

2015 Deer Hunting Regulations

2015 Season Dates

Archery	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
Muzzleloader	Dec. 1 - 31
November Firearm	Nov. 14 - 22
Restricted Statewide Buck	* Nov. 14 - 22
Mule Deer Conservation Area	* Nov. 14 - 22, Dec. 1 - 31
Statewide Whitetail Buck	* Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
Youth and Landowner	* Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2016
Season Choice Antlerless	* Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2016
River Antlerless	Oct. 1-10 (firearm) * Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2016
Gifford WMA	Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2016
DeSoto October Muzzleloader	Oct. 24 - 25
DeSoto December Muzzleloader	Dec. 19 - 20
Boyer Chute NWR	Dec. 12 - 20
Gifford Point WMA	Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2016

*** weapons as specified for Archery, Muzzleloader, November Firearm and and Late Antlerless Firearm seasons**

Legal Weapons for Firearm Season:

- .22-caliber or larger rifle that deliver at least 900 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards
- .357 magnum rifle, .45 Colt rifle and hand-thrown spear are legal
- Handguns or muzzleloading handguns that deliver at least 400 foot-pounds of energy at 50 yards
- Muzzleloading rifles .44-caliber or larger
- Muzzleloading muskets .62-caliber or larger, firing a single slug
- Shotguns of 20-gauge or larger that fire a single slug
- Long bow, compound bow, recurve bow, shoulder-fired non-electronic crossbow with a draw weight of at least 125 pounds, hand-thrown spear
- Ammunition with multiple projectiles is illegal
- Semi-automatic firearms capable of holding more than six cartridges are illegal
- Full-metal jacket or incendiary bullets are illegal
- Arrows or spears must have a sharpened hunting head with a blade of at least 7/16-inch cutting radius from the center of the arrow shaft. Arrows or spears containing poison, stupefying chemical or having an explosive tip are illegal.

Legal Weapons for Archery Season:

- Bows and spears as defined above.

Legal Weapons for Muzzleloader Season:

- Muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns and muskets as defined above.

Shooting Hours – It is legal to shoot 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Sights – It is unlawful to use any electrical device to amplify natural light or to project a light beam or image to a target, including night-vision or infrared scopes and laser sights. Red-dot and illuminated reticle sights and scopes are permitted. Magnifying and variable-power scopes are allowed.

Permit – A permit must be signed by the permittee. It is unlawful to transfer a permit to another person.

Minimum Age – 10 years of age for deer hunting.

Youth Permit Requirements – Youths age 16 may hunt with youth deer permits provided they are age 15 when they apply and are not more than 15 on Sept. 1, 2015.

Habitat Stamp – Residents age 16 and older and all nonresidents must carry proof of a valid Nebraska habitat stamp while hunting big game. Individuals with valid, fee-exempt permits and landowners hunting their own land with a landowner permit are not required to purchase a habitat stamp to hunt big game. A 2015 stamp is valid for deer hunting in January 2016.

Unlawful Hunting Methods – It is unlawful to:

- chase, run, harass, kill or shoot any deer from a moving motor vehicle or vessel.
- shoot from the right-of-way of a public road.
- carry a firearm on a snowmobile, except when it is unloaded and in a case.
- hunt from or with a snowmobile.
- use a spotlight or other artificial light from a vehicle or vessel while having in possession or control any firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow.
- use two-way radios, cell phones or any other electronic devices to transmit information about the location of any game animal or game bird to or from a conveyance of any type (vehicles, aircraft, boats, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, etc.).

Permission – Permission is required to hunt on private land. It is unlawful to hunt with a rifle within 200 yards of an occupied dwelling or feedlot without specific permission for that purpose or within 100 yards using other methods.

Sale of Parts – It is lawful to sell the hide, hair, hooves, bones, and antlers of any deer which is taken legally. The sale or purchase of deer meat is unlawful.

Hunter Orange – Any persons hunting deer under the authority of a firearm permit during an authorized firearm season must display on his or her head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material. Archery deer hunters must do the same while archery hunting during the November firearm deer season and during the Jan. 1 - 15 antlerless deer season.

Checking – Deer harvested during the November firearm season must be delivered to a check station before 1 p.m. on the day following the close of the season. Telecheck is not allowed during this season.

- Deer harvested during the November firearm season must be delivered to a check station before leaving the state.
- Deer harvested during seasons other than the November firearm season must be checked via Telecheck within 48 hours of kill, but no later than 1 p.m. on the day after the close of any part of the season.
- Each permit holder must accompany his or her deer to the check station.
- The permit/tag and check station seal must be retained while transporting the deer to a point of permanent storage or processing.
- The permit holder must record the seal number as provided by the check station on the permit of any deer checked via Telecheck.

Quartering – The carcass may be separated into loins and quarters with the femur and scapula naturally attached, provided that the head accompanies the carcass to the check station.

Telecheck – All deer harvested outside the November firearm seasons must be checked via Telecheck.

This may be done online or by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 800-405-7700 or visit

OutdoorNebraska.org/deercheck.

Baiting – It is unlawful to take deer within 200 yards of a site upon which feed, feed or mineral supplement, or bait has been placed within the previous 60 days, except for an active domestic livestock operation. This does not apply to planted food plots.

Tagging – Immediately after a deer is taken, the hunter must punch holes in the permit, showing species, sex and date of kill. The canceled permit must be kept with the deer at all times.

Possession – There is no restriction on the length of time game birds or game animals may be possessed.

Hunter Education – Hunter education is required for hunters ages 12 through 29 hunting with a firearm or air gun. Bow hunter education is required for those ages while hunting big game with a bow and arrow or crossbow. They must carry with them proof of certification.

Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate

– Available for two consecutive years for hunters who have not completed hunter education. The fee is \$5.

Accompaniment – All deer hunters age 10-15 and all hunters using the Apprentice Hunter Education

Exemption Certificate must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older when hunting. The accompanying person, if age 19-29, must be certified in firearm hunter education if hunting with a firearm or crossbow, or bow hunter education if hunting with bow and arrow. He or she must be at all times in unaided visual and verbal communication with the hunter. There may be no more than two hunters using the certificate accompanied by the experienced hunter at any time.

Hunting of Other Wildlife – During the November firearm deer season, only hunters with a valid unfilled deer permit may hunt wildlife other than deer with centerfire rifles or centerfire handguns, provided they are hunting in the deer management unit for which their deer permit is valid. Fall turkey permit holders – wearing hunter orange required only for hunting during the November firearm deer season – may hunt turkeys, with legal shotguns or archery weapons, during the November firearm deer season.

Public Land Closures –

- All federal and state public lands are closed to the use of River Antlerless deer permits.
- The Pine Ridge Unit is closed to antlerless mule deer harvest in all seasons except Landowner.
- Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, and the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge are closed to AO SCA deer permits and antlerless bonus tags.
- Harlan County Reservoir (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land) is closed to AO SCA Republican deer permits.
- Red Willow, Enders, Medicine Creek and Swanson SRA/WMA are closed to AO SCA Frenchman and Frenchman West deer permits.
- Crescent Lake NWR is closed to the harvest of antlerless mule deer.

County Refuge Closures –

- **Garden County Refuge:** Those portions of Garden County within 110 yards of the banks of the North Platte River are open to archery deer hunting from Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 with landowner permission, except that portion of the Clear Creek Refuge portion of the Clear Creek Wildlife Management Area west of the Garden County line is open to deer hunting during all established seasons from Sept. 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

The following refuges are open to all deer hunting, though landowner permission is required:

- Boyd-Holt County Refuge
- Dodge-Saunders County Refuge
- Lincoln County Refuge

2015 November Firearm Season Check Stations

- Each permit holder must accompany his or her deer to the check station.
- Read the checking instructions on the regulations sheet to ensure deer are checked on time.
- Check station operators may change the hours listed below. Call the station to verify hours.

* Nebraska Game and Parks Commission offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, except during the November Firearm season, when checking hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Offices are closed on holidays. The Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week, except during November Firearm season, when hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

View Game and Parks' map of all big game check stations at: <http://maps.outdoornebraska.gov/checkstations>

Check station business hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., unless noted

City	Check Station	Address	Phone Number	# Business Hours
AINSWORTH	Cenex Ampride	409 E. 4th	402-387-0144	
ALBION	White Star Oil Co.	305 N. 6th St.	402-395-2507	
ALDA	Alda Grill and Grocery	106 E. Front St.	308-381-1701	
ALLIANCE	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	1 mi. E of Alliance	308-763-2940	* See above note
ALMA	Short Stop of Alma LLC	1008 7th	308-928-2558	
ARAPAHOE	B.C. Original Graphics	652 Chestnut St.	308-962-8420	
ARNOLD	Shawn Bellew residence	701 N. Walnut St.	308-520-8139	
ARTHUR	Sandhills Auto	105 N. Neb. Hwy. 61	308-764-2367	
AUBURN	Hogie's Gun Shop	U.S. Hwy. 136 & L St.	402-274-4426	
AURORA	T&L's Liquor	213 S. 16th St.	402-694-4153	
BARTLETT	WeeMart	U.S. Hwy. 281	308-654-3259	
BASSETT	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	U.S. Hwy. 20	402-684-2921	* See above note
BASSETT	Rock County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse	402-684-3811	Monday-Friday, 5-8 p.m.
BEATRICE	Cenex	1615 N. 6th St.	402-223-3221	
BEATRICE	One Stop Country Store	11684 E. U.S. Hwy. 136	402-662-3606	
BEAVER CITY	Furnas County Inconvenience Corner	921 N. St.	308-268-7705	
BENKELMAN	C Clear /Cotton Kerchal	1309 A St.	308-737-6452	
BLAIR	Taylor Quik-Pik	1904 S St.	402-426-2511	
BRIDGEPORT	Cenex Ampride C Store	102 W. 5th St.	308-262-0827	
BROKEN BOW	Pump and Pantry	1037 E. South E St.	308-872-6842	Call
BURWELL	Phillips Processing	Neb. Hwy. 11 & G St.	308-346-4244	
BUTTE	Loren Nicolaus	111 Thayer St.	402-775-2467	
CAMBRIDGE	Bailey's Liquor	122 Nasby St.	308-695-4540	
CLARKS	Clarks Locker	208 N. Green St.	308-548-2468	
CHADRON	Big Bat's Shell	1250 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	308-432-4504	
CHAPPELL	Hansen's Petroleum	2nd & Thompson	308-874-2733	
CLAY CENTER	The Country Store	404 N. Center	402-762-3775	
CODY	Cody Oil	420 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	402-823-4303	
COLUMBUS	T-Bones Truck Stop	4018 W. U.S. Hwy. 30	402-563-2933	
CRAWFORD	Crossroads Mini Mart (Citgo)	1120 7th St.	308-665-2000	
CREIGHTON	Shaffer's Mini-Mart	1308 Main St.	402-358-3711	
CRETE	Dave's Wine and Liquor	585 W. Neb. Hwy. 33	402-826-3435	9 a.m.-8 p.m., but 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on opening weekend and final Sunday
CURTIS	Frontier County Sheriff's Office	306 Center Ave.	308-367-4411	
DAKOTA CITY	Dakota Food and Fuel	515 N. 14th St.	402-987-0300	
DAVID CITY	Butler County Sheriff's Office	451 5th St.	402-367-7400	
ELLSWORTH	Crescent Lake NWR	P.O. Box 21, 69340	308-762-4893	By appointment
ELWOOD	The Li'l Red Barn	N. U.S. Hwy. 283	308-785-2174	
EMERALD	Emerald Mini Mart	8401 W. O St.	402-474-4254	
ENDERS	Laker's Delight		308-882-4011	
FAIRBURY	Wildlife Obsessions Taxidermy	2505 H St.	402-587-0274	Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-1 p.m, 5-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
FALLS CITY	Falls City Fire Department	1820 Towle	402-245-3555	
FRANKLIN	Pitstop & Shop	102 16th Ave.	308-425-6556	
FREMONT	Fremont Lakes SRA, Main Shop	4349 W. State Lakes Road	402-727-3291	* See above note
FULLERTON	Nance County Sheriff's Office	209 Esther	308-536-2452	
GENEVA	Fillmore County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse	402-759-4441	
GOTHENBURG	OK Bottle Shop	318 8th St., Hwy. 30	308-537-7220	
GRETNA	Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium	21502 W. Hwy. 31	402-332-3901	* See above note
HALSEY	Double T	103 Main	308-533-2208	

City	Check Station	Address	Phone Number	Business Hours
HARRISON	Harrison Utilities Shop	130 E. U.S. 20	308-665-5199 308-665-5159	8 a.m.-8 p.m. or call for appt.
HARTINGTON	Stop-N-Go Mini Mart	605 N. Robinson	402-254-3249	
HASTINGS	Xpress Mart	2211 N. Kansas Ave.	402-463-2211	
HAYES CENTER	Bulls Bar & Grill	504 Tate St.	308-340-7087	
HEBRON	Shell Food Mart	243 S. 13th St.	402-768-6140	
HOLDREGE	Holdrege Police Department	815 5th St.	308-995-4407	
HYANNIS	Sandhill Oil Co., Inc.	101 Dellinger Road	308-458-2237	
KEARNEY	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	1617 First Ave.	308-865-5310	* See above note
KIMBALL	Sportsman's Liquor	111 W. 2nd St.	308-235-3752	
LEWELLEN	D.P. Service	506 W. U.S. Hwy. 26	308-778-5611 or 308-772-4048	
LEXINGTON	Tom's Midwest Liquor	710 S. Washington	308-324-3566	
LINCOLN	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	2200 N. 33rd St.	402-471-0641	* See above note
LINCOLN	Shuster's Meats	8805 E. Cornhusker	402-467-2907	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOUP CITY	Fisherman's Lounge	743 O St.	308-745-1006	
McCOOK	Red Willow County Sheriff	502 Norris Ave.	308-345-1850	
MERRIMAN	Bowring Ranch State Historical Park	90468 Neb. Hwy. 61	308-684-3428	
MULLEN	Sandhills Motel and Canoe Rental	507 SW First	308-546-2206	
NEBRASKA CITY	Pap's Sport Shop	1315 S. 11th	402-873-7040	
NELIGH	Cubby's	210 L St.	402-887-4649	
NIOBRARA	Niobrara State Park	1 W of Niobrara	402-857-3373	
NORFOLK	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	2201 N. 13th	402-370-3374	* See above note
NORTH PLATTE	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	S. U.S. Hwy. 83	308-535-8025	* See above note
OGALLALA	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	Kingsley Dam	308-284-8800	* See above note
OMAHA	Hitches Plus	11400 S. 72nd.	402-331-4645	Monday-Friday, 8-5; Saturday, 8-12; closed Sunday
OMAHA	Wildlife Creations Taxidermy	13506 B St.	402-896-6887	
OMAHA	Neb. Game and Parks Commission	8495 Frederick St.	402-595-2144	
O'NEILL	O'Neill Tire & Supply	114 W. Douglas	402-336-2665	
O'NEILL	Torpin's Rodeo Market	506 E. Douglas	402-336-1550	Monday-Friday, 6-8 p.m.
ORD	Pump and Pantry	2308 L St. (Hwy. 11)	308-728-7996	
OXFORD	Ampride Convenience Store	202 E. Cornwall	308-824-3850	
PANAMA	Panama Locker	309 Locust	402-788-2571	
PAWNEE CITY	Brown Jug	715 F St.	402-852-2980	
PENDER	Frazey's Food and Fuel	317 Whitney St.	402-385-3023	
PLATTSMOUTH	Schilling WMA	17614 Refuge Rd.	402-296-0041	Call ahead
PONCA	Ponca State Park	2 N of Ponca	402-755-2284	* See above note
RED CLOUD	Webster County Sheriff	641 N. Cedar St.	402-746-2722	
RUSHVILLE	Bosselman Pump and Pantry	220 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	308-327-2461	
SARGENT	Trotter Whoa-N-Go	100 S. U.S. Hwy. 183	308-527-3723	
SCHUYLER	Deano's Drive In Liquor	310 W. 16th St.	402-352-5911	
SCOTTSBLUFF	Western Travel Terminal	822 S. Bellline Hwy.	308-635-7374	
SEWARD	Hackbart Farms	½ mi. N of I-80 on Hwy. 15	402-641-2364	
SIDNEY	Cheyenne County Sheriff	1000 10th Ave.	308-254-2922	
SOUTH YANKTON	Yankton Shop EZ	89823 U.S. 81	402-667-9855	
SPRINGVIEW	Turbine Mart	Main Street	402-497-3000	
ST. PAUL	Pump and Pantry	514 2nd St.	308-754-4439	
STAPLETON	Bill Jividen residence	404 H St.	308-636-2302	
STROMSBURG	Elgin's Taxidermy	811 Main St.	402-764-8111	Mon.-Sat, 8-8, Sun., noon-8
SUPERIOR	Nick's Taxidermy	560 Mill Race Rd.	402-879-5835	
SUTHERLAND	Sportsman's Cove	W. U.S. Hwy. 30	308-386-2185	
SYRACUSE	B & B	535 Park St.	402-269-2717	
TECUMSEH	M & M Supply Inc.	Hwy. 50 & Clay St.	402-335-4020	
TEKAMAH	Cubby's	603 S. 13th St.	402-374-2413	
TRENTON	Hitchcock County Sheriff	Courthouse	308-334-5444	
TRYON	Stanley Munson residence		308-530-2705	
VALENTINE	Valentine Fish Hatchery	N of Hwy 12, Green St.	402-376-2244	
VENANGO	Tin Cup Restaurant		308-447-5557	
WAHOO	Wahoo Police Department	605 N. Broadway	402-443-4155	
WALLACE	Mac's Super Foods	314 E. Neb. Hwy. 23	308-387-4317	
WATERLOO	Travis'	Neb. Hwy. 92 & 264 St.	402-359-2300	
WAYNE	Wayne East Texaco	1330 E. Neb. Hwy. 35	402-375-1449	
WEST POINT	West Point Travel Plaza	405 Plaza Drive	402-372-9119	
WYMORE	R & D Bottle Shop	403 S. 14th (Hwy. 77)	402-645-3718	
YORK	York Fire Department	815 Grant	402-363-2610	