Turkey Hunting Opportunities

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 may be found in any county in Nebraska; we’ve chosen to highlight the Pine Ridge region of the state, where you will find some of the highest concentrations of turkeys (including Merriam’s), as well as an abundance of public hunting lands.

These public areas include National Forest Service land, wildlife management areas (WMAs) and public access through the Open Fields and Waters program in Northwest Nebraska.

Pine Ridge area: The Pine Ridge area is in the northwest region of Nebraska with public access at the Nebraska National Forest, Fort Robinson, Gilbert Baker, Ponderosa, Peterson, Metcalf, Bordeaux and Bighorn WMAs.

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:
• Northwest District Office in Alliance at 308-763-2940

OutdoorNebraska.org
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 the best time of year to fish in Nebraska. Both spring and fall offer anglers great fishing, including trout that are stocked in a number of water bodies throughout the state. Nonresidents may purchase a one- or three-day fishing license and enjoy a fun side trip from their hunt. The Pine Ridge provides some of the best river and stream trout fishing in the state, with plenty of opportunity within the Nebraska national forests, and Fort Robinson and Chadron state parks.

- Nebraska fall turkey hunters can add variety to their hunting trip. An affordable option is a two-day small game hunting permit for nonresidents. Hunting near the Pine Ridge of Nebraska in the southern Panhandle or the Sandhills region of the state provides hunters with an excellent opportunity for a mixed-bag, including waterfowl, pheasant and sharp-tailed grouse. Waterfowl hunters will also need a HIP number, as well as 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 1-800-632-5263 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 a cabin or campsite at a Nebraska state park. Call the reservation call center at 402-471-1414 or go online at OutdoorNebraska.org for more information and reservations. The following state parks are in the Pine Ridge region:

- Fort Robinson State Park, near Crawford in Dawes County
- Chadron State Park, near Chadron in Dawes County

For a full list of communities in the area, places to stay and things to do, go to VisitNebraska.com

Go Online at OutdoorNebraska.org

- Find maps
- Buy a permit
- Season information and dates

OutdoorNebraska.org/maps