

# Open Fields and Waters (OFW)

**97%** of Nebraska's land base is privately owned



OFW is a voluntary program that offers financial incentives to landowners willing to allow public walk-in access for hunting, trapping and fishing.



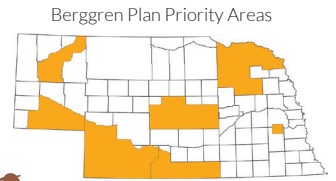
**435,663 acres** enrolled statewide in 2024-25 (RECORD HIGH)

**42.4 stream miles**  
enrolled for fishing access warm & cool water streams

**44** ponds and lakes enrolled

More than **1/3** of upland gamebird harvest occurs on publicly accessible lands

In 2024, NGPC biologists added 16,265 acres of OFW lands within the Berggren Plan priority areas.



**≈97,000 acres of CRP**



## OFW: Increasing Access to Private Lands in Nebraska

### How it works:

**Hunters and anglers purchase permits and habitat stamps.** By purchasing a habitat stamp and a hunting, fishing or fur harvest permit, you are contributing to this program.



**Permit and habitat stamp dollars are matched with contributions** from other conservation partners, USDA's Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program and Pittman-Robertson Act funds to provide incentives to landowners.

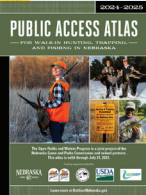


**Private landowners that enroll in OFW** receive annual payments and are afforded liability protection through the Nebraska Recreation Liability Act.

**Properties are evaluated by NGPC** to ensure high-quality sites are enrolled. Incentives are offered to landowners to create and enhance habitat on their land.

**Maps of OFW properties and other public lands are published** in the Public Access Atlas.

**Hunters, trappers, and anglers have more access to high-quality private lands.** OFW lands provide excellent opportunities on a wide variety of habitat types.



## Thank you hunters and anglers!

*Because of your contributions, thousands of acres of important habitat are restored, maintained, and made accessible to public hunting and angling in Nebraska.*

Learn more at [OutdoorNebraska.org/OFW](https://OutdoorNebraska.org/OFW)

