria; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 660 acres. SRA and WMA have distinct boundaries. No hunting is allowed in the SRA.
- 70. Alexandria Southwest WMA; Jefferson Co.,** ½S, 1E of Alexandria; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 529 acres
- 71. Flathead WMA; Jefferson Co.,** 1S of Fairbury; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl, Squirrel, Turkey; 250 acres, Restricted firearms. Rifles and handguns prohibited.
- 72. Rock Glen WMA; Jefferson Co.,** 4½S, 2E, 1S of Jansen; Deer, Dove, Quail, Grouse, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 707 acres
- 73. Rose Creek WMA*; Jefferson Co.,** 2S, 2½W, 1¼S of Fairbury; Deer, Pheasant, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 384 acres
- 74. Rose Creek West WMA; Jefferson Co.,** 2S, 3½W, 2S of Fairbury; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 280 acres
- 75. Bluestem WPA; Kearney Co.,** 1S, 3E, 2S of Axtell; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 77 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 76. Clark WPA; Kearney Co.,** 6E, 1N of Wilcox, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 451 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 77. Frerichs WPA; Kearney Co.,** 2E, ½N of Wilcox, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 47 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 78. Gleason WPA; Kearney Co.,** 4S of Minden, NE 10, 4W, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 569 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 79. Jensen WPA; Kearney Co.,** 6S, 1E of Norman, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 465 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

- 80. **Killdeer Basin WPA; Kearney Co.,** 3E, 1 ½N of Wilcox, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 38 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 81. **Lindau WPA; Kearney Co.,** 6S, 4E of Axtell, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 152 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 82. **Prairie Dog Marsh WPA; Kearney Co.,** 2E, 2N of Wilcox, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 892 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 83. **Youngson WPA; Kearney Co.,** 6S, ½E of Norman; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 183 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 84. **Smartweed Marsh WMA; Nuckolls Co.,** 1 ½S, 2W of Edgar; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 85. **Smartweed Marsh West WMA*; Nuckolls Co.,** ½S, 3W, ½S of Edgar; Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 39 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 86. **Atlanta Marsh WPA; Phelps Co.,** ½N of Atlanta, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,120 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 87. **Cottonwood WPA; Phelps Co.,** 1N, 2E of Bertrand; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 500 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 88. **Funk WPA; Phelps Co.,** 1E, 3N of Funk, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,900 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 89. **High Basin WMA; Phelps Co.,** 3N, 1W of Bertrand; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 130 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 90. **Johnson WPA; Phelps Co.,** 8N, 3E of Holdrege; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 578 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 91. **Jones Marsh WPA; Phelps Co.,** 2E, 2N of Atlanta, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 166 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 92. **Linder WPA; Phelps Co.,** 1N 5E of Bertrand; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 160 acres; Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 93. **Sacramento and Satellite Areas WMA*; Phelps Co.,** 2¼W of Wilcox, county road to access sign; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Crow, Deer, Waterfowl, Turkey; 3,023 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 94. **Dry Sandy WMA; Thayer Co.,** 2E, ½N of Bruning; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Turkey, Rabbit; 201 acres
- 95. **Father Hupp WMA; Thayer Co.,** 2W of Bruning; Pheasant, Rabbit, Dove, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

- 96. **Little Blue WMA; Thayer Co.,** 2E of Hebron; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 303 acres
- 97. **Little Blue East WMA; Thayer Co.,** 4E of Hebron; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 160 acres
- 98. **Meridian WMA; Thayer Co.,** 2S, 1W of Alexandria; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 400 acres
- 99. **Prairie Marsh WMA *; Thayer Co.,** 4W, 1N of Bruning; Pheasant, Dove, Rabbits, Waterfowl; 73 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 100. **Elm Creek WMA*; Webster Co.,** 4E, 2N of Red Cloud; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 120 acres
- 101. **Indian Creek WMA; Webster Co.,** 1S of Red Cloud; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Pheasant, Squirrel, Turkey; 125 acres
- 102. **Narrows WMA; Webster Co.,** 4W of Red Cloud on U.S. 136, S side; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 288 acres
- 103. **Hidden Marsh WMA; York Co.,** 2S, 5½E of McCool Junction; Pheasant, Waterfowl, Dove, Quail, Deer, Rabbit; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 104. **Kirkpatrick Basin North WMA; York Co.,** ½N, 1E of I-80 Exit #348; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 356 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 105. **Kirkpatrick Basin South WMA*; York Co.,** ½S, 2W, ½S of I-80 Exit #348; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 310 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 106. **Marsh Duck WMA; York Co.,** 3E, 3S of Waco; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 153 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 107. **Renquist Basin WMA; York Co.,** 5W of U.S. 81 at Benedict and 2N; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 107 acres. Nontoxic Shot
- 108. **Sininger WPA; York Co.,** 2S of McCool Junction, U.S. 81, 3E, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 60 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 109. **Spikerush WMA*; York Co.,** 1W, ½N of Waco; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 194 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

- 110. **Waco Basin WPA; York Co.,** 1N, ½W of Waco, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 159 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.

SOUTHEAST

The rolling hills and croplands of southeastern Nebraska have long served up quality pheasant hunting, but that's not the whole story. Quail hunters find great shooting in some areas, wild turkeys are increasing and waterfowl hunting is good. And while the number of white-tailed deer has been reduced in recent years, the area still supports a good population and is home to some big-racked bucks.

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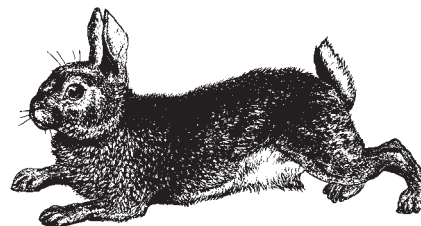
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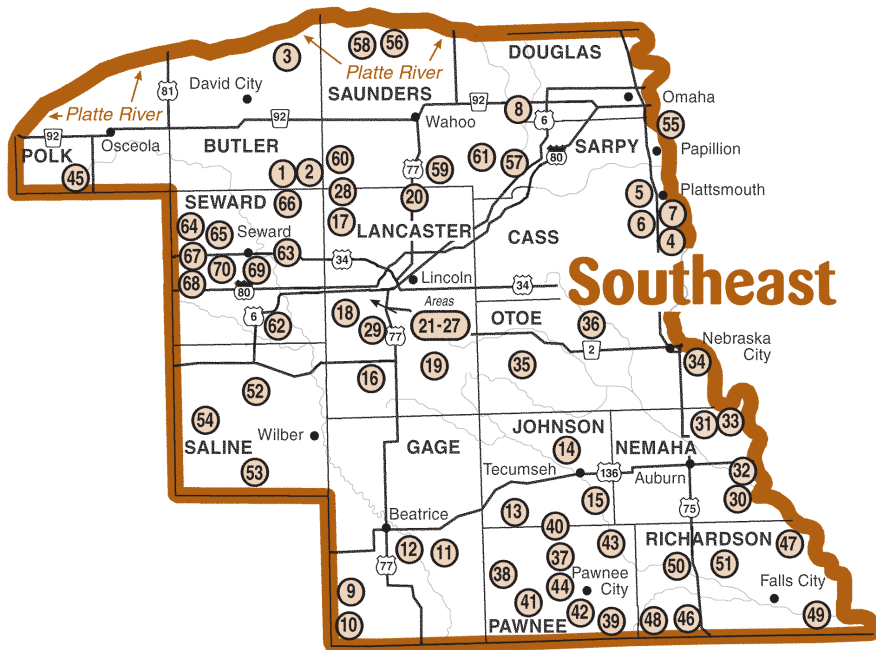
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- 1. **Oxbow Trail Reservoir NRD; Butler Co.,** 1½E of Ulysses, north side of road; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 80 acres
- 2. **Redtail WMA*; Butler Co.,** 1E of Dwight; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 320 acres
- 3. **Skull Creek #2*; Butler Co.,** 2N, ½W of Abie; Deer, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 3½ acres
- 4. **Rakes Creek WMA*; Cass Co.,** ½E, 2S, 2E, 1S ½E of Murray; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 316 acres. Target shooting prohibited, dog training area available.
- 5. **Rhoden WMA; Cass Co.,** 1E, 1N of Plattsmouth; Deer, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 48 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only. Target shooting prohibited. Access via Schilling WMA; Archery Deer hunting only.



- 6. **Schilling WMA; Cass Co.,** ½E 1N of Plattsmouth, U.S. 34, U.S. 75 or NE 66; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Squirrel, Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl; Northern portion of area closed to all access Sept. 1-4 for youth dove hunt. Contact area manager at (402) 296-0041. Archery deer hunting only. Rifles and handguns prohibited. Nontoxic Shot Only. Target shooting prohibited. 1,755 acres.
- 7. **William Gilmour/Tobacco Island WMA; Cass Co.,** 1S, of Plattsmouth; Dove, Deer, Turkey, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 1,799 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only; Target shooting prohibited.
- 8. **Two Rivers SRA/WMA; Douglas Co.,** 6S, 1W of Valley; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Deer, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 342 acres. Open after Labor Day. Firearms restricted to shotguns only. Archery allowed. Nontoxic Shot Only. Target shooting prohibited.
- 9. **Arrowhead WMA*; Gage Co.,** 4W, 4N of Odell; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Turkey, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 320 acres
- 10. **Diamond Lake WMA; Gage Co.,** 3W of Odell, NE 8; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 369 acres
- 11. **Iron Horse Trail WMA; Gage Co.,** Interrupted strip of former railroad right-of-way, NE 4 from Beatrice to SE of DuBois; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 98 acres. For map, write Game and Parks Commission.
- 12. **Rockford Lake SRA; Gage Co.,** 7E, 2S of Beatrice; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 436 acres
- 13. **Hickory Ridge WMA*; Johnson Co.,** ½W, 3½S of Vesta; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 444 acres
- 14. **Osage WMA*; Johnson Co.,** 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 778 acres. Target shooting prohibited in west parking lot on South West Osage, and in south parking lot on North Osage.
- 15. **Twin Oaks WMA*; Johnson Co.,** 2E, 3S of Tecumseh; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 1,120 acres



- 16. Bluestem Lake SRA; Lancaster Co.,** 2½W of Sprague, county road; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Turkey, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 483 acres
- 17. Branched Oak Lake SRA/WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 3N of Malcolm, access road; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl, Turkey; 4,406 acres. Portion of area closed to waterfowl hunting. Target shooting prohibited on portions of area; Camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period.
- 18. Conestoga Lake SRA; Lancaster Co.,** 2N, ½W of Denton; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Deer, Turkey; 486 acres. Closed to waterfowl hunting. Target shooting prohibited.
- 19. Hedgefield WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 1½S, 3E, ½N of Hickman; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 114 acres. Target shooting prohibited; Camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period.

- 20. Jack Sinn Memorial WMA*; Lancaster Co.,** 2S of Ceresco; and 1S, 3E of Ceresco; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 832 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only. Target shooting prohibited (both Lancaster & Saunders Cos.).
- 21. Killdeer WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 2½N of Martell, county road; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl, Turkey; 90 acres. Target shooting prohibited; Camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period.
- 22. Little Salt Creek WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 3E ½S. Raymond. 158 acres; Waterfowl, Pheasant, Quail, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel and Deer. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 23. Olive Creek Lake SRA; Lancaster Co.,** 1 ½E of Kramer; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 438 acres
- 24. Pawnee Lake SRA; Lancaster Co.,** 3W, 3N of Emerald; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 1,184 acres. Trap and archery ranges available. Use of centerfire or rimfire rifles or pistols is prohibited. Target shooting is prohibited in northwest portion of area.

- 25. Stagecoach Lake SRA; Lancaster Co.,** 1½S, ½W of Hickman; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 412 acres
- 26. Teal Lake WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 2S of Kramer; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 93 acres; Camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period.
- 27. Wagon Train Lake SRA; Lancaster Co.,** 2E of Hickman, county road; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 720 acres. Dog training area available.
- 28. Wildwood WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 1N, 1W of Agnew; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 491 acres; Camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period.
- 29. Yankee Hill WMA; Lancaster Co.,** 2½E, 1S of Denton, county road; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 938 acres. Target shooting prohibited; camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period; dog training area.
- 30. Aspinwall Bend WMA; Nemaha Co.,** ½S of Nemaha; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Waterfowl; 167 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 31. Kansas Bend WMA; Nemaha Co.,** 2 parcels: 1½E of Peru (Peru Boat Ramp road, adjacent to the Peru Bottoms WMA); and ½N, ¼W, 1¼N of Peru; Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl, Pheasant, Quail, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel; 1,056 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 32. Langdon Bend WMA; Nemaha Co.,** ½E of Nemaha; Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl, Pheasant, Quail, Dove, Rabbit, Squirrel; 1,307 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 33. Peru Bottoms WMA; Nemaha Co.,** ½N ¼E, ¼N of Peru; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl, Quail, Rabbit; 851 acres, Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 34. Hamburg Bend WMA; Otoe Co.,** 4SE of Nebraska City; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl, Turkey; 1,544 acres. Island accessible only by watercraft. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 35. Triple Creek WMA*; Otoe Co.,** 2½S, 1W of Palmyra; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 80 acres

- 36. Wilson Creek WMA; Otoe Co.,** 1S, 3E, ½S of Otoe; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Quail, Waterfowl; 42 acres. Target shooting prohibited.
- 37. Bowwood WMA*; Pawnee Co.,** 2S of Steinauer; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 320 acres
- 38. Iron Horse Trail WMA; Pawnee Co.,** Interrupted strip of former railroad right-of-way, NE 4 from Beatrice to SE of DuBois; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 97 acres. For map, write Game and Parks Commission.
- 39. Lores Branch WMA; Pawnee Co.,** ½N, 1½W of DuBois; Deer, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 130 acres
- 40. Mayberry WMA*; Pawnee Co.,** 5N and ½E of Burchard; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 195 acres
- 41. Pawnee Prairie WMA; Pawnee Co.,** 7S, 1E of Burchard; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 1,140 acres
- 42. Prairie Knoll WMA*; Pawnee Co.,** 1¼N, 1W of DuBois; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 120 acres
- 43. Table Rock WMA; Pawnee Co.,** 1E of Table Rock; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 415 acres
- 44. Taylor's Branch WMA*; Pawnee Co.,** 1½N, 1E of Pawnee City; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 240 acres. Archery target range available.
- 45. Flatsedge WMA*; Polk Co.,** 3W, 2N of Shelby; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 80 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
- 46. Four-Mile Creek WMA*; Richardson Co.,** 8S, ¾E Humboldt; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Pheasant, Turkey, Squirrel; 106 acres
- 47. Indian Cave SP; Richardson Co.,** 5E of NE 67 on State Spur 64E; 2,800 acres. Special free permit required. Check with park superintendent, (402) 883-2575.
- 48. Kinters Ford WMA*; Richardson Co.,** 1N, 3E of DuBois on NE 8; Deer, Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey, Pheasant; 200 acres

49. **Margrave WMA***; **Richardson Co.**, 1½S, 2¾E of Preston; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 106 acres
50. **South Fork WMA***; **Richardson Co.**, 2S, 2W, 1S, 1W, ½S, ½W of Dawson; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl, Turkey; 265 acres
51. **Verdon Lake SRA**; **Richardson Co.**, ½W of Verdon on U.S. 73; Pheasant, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 55 acres
52. **Divoky Acres WMA**; **Saline Co.**, 8½S, 1W of Dorchester; Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit; 160 acres
53. **Schwisow WPA**; **Saline Co.**, 2E of Western; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 61 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
54. **Swan Creek WMA***; **Saline Co.**, 7E of Milligan on NE 41; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 160 acres
55. **Gifford Point WMA**; **Sarpy Co.**, 2E of intersection of Fort Crook Road and Childs Road; Deer, Turkey, Rabbit, Squirrel; Target shooting prohibited. Area closed to all access from Sept. 1 to close of all deer seasons, except archery and muzzleloader deer hunting during seasons is allowed with special access permit. Contact area manager at (402) 296-0041. Archery spring turkey hunting only. 1,300 acres.
56. **Bramble WMA***; **Saunders Co.**, 5W, 2N of Cedar Bluffs; Deer, Pheasant, Rabbit; 62 acres. Closed to hunting 330 feet from river except for deer.
57. **Catfish Run WMA**; **Saunders Co.**, 1NE of Ashland; Archery hunting for all legal game species is allowed. 60 acres. No firearms allowed.
58. **Czechland Lake Recreation NRD**; **Saunders Co.**, 2 N, ¾ W of Prague off NE 79; Dove, Pheasant, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 95 acres
59. **Jack Sinn Memorial WMA***; **Saunders Co.**, 1S, 4E of Ceresco; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 470 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only. Target shooting prohibited (both Lancaster & Saunders Cos.).
60. **Larkspur WMA***; **Saunders Co.**, 3W, 1N, ½W of Valparaiso; Deer, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 160 acres
61. **Memphis SRA/WMA**; **Saunders Co.**, Just N of Memphis, NE 63; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Waterfowl; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
62. **Blue River SRA**; **Seward Co.**, 5N of Dorchester on U.S. 6 or NE 15; Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Waterfowl; 14 acres
63. **Bur Oak WMA***; **Seward Co.**, 4E of Seward on NE 34; Deer, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 139 acres. Use of rifles or handguns prohibited.
64. **Freeman Lakes WPA**; **Seward Co.**, 1W, 1½N of Utica; Pheasant, Waterfowl; 188 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
65. **North Lake Basin WMA***; **Seward Co.**, 1N of Utica, county road; Pheasant, Dove, Waterfowl; 364 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
66. **Oak Glen WMA***; **Seward Co.**, 1½N of Garland; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel, Turkey; 633 acres. Hunters may use only .22 rimfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, shotguns using a single ball or slug, shotguns using lead or Nontoxic Shot Only, or bow and arrow.
67. **Shypoke WMA**; **Seward Co.**, .5 SE of Utica. Waterfowl, Pheasant, Dove; 160 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
68. **Smith Creek NRD**; **Seward Co.**, ½ S, 1E of Utica, interchange on Interstate 80; Waterfowl; 13 acres
69. **Straight Water WMA**; **Seward Co.**, 2½N, 1W of Goehner; Dove, Pheasant, Waterfowl; 240 acres. Nontoxic Shot Only.
70. **Twin Lakes WMA**; **Seward Co.**, 2½N, 1E of Pleasant Dale; Deer, Dove, Pheasant, Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel; 1,270 acres. Closed to all public access except archery deer hunting from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31; Camping limited to 3 days in a 6-day consecutive time period.



FIRE SAFETY

Some areas of the state continue to suffer dry conditions. Hunters should take every precaution to ensure that wildfires are not created as a result of their activities.

All hunters should carry with them the necessary tools to contain fires, such as a shovel, a blanket and containers of water. If a fire is discovered or gets out of hand, contact local authorities immediately. Early response is critical to containment.

Other tips for avoiding the ignition of a wildfire are:

- Do not drive into grassy areas to

park or to retrieve a dead or wounded animal. The exhaust systems of vehicles can become very hot and can easily ignite dry grasses and underbrush.

- Never leave a campfire unattended, and whenever possible, use fire rings provided at recreation and parks areas, or confine cooking fires to a grill structure. Ensure that the fire is fully extinguished before leaving the area.
- Do not discard lit cigarettes in the field or throw them out of vehicle windows.

HANDLING GAME IN WARM WEATHER

The first and sometimes even the last days of Nebraska's hunting seasons can be unseasonably warm.

When the weather is warm, hunters should take extra precautions to ensure their game doesn't spoil. Most hunters field dress their big game in the field, and small game and bird hunters should consider doing the same and place

their game on ice when they return to their vehicle, home or lodge.

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