



# TURKEY HUNTING TRIP PLANNER

Featuring Southwest Nebraska

Nebraska is the BEST turkey hunting destination in the country!

- We offer great public access opportunities.
- Hunters have excellent harvest success rates.
- Permits are unlimited in quantity and sold over-the-counter.
- Hunters may purchase up to three permits in the spring and two in the fall.
- Permits are affordable, including the \$8 youth permit.
- Turkeys can be found statewide.

## Where to Hunt

Turkeys can be found in every county in Nebraska; however, this map shows an area where hunters are likely to see a high concentration of turkeys and public hunting through Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and Open Fields and Waters program (OFW) in Southwest Nebraska.

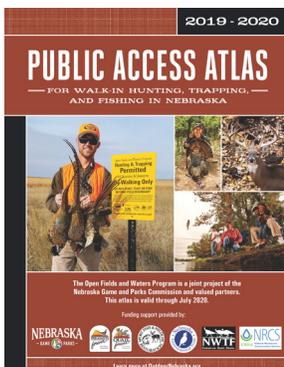
**Southwest Loess Canyons:** The Open Fields and Waters Canyon Access Program provides a great opportunity with lots of public access, including Wapiti, Cedar Valley and Elwood WMA.

**Southwest Reservoirs, Republican River Drainages:** Nearly 40,000 acres of public access at Harlan, Medicine Creek, Swanson, Red Willow and Enders reservoirs.

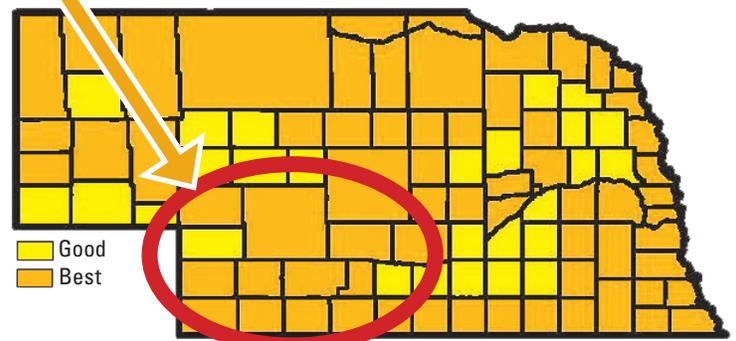
## Public Lands Hunting Opportunities

The Open Fields and Waters program is designed to enhance wildlife habitat and increase public walk-in hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities on private lands. The Nebraska Public Access Atlas identifies and consolidates these access areas on public and private lands into an atlas specifically for hunters, trappers and anglers.

The Atlas is available where permits are sold and online at: [OutdoorNebraska.org/](http://OutdoorNebraska.org/) [PublicAccessAtlas](http://PublicAccessAtlas)



## Turkey Hunting Opportunities



## Turkey Season Dates

### Spring

**Archery:** March 25 – May 31, 2020

**Youth Shotgun:** April 11 – May 31, 2020

**Shotgun:** April 18 – May 31, 2020

### Fall

**Archery and Shotgun:** September 15 – January 31, 2020

## Permit Prices

**Resident:** \$30; **Nonresident:** \$109

**Youth Resident & Youth Nonresident:** \$8

**Nebraska Habitat Stamp:** \$25

(Habitat stamp is required for all hunters except Youth Resident)

## How to Buy a Permit

Online at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org) or via mobile device during the following application periods:

- Spring permits on sale: January 14 – May 31
- Fall permits on sale: August 10 – January 31, 2020

## Contact Us

For more information about turkey hunting or things to do in the area, contact:

- Southwest District Office in North Platte at 308-535-8025



### Other Activities to Enjoy During Your Stay

- Don't leave home without your fishing pole! Spring or fall turkey hunters have the opportunity to enjoy Nebraska's best fishing season, including trout stocked in a number of water bodies throughout the state. Nonresidents may purchase a one- or three-day nonresident fishing license and enjoy a fun side trip from your hunt. Here are a few highlights:
- Fall turkey hunters have the opportunity for a variety in their hunting trip to Nebraska. An affordable option is a two-day small game hunting permit for nonresidents. Hunting Southwest Nebraska provides hunters with an excellent opportunity for a mix-bag hunting trip, including waterfowl, pheasant, quail, sharp-tailed grouse. Waterfowl hunters will also need a HIP number as well as a federal/state duck stamps.
- Hunt Nebraska deer season with over-the-counter permits, the opportunity to hunt the rut and \$8 youth permits for residents and nonresidents. Contact us at 1-800-742-0056 for more information on obtaining a deer permit for the portion of the state you plan to hunt.



### Where to Stay

Enjoy your hunt and stay comfortably in a cabin or campsite at a Nebraska state park. Call the reservation call center at 402-471-1414 or go online at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org) for more information and reservations. The following state parks are in Southwest Nebraska.

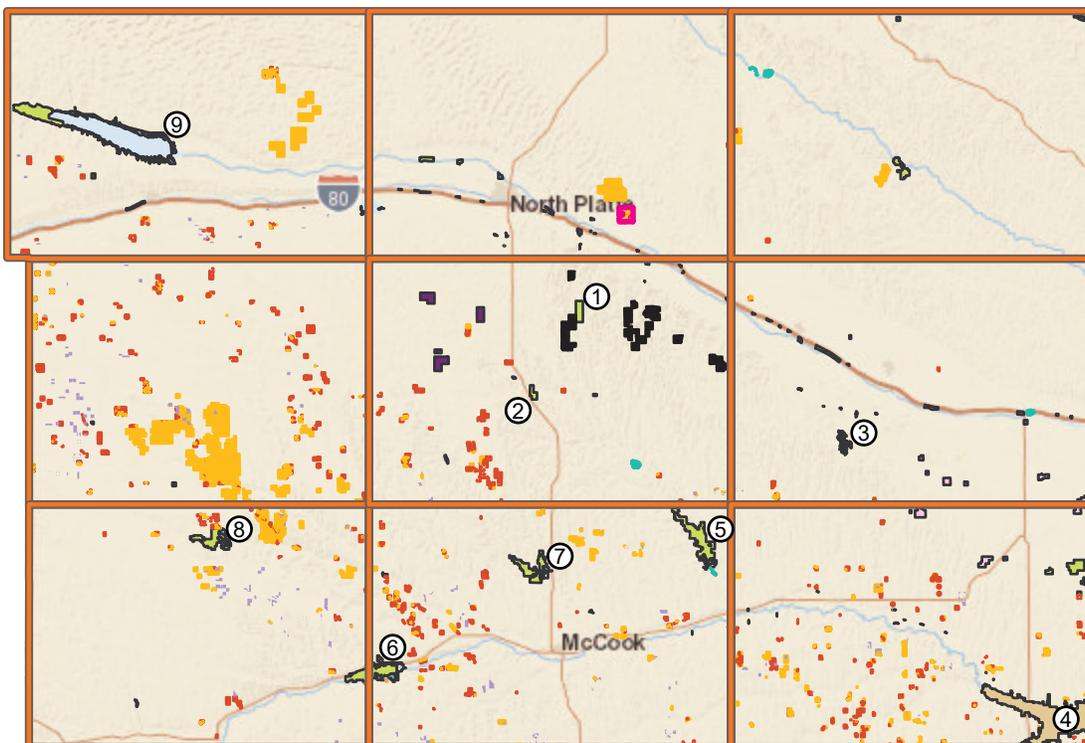
- Lake McConaughy & Lake Ogallala SRA
- Medicine Creek SRA
- Red Willow SRA

For a full list of places to stay and things to do, go to [VisitMcook.com](http://VisitMcook.com)

### Go Online at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org)

- Find maps
- Buy a permit
- Season information and dates
- Read fishing and hunting guides.

### [OutdoorNebraska.org/maps](http://OutdoorNebraska.org/maps)



- United States Forest Service
- State Park
- State Recreation Area
- Wildlife Management Area
- OFW All Hunting Seasons and Trapping
- OFW All Hunting Seasons, Trapping and Fishing (Lands)
- OFW Small Grain Stubble Management
- CRP Lands Open to Hunting and Trapping

- 1) Wapiti
- 2) Cedar Valley
- 3) Elwood
- 4) Harlan Reservoir
- 5) Medicine Creek
- 6) Swanson
- 7) Red Willow
- 8) Enders Reservoir
- 9) Lake McConaughy

