



Nebraska Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days

Beginning with the upcoming 2024-2025 waterfowl hunting season, veterans and active military personnel will be afforded two additional waterfowl hunting days in each of Nebraska's duck hunting zones (see below for assigned dates). Veterans (as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training), may participate.

Participating hunters must have one of the following, or a copy of, during the hunt: a state issued Driver License noting veteran status, a Department of Defense issued ID (i.e. Active Duty I.D. card or Retired Active Military I.D.), other military government issued ID cards indicating military service such as Veteran's Affairs ID or Veteran Benefit Card, or a copy of DD214 or DD215 discharge paperwork. Hunters can also contact NGPC to have their veteran status reflected within their customer profile in the NGPC permit system which will result in "Approved Veteran Status" appearing on small game permits. If verifying through NGPC, applicable documentation (as outlined above) is required. Veterans must have a status of discharge under honorable conditions to qualify.

This special season is open to residents and non-residents who are military veterans or active military personnel. The daily bag and possession limits, and shooting hours are the same as allowed during Nebraska's (NE) regular season for ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese. All participating hunters must possess a Federal Duck Stamp, a NE small game permit, a NE HIP number, a NE Waterfowl Stamp and a NE Habitat Stamp unless otherwise license exempt. Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days are held in conjunction with Nebraska's Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days. No motor vehicle entry permit or fee shall be required for entry into a NGPC Park permit area (as defined in state statute 37-435) by a veteran or member of the armed forces during this season.

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- **Zone 1:** Oct. 5-6, 2024
- **Zone 2:** Sept. 28-29, 2024
- **Zone 3:** Oct. 19-20, 2024
- **Zone 4:** Oct. 19-20, 2024.

Contact John McKinney (402-471-5437 or john.mckinney@nebraska.gov) with any questions.