



Swanson Lake Ranch, LLC

HUNTING AT SWANSON LAKE RANCH

WELCOME to Swanson Lake Ranch! We want your hunt to be an enjoyable, memorable and safe experience. Prior to hunting at SLR you and your guests must read and familiarize yourselves with the **Ranch Vehicle Safety Rules and Guidelines** and **Firearms Safety** documents. You and your guests must also carefully read and sign SLR's **Liability Waiver and Release Agreement**.

Bird Hunting

SLR is a unique property. Located in the Central Flyway, and less than one mile from Swanson Reservoir in western Nebraska, the ranch is ideal habitat for migratory waterfowl, turkey, pheasant, dove and other game bird species. The property's northern boundary consists of two miles of Republican River bed and there are numerous trees, waterways, sloughs and ponds on the property providing cover, protection and nesting habitat for the birds that exist naturally in this favored environment. Dry-land crops of wheat, alfalfa and other feed grains farmed on the property offer a food source in addition to the native sunflower and other flora, and the diverse cover helps hold migratory waterfowl on the Ranch. Turkey and waterfowl are the signature hunts at SLR.

Deer Hunting

For the big game enthusiast, the same habitat that has proven so attractive for birds on Swanson Lake Ranch is ideal for White-Tailed Deer. The property has abundant natural food sources, water, and large areas of dense cottonwood and cedar trees for cover and protection. The ranch also has various open areas of tall native grasses, sage and sunflower, affording the hunter a clear and safe shot at one of these magnificent animals.

Hunting Requirements

In order to hunt or fish at Swanson Lake Ranch you must have a valid Nebraska hunting or fishing license and a Nebraska Habitat Stamp and, if hunting waterfowl, a Nebraska Waterfowl Stamp, Federal Duck Stamp and HIP registration. The state of Nebraska additionally requires that anyone born on or after January 1977 have completed a state certified hunter education course. Please note that 400 inches of Hunters Orange is required for deer hunting and, at SLR, required for all upland bird hunting.

As with all states, there are numerous other regulations and requirements for hunting in Nebraska. Please contact the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission at <http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/hunting/hunting.asp> for details. In general a small game hunting license is required for pheasant, quail, dove, waterfowl, and squirrel, and a turkey and deer license is required for these species, but it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to have the appropriate hunting license to hunt at Swanson Lake Ranch.



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General Hunting Rules and Guidelines

At Swanson Lake Ranch we require that all members and guests:

- ✓ Read and understand the Ranch Vehicle Safety Rules and Guidelines document.
- ✓ Read and understand the Firearms Safety document.
- ✓ Read, understand and sign the Liability Waiver and Release Agreement.
- ✓ **Abide** by legal shooting hours and **all state and federal hunting regulations**.
- ✓ Harvest deer only where **antler main beams extend to or beyond tips of ears**.
- ✓ Have in possession **no more than one box of shells** in a waterfowl blind.
- ✓ Hunt only from **designated blinds and stands**.
- ✓ **Do not hunt within 200 yards of feeders** if they contained feed the past 60 days.
- ✓ **Do not drive animals** or use radios to help hunters locate game.
- ✓ **Respect the land and wildlife** of Swanson Lake Ranch.
- ✓ **Hunt Ethically and Safely.**

Dogs and Other Ranch Animals

Please be careful when hunting with or near dogs, horses and other ranch livestock and animals. Use extreme caution when shooting at low-flying birds and NEVER shoot a bird on the ground.

Group Hunting

When shooting with two or more partners, discuss and honor safe zones of fire for each gun and never swing a firearm through these safe zones. This is particularly important in pheasant and quail hunting. When hunting in blinds do not enter or exit the blind with a loaded firearm. Actions must be opened when entering or exiting blinds.

Lodge Rules

As a courtesy to all members and guests of Swanson Lake Ranch we ask that you:

- ✓ **Remove boots** and shoes upon entering the lodge.
- ✓ **Conserve electricity and water** – supplies of both are limited so we appreciate you shutting off lights and watching for running toilets.
- ✓ **Leave the lodge as clean as you found it.** Tidy up the kitchen, remove trash, turn thermostats down, vacuum your room and change the sheets on your bed.
- ✓ Send us a **copy of your photos** from your hunt at Swanson Lake Ranch.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY!