

Nebraska Hunter Requirements



Residency	Under Age 10										Age 10-11					Age 12-15					Age 16 and Up									
	May Legally Take Permit Type	Habitat Stamp	Neb. Waterfowl Stamp	Federal Duck Stamp	HHP Number	Hunter Education	Accompaniment ¹	May Legally Take Permit Type	Habitat Stamp	Neb. Waterfowl Stamp	Federal Duck Stamp	HHP Number	Hunter Education	Accompaniment ^{1,2}	May Legally Take Permit Type	Habitat Stamp	Neb. Waterfowl Stamp	Federal Duck Stamp	HHP Number	Hunter Education ^{1,2}	Accompaniment ^{1,2}	May Legally Take Permit Type	Habitat Stamp	Neb. Waterfowl Stamp	Federal Duck Stamp	HHP Number	Hunter Education ^{1,2}	Accompaniment (age 16-29) ³		
Deer	R						•	D					•	•	D					•	•	•	D				•	•		
Antelope	R						•	D					•	•	D					•	•	•	A				•	•		
Elk	R												•	E						•	•	•	A				•	•		
Mountain Sheep (Bighorn)	R												•	S						•	•	•	S				•	•		
Turkey	R	•	T				•	•	T				•	•	T					•	•	•	T				•	•		
Mountain Lion	R												•	M						•	•	•	M				•	•		
Waterfowl	R	•					•	•					•	•						•	•	•	H				•	•		
Migratory Upland Game	R	•					•	•					•	•						•	•	•	H				•	•		
Small Game/Jackrabbit	R	•	H				•	•	H				•	•	H					•	•	•	H				•	•		
Furbearers — Hunt	R	•	H				•	•	H				•	•	H					•	•	•	H				•	•		
Furbearers — Trap	R	•					•	•					•	•						•	•	•	F				•	•		
Crow	R	•	F				•	F					•	F						•	•	•	H				•	•		
Coyote, Prairie Dog, Porcupine, Woodchuck	R	•					•						•							•	•	•	H				•	•		
Unprotected	A	•					•						•							•	•	•	H				•	•		
Protected	A	NO OPEN SEASON — MAY NOT HUNT																												

Permits

H - Hunt (small game), T - Turkey, D - Deer, E - Elk, A - Antelope,
S - Mountain (Bighorn) Sheep, F - Fur Harvest, M - Mountain Lion

Species

Small Game — Pheasant, Quail, Partridge, Grouse, Squirrel, Cottontail
Migratory Upland Game — Virginia and Sora Rail, Snipe, Woodcock, Dove

¹ **Furbearers** — Trap only: Muskrat and Beaver; Hunt or trap: Bobcat, Mink, Raccoon, Badger, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Virginia Opossum, Long-tailed Weasel, Striped Skunk

Unprotected — Common Pigeon, European Starling, English Sparrow, Norway Rat, House Mouse

Protected — Bear, River Otter, Spotted Skunk, Canada Lynx, Black-footed Ferret, Moose, Swift Fox, Southern Flying Squirrel, and all migratory songbirds not specifically allowed by a small game or waterfowl permit.

Exceptions

- Residents age 69 and over and qualifying veterans age 64 and older may obtain a reduced-fee hunt permit, which includes Nebraska habitat and waterfowl stamps.
- A farmer or rancher and immediate family who live on the land they own or lease may hunt upland game (except turkeys), squirrels, cottontails, jackrabbits (within designated area), and furbearers within season on that land without a Hunt Permit, Fur Harvest Permit, or Habitat Stamp. Landowners hunting antelope, deer, elk, or turkey on limited landownerpermits on their land do not need a Habitat Stamp.
- Lifetime permits do not allow for the hunting of deer, antelope, elk, mountain lion, mountain (bighorn) sheep, or turkey, and do not include stamps.

Residency

R - Resident of Nebraska, N - Nonresident, A - All

Hunter Education

- Hunters ages 12 through 29 must have on their person proof of successful completion of firearm Hunter Education while hunting with a firearm or air gun.
- Hunters ages 12 through 29 must have on their person proof of successful completion of Bowhunter Education while hunting deer, antelope, elk, or mountain (bighorn) sheep with bow and arrow or crossbow.
- Hunters ages 12 through 29 who have not completed firearm and/or bowhunter Hunter Education may obtain an Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate.

Accompaniment

- Firearm hunters ages 11 or younger must be accompanied by a licensed person age 19 or older.
- Any deer, elk, antelope, or bighorn sheep hunters ages 15 or younger must be accompanied by a licensed person age 19 and older.
- Hunters holding an Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate must be accompanied by a licensed person age 19 or older.

Definitions

Accompanied - In the presence of a licensed hunter age 19 or older. The accompanying hunter may not accompany more than two hunters at a time using the Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate. The accompanying adult hunter must at all times be in unaided visual and verbal communication with the novice hunter.

Licensed - Has a valid Nebraska hunting permit.

Disclaimer

This is only intended to be a guide. Consult statutes and regulations.