



# TURKEY HUNTING TRIP PLANNER

## Featuring the Pine Ridge of Nebraska

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### 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.

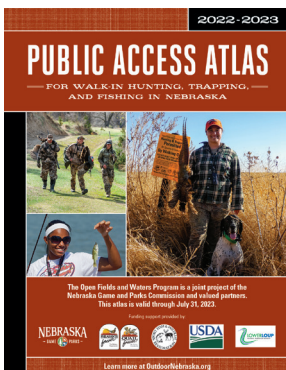
These public areas include National Forest Service land, wildlife management areas and public access through the Open Fields and Waters program in Northwest Nebraska.

**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.

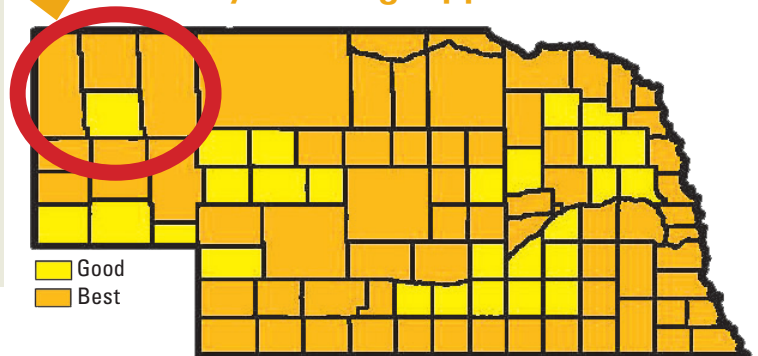
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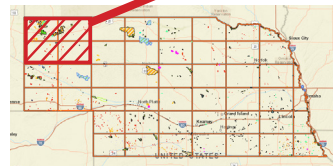
For more information about turkey hunting or things to do in the area, contact:

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



### 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.



# Cast and Call on Your Next Hunting Trip



Nebraska's best fishing happens during turkey season. So pack your fishing pole with your turkey gear.

Fish for trout in Pine Ridge streams, cast for crappie in a lake, or catch bass in a farm pond during a break in the action.

One-day, three-day and annual fishing permits are available.

### 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](http://OutdoorNebraska.org) for more information and reservations. The following state parks are in the Pine Ridge region:

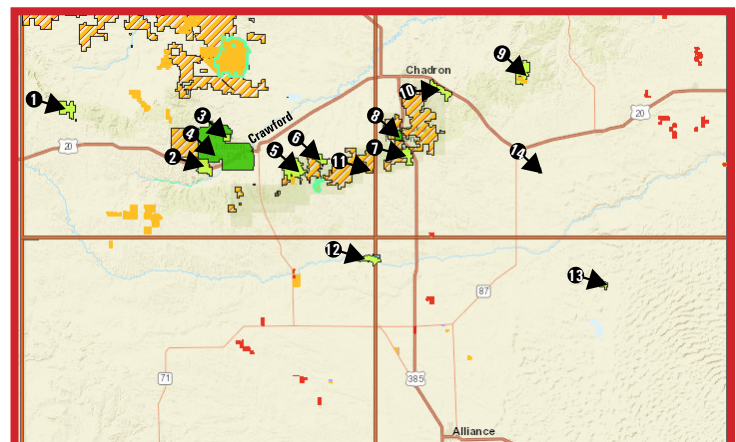
- Fort Robinson State Park, near Crawford in Dawes County
- Chadron State Park, near Chadron in Dawes County

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| 1) Gilbert-Baker WMA                     | 12) Box Butte Reservoir WMA                           |
| 2) Peterson WMA                          | 13) Smith Lake WMA                                    |
| 3) Fort Robinson WMA                     | 14) Walgren Lake SRA                                  |
| 4) Fort Robinson SP                      | United States Forest Service                          |
| 5) Ponderosa WMA                         | State Park (SP)                                       |
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| 7) Chadron Creek Ranch WMA               | OFW Open to Hunting and Trapping                      |
| 8) Chadron SP                            | State Recreation and WMA                              |
| 9) Metcalf WMA                           | OFW All Hunting Seasons, Trapping and Fishing (Lands) |
| 10) Bordeaux WMA                         | OFW CRP Open to Hunting and Trapping                  |
| 11) Pine Ridge Ranger District NF (USFS) |   |



# TURKEY HUNTING TRIP PLANNER

## Featuring Southwest Nebraska

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### Where to Hunt

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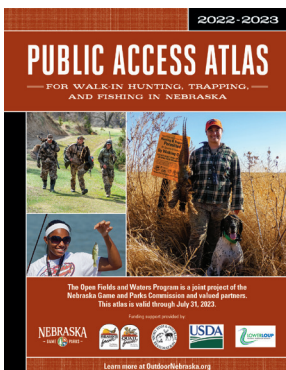
**Southwest Loess Canyons:** The Open Fields and Waters Canyon Access Program provides a great opportunity with lots of public access, including Wapiti, Cedar Valley and Elwood WMA.

**Southwest Reservoirs, Republican River Drainages:** Nearly 40,000 acres of public access at Harlan, Medicine Creek, Swanson, Red Willow and Enders reservoirs.

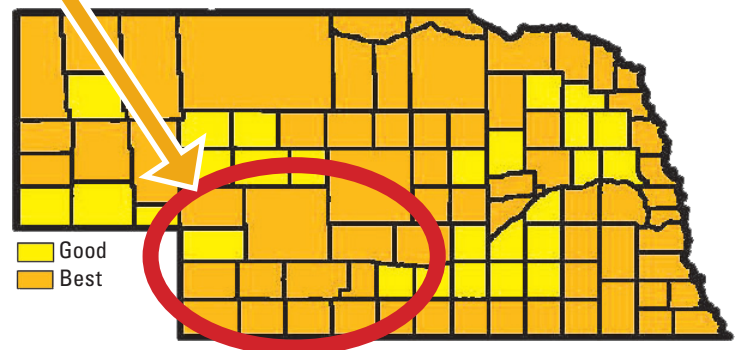
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- Southwest District Office in North Platte at 308-535-8025



### 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 Nebraska's best fishing season, including trout stocked in a number of water bodies throughout the state. Nonresidents may purchase a one- or three-day nonresident fishing license and enjoy a fun side trip from your hunt. Here are a few highlights:
- Fall turkey hunters have the opportunity for variety in their hunting trip to Nebraska. An affordable option is a two-day small game hunting permit for nonresidents. Hunting Southwest Nebraska provides hunters with an excellent opportunity for a mixed bag hunting trip, including waterfowl, pheasant, quail and sharp-tailed grouse. Waterfowl hunters will also need a HIP number, as well as a federal/state duck stamps.
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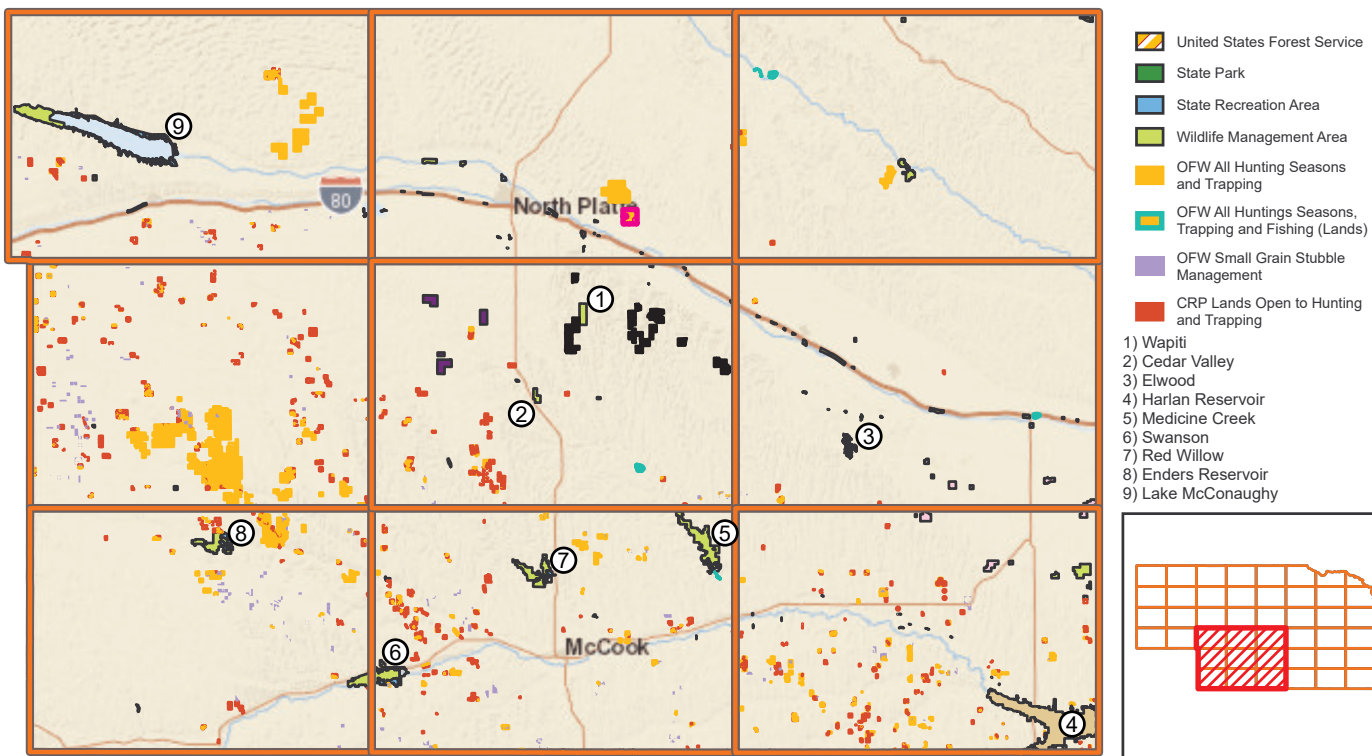
- Lake McConaughy & Lake Ogallala SRA
- Medicine Creek SRA
- Red Willow SRA

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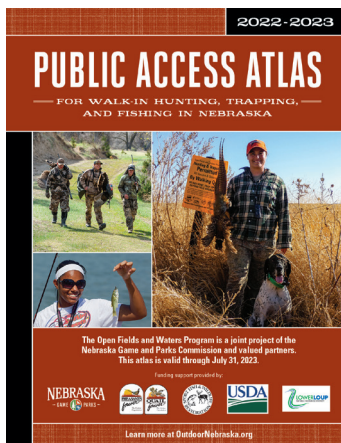
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### Where to Hunt

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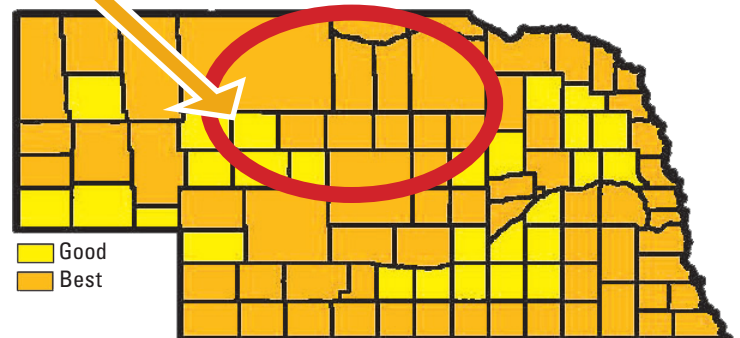
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Alliance District Office: (308) 763-2940

Bassett Service Center: (402) 684-2921



Muskie (muskellunge) – Merritt Reservoir SRA



Smith Falls State Park

### Other Activities to Enjoy During Your Stay

Whether spring or fall turkey hunting, bring your fishing pole as the north-central Nebraska offers some great opportunity for all species of fish, including some trophy muskies.

If fall turkey hunting, spend some time hunting pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse and prairie-chicken during your visit. Nebraska is the mixed-bag capital of the Great Plains and a great place to hunt a variety of birds in different habitats. The Sandhills of central Nebraska provides a great mixed-bag hunting trip opportunity; an affordable two-day small game hunting permit is available for nonresidents.

With a long fall turkey season, hunters may also 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 one of Nebraska’s state park area campgrounds or in a local community hotel and/or cabin.

For those hunters that want to camp, the following areas will provide hunters with camping amenities in north-central Nebraska. To make reservations, go online at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org) or call the reservation call center at 402-471-1414:

- Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area
- Smith Falls State Park
- Calamus State Recreation Area
- Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area

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| 2) Fort Niobrara USFWS     | 10) Pressey WMA          |
| 3) Anderson Bridge WMA     | 11) Myrtle Hall WMA      |
| 4) Merritt Reservoir WMA   | 12) Keller Park WMA      |
| 5) Schlagel Creek WMA      | 13) Pine Glen WMA        |
| 6) Government Canyon SFH   | 14) Fred Thomas WMA      |
| 7) Borman Bridge WMA       | 15) Calamus WMA          |
| 8) Halsey National Forest  | 16) Bobcat WMA           |

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| United States Forest Service   | OFW All Hunting Seasons, Trapping and Fishing (Lands) |
| State Park                     | OFW Small Grain Stubble Management                    |
| State Recreation Area          | CRP Lands Open to Hunting and Trapping                |
| Wildlife Management Area       |   |
| USFWS National Wildlife Refuge |   |
| NGPC State Fish Hatchery       |   |

\*Special season dates apply (September 1 through March 31).

