



# BOBWHITE QUAIL HUNTING TRIP PLANNER

Featuring Southeast Nebraska

Nebraska has something to whistle about! Quail hunt Nebraska, where you will find:

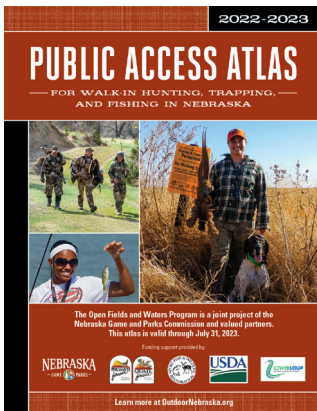
- Over 1.2 million acres of publicly accessible lands, including 280,000 acres of prime habitat within the core quail range.
- Excellent mixed-bag opportunities for pheasant, prairie grouse, and other small game.
- An abundance of quality “edge” habitat within the core bobwhite range.

### Where to Hunt

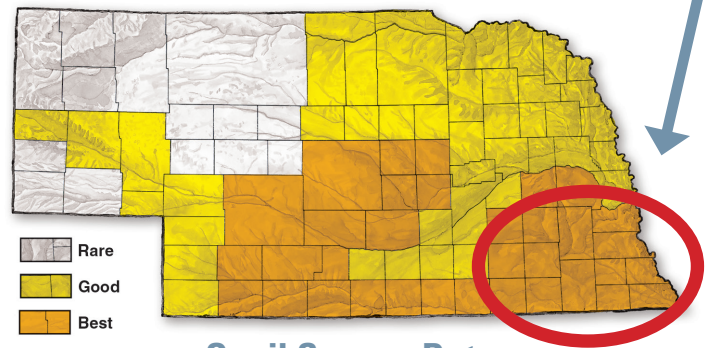
The primary bobwhite quail range includes most of Southeast Nebraska and west along the southern border with Kansas. Quail can also be found across other areas of the state where suitable habitat exists. This trip planner features Southeast Nebraska, where hunters can find good quail numbers and abundant access.

### Public Lands Hunting Opportunities

Nebraska offers excellent quail hunting opportunities on both public and private lands. Within the Southeast, most public hunting opportunities will be found on wildlife management areas (WMAs) and private lands enrolled in the Open Fields and Waters program. Currently, the OFW program provides public hunting access opportunities on over 381,000 acres of private lands throughout the state, the majority of which occurring within the state’s quail range. All state, federal, conservation partner, and private lands open to public hunting access are displayed in the Nebraska Public Access. The Atlas is available at Nebraska Game and Parks offices, permit vendors throughout the state, and online at **OutdoorNebraska.org/PublicAccessAtlas**.



### Bobwhite Quail Hunting Opportunities



### Quail Season Dates

**Regular Season:** October 28, 2023 – January 31, 2024

**Youth Season:** October 21 – 22, 2023

### Permits/Stamps Required

- Nonresident Annual Hunt Permit - \$109 or Two-Day Hunt Permit - \$76
- Nonresident Youth (under age 16) Annual Hunt Permit - \$18
- Resident Annual Hunt Permit - \$18

Above prices do not include the Nebraska Habitat Stamp, which is required - \$25

### How to Buy a Permit

- Nebraska Game and Parks offices and statewide permit vendors
- Online at **OutdoorNebraska.org**

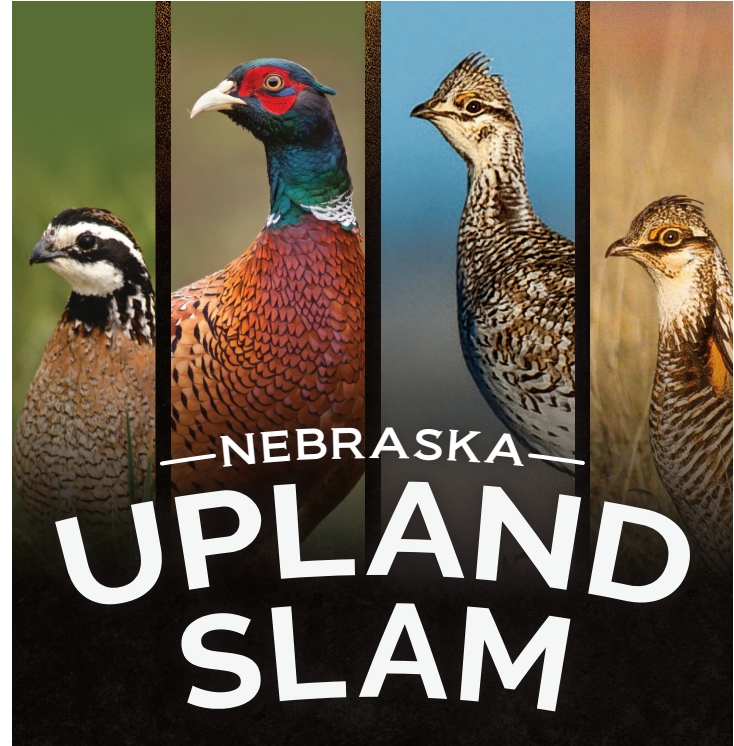
### Where to Find Quail

Bobwhite quail are considered an “edge species,” meaning they often occur where two or more different habitat types come together. Edges obviously occur where grasslands meet other cover types such as cropland or woodlands. Weedy areas within grasslands can also create the edge habitat preferred by bobwhites. Another key habitat element used extensively by bobwhites is native shrub thickets.



## Other Activities to Enjoy During Your Stay

- Quail hunters can add a mixed-bag opportunity to their small game hunt. Pheasant season dates are anticipated to be the same as quail again during the 2023/2024 season. Your Nebraska small game hunting permit and habitat stamp give you a complete mixed-bag opportunity that not only includes pheasant and quail, but waterfowl and prairie grouse, too. Waterfowl hunters will need additional federal and state duck stamps and HIP number. Prairie grouse hunters east of U.S. Highway 81 need an East Zone permit; call 402-471-5410.
- Plan to add a fall turkey hunt to your trip. Fall turkey season coincides with quail season dates and permits are sold over-the-counter. Hunters may purchase one fall turkey permit and youth permits are only \$8 for residents and nonresidents.
- Hunt deer in Nebraska 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.
- Don't leave home without your fishing pole! Nebraska provides anglers great fall fishing opportunities for a variety of species. Purchase an affordable one-day (\$13) or three-day (\$37) nonresident fishing license and enjoy a fun side trip from your hunt.



**Nebraska is an upland bird hunter's paradise** – the mixed bag capital of the Great Plains – with diverse upland hunting opportunities, long seasons, great access to public lands, and high hunter satisfaction rates. Learn more about the slam at [OutdoorNebraska.org/UplandSlam](https://OutdoorNebraska.org/UplandSlam)

## Where to Stay

Enjoy Nebraska's Midwestern hospitality with a stay at a Nebraska state park or state recreation area. Contact our reservation call center at 402-471-1414 (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., CT) or [OutdoorNebraska.org](https://OutdoorNebraska.org) for information on:

- Eugene T. Mahoney and Platte River State Parks – Located in Cass county between Omaha and Lincoln off of I-80 exit 426.
- Indian Cave State Park – Located in Richardson County in southeast Nebraska along the Missouri River.

For a full list of communities in the area, places to stay and things to do, go to [VisitNebraska.com](https://VisitNebraska.com).

## Go Online at [OutdoorNebraska.org](https://OutdoorNebraska.org)

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

## Contact Us

For more information about quail hunting or things to do in the area, contact:

- Southeast District Office (Lincoln): 402-471-5431

