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 trip planner is focusing on the north-central section of the state where hunters are likely to see a high concentration of turkeys due to primary habitat and good public access opportunities. Please start your planning with the Public Access Atlas and see the reverse side of this planner for more information on places to start your Nebraska turkey hunt.

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/PublicAccessAtlas.

Turkey Season Dates

**Spring**
- Archery: March 25 – May 31, 2022
- Youth Shotgun: April 9 – May 31, 2022
- Shotgun: April 16 – May 31, 2022

**Fall**
- Archery and Shotgun: September 15, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Permit Prices

- Resident: $30; Nonresident: $128
- 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 or via mobile device during the following application periods:

- Spring permits on sale: January 10 – May 31, 2022
- Fall permits on sale: August 8, 2022 – January 31, 2023

Contact Us

For more information about turkey hunting or things to do in the area, contact:
- Alliance District Office: (308) 763-2940
- Bassett Service Center: (402) 684-2921

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Other Activities to Enjoy During Your Stay

Whether spring or fall turkey hunting, bring your fishing pole as the north-central Nebraska offers some great opportunity for all species of fish, including some trophy muskies. If fall turkey hunting, spend some time hunting pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse and prairie-chicken during your visit. Nebraska is the mixed-bag capital of the Great Plains and a great place to hunt a variety of birds in different habitats. The Sandhills of central Nebraska provides a great mixed-bag hunting trip opportunity; an affordable two-day small game hunting permit is available for nonresidents. With a long fall turkey season, hunters may also 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 1-800-632-5263 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 one of Nebraska’s state park area campgrounds or in a local community hotel and/or cabin. For those hunters that want to camp, the following areas will provide hunters with camping amenities in north-central Nebraska. To make reservations, go online at OutdoorNebraska.org or call the reservation call center at 402-471-1414:

- Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area
- Smith Falls State Park
- Calamus State Recreation Area
- Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area

For a full list of places to stay and things to do, go to VisitNebraska.gov

Go Online at OutdoorNebraska.org

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

OutdoorNebraska.org/maps

1) Valentine Refuge USFWS
2) Fort Niobrara USFWS
3) Anderson Bridge WMA
4) Merritt Reservoir WMA
5) Schlagel Creek WMA
6) Government Canyon SFH
7) Borman Bridge WMA
8) Halsey National Forest
9) Sherman Reservoir WMA
10) Pressey WMA
11) Myrtle Hall WMA
12) Keller Park WMA
13) Pine Glen WMA
14) Fred Thomas WMA
15) Calamus WMA
16) Bobcat WMA

United States Forest Service
State Park
State Recreation Area
Wildlife Management Area
USFWS National Wildlife Refuge
NGPC State Fish Hatchery

*Special season dates apply (September 1 through March 31).