



Swanson Lake Ranch, LLC

Nebraska Hunting Regulation Highlights – Last Updated 5/4/09

IMPORTANT NOTE: *the following are Nebraska State fees, rules and regulations applicable to hunting at Swanson Lake Ranch. Swanson Lake Ranch, LLC, does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information, and emphasizes to its members and guests that there are many other state and federal rules and regulations that govern hunting in Nebraska and Swanson Lake Ranch that may not be listed here. All members and guests are required to read and familiarize themselves with the official documents which can be obtained from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.*

Nebraska State Hunting Fee Schedule 2009

- Small game annual hunt (pheasant, quail, dove, waterfowl, squirrel, etc) \$81
- Small game 2-day hunt \$36 (valid from Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving to Dec 31st 2009).
- Small game youth annual hunt \$14 (15 years and younger).
- Deer non-resident \$209
- Deer non-resident statewide buck permit \$521
- Deer non-resident season choice (antler-less only) \$55.
- Turkey non-resident \$91
- Habitat stamp \$16
- Nebraska Waterfowl Stamp \$5
- Lifetime Waterfowl \$100
- Lifetime Hunt \$1181
- Lifetime Hunt/Fish \$1871
- Federal Duck Stamp \$15
- Non-resident Fur Harvest \$225
- HIP Registration Free

Lifetime permits do not apply to deer, turkey and other big-game hunting, and annual waterfowl stamps and HIP registration are still required.

Important Regulations (from the 2008 GENERAL HUNTING GUIDE. 2009 Guidelines TBA)

- An annual Nebraska habitat stamp is required for all hunting and Furbearer harvesting (and for all non-residents, regardless of age). Stamps are valid for the calendar year.
- An annual Nebraska waterfowl stamp is required for all non-residents, regardless of age, to hunt waterfowl.
- A federal duck stamp is required to hunt waterfowl for all people 16 years and older. Federal stamps are valid through June 30th.
- HIP registration is required for all waterfowl hunting & doves for all non-residents.
- A small game permit is required for non-residents for coyotes, prairie dogs and woodchuck, even though there are non-game species with no season or bag limit.
- Only pheasant roosters (no hens) may be harvested in Nebraska.
- Birds may be acquired for dog training on private land but must be banded by the buyer or seller with an official band from the NE Game and Parks Commission. You must have the sales receipt of the birds in possession, and for each dog the limit is 2 hen pheasants, 5 quail and unlimited chukars or mallards. Training sessions are limited to one day (sunrise to sunset), and birds may be kept for 14 days following purchase (without a Captive Wildlife Permit). All birds released and not harvested that day become wild birds subject to the normal game laws.



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Important Regulations (Continued)

- Hunters age 12-29 must have on their person a Firearm Hunter Education Card.
- Hunters age 12-29, hunting deer with a bow, must have a Bow Hunter Education Card.
- 400 inches of Hunters Orange is required for deer and antelope hunting except with bow. Orange is required on the head, back and chest and is required for fall turkey during the 9 day rifle season.
- No game bird can be taken with a rifle.
- Doves and quail can only be taken while in flight.
- Turkeys cannot be taken while in trees before sunrise.
- It is unlawful to use live decoys or electronically amplified calls, recordings, etc to take game birds.
- During the 9 day deer hunting season, all wild animals other than deer may be taken only with a shotgun or rim-fire 22-caliber rifle or handgun. Hunters possessing, though, a valid (unfilled) firearm deer permit may take other animals with a center-fire rifle or handgun during the 9 day deer season.
- For waterfowl and other migratory birds including doves, shotguns must be plugged to limit 3 shells in the chamber and magazine combined. No plug is required for upland birds, cottontail rabbits or squirrels.
- Pheasants, grouse and turkeys must have head or one leg attached and migratory birds, except doves, must have head or one wing attached until transported home.
- Any game birds or game animals given to another person must be accompanied by a donation notice stating: name, address, phone number, date of birth, permit number, estimated pounds of meat, species and total number taken, date taken, signature of donor and name of recipient.
- Artificial lights may be used while on foot to take unprotected species like coyotes and certain furbearers: badgers, bobcats, gray fox, weasel, mink, opossum, raccoon, red fox and striped skunk.

Game-Specific Seasons & Regulations

WATERFOWL

For ducks SLR is in the High Plains Region

For Geese SLR is in the Platte River Area and Zone 3

Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset

Hunters age 12-29 must have a Hunter Education Card and Hunters under age 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older

Dark Geese

TBA

Early Canada Geese

TBA

Light (White, Blue-Phase and Ross) Geese

TBA

White-Fronted Geese

TBA

Early Teal

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Game-Specific Seasons & Regulations

WATERFOWL (cont)

Pintail, Canvasback, Coot

TBA

All other ducks & Mergansers

TBA

OTHER GAME BIRDS & SMALL GAME

For grouse and jackrabbit SLR is WEST of highway 81

Prohibited species: Canada Lynx, River Otter, Marten, Spotted Skunk, Mountain Lion and Bear.

Landowners can destroy raccoons, striped skunks or Virginia Opossums for depredation control.

Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset

Doves

TBA

Pheasant

TBA

Quail

TBA

Grouse

TBA

Squirrel

TBA

Cottontail

TBA

Jackrabbit

TBA

Bobcat – Furbearer License Required

TBA

Muskrat and Beaver - Furbearer License Required

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Striped Skunk - Furbearer License Required

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Raccoon, Virginia Opossum, Long-Tailed Weasel, Mink, Red Fox, Gray Fox and Badger - Furbearer License Required

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TURKEY

Spring Turkey (2009)

There is a three turkey permit limit

Archery Season March 25-May 31

Shotgun Season April 18-May 31

Youth Archery March 25 – May 31

Youth Shotgun April 11 - May 31

There is no minimum age to hunt turkey in NE

It is unlawful to possess a firearm while hunting turkey under an archery permit

Shooting hours 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Prior to sunrise it is unlawful to take a turkey perched in a tree.

Bag limit – one male or bearded female per permit

Youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older

Fall Turkey (2009)

TBA

DEER

SLR is in the Frenchman unit and Area 8 (for Season Choice).

Frenchman is not a “draw” unit – it is a “buy” unit.

In 2009 it is limited to 2000 permits annually (100% of which are either sex).

The Frenchman Whitetail unit is limited to 1500 permits annually (100% either sex).

The taking of antlerless mule deer in the Frenchman unit is prohibited

Shooting hours 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

THERE IS A MANDATORY CHECK STATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL DEER HARVESTS

It is illegal to take big game within 200 yards of bait. An area is considered baited for 60 days

Variable power scopes are allowed on muzzle loaders

For 2009 the window to buy a permit for Frenchman opens TBA

The window for non-resident landowners also opens TBA

There is also Season Choice availability for Area 8 of 700 tags (antler-less whitetail only).

Season Choice is for antler-less whitetail deer only and allows you to fill your tag in any season

You must use the weapon legal for the particular season you are hunting

Season Choice is not valid on the Swanson WMA.

Season Choice limit is 2 antler-less whitetail.

Season Choice season is Sept 15 – Jan 15, 2010

For 2009 the muzzle-loading permit is 1 either sex deer and 1 antlerless-only whitetail deer

For 2009 the archery permit is for 1 either sex deer and 1 antlerless-only whitetail deer

For 2009 the landowner permit is for 1 either sex deer and 1 antlerless-only deer

The January landowner season is antler-less only

Statewide rifle deer permits are available to for antelered whitetail only in our area (south of I-80)

Firearm Season for 2009 is Nov 14 – Nov 22

Archery Season for 2009 is Sept 15 – Nov 13 and Nov 23 – Dec 31. Permits unlimited

Landowner Deer for 2009 is Sept 15 – Jan 15, 2010. Permits unlimited

Muzzle-loading Season for 2009 is Dec 1 – Dec 31. Permits unlimited

Youth Deer season for 2009 is Sept – Jan 15, 2010. Permits unlimited

Statewide Buck season is Nov 14 – Nov 22



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Youth-Specific Regulations

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- An annual Nebraska waterfowl stamp is required for all non-residents, regardless of age.
- A federal duck stamp is required for all people 16 years and older.
- An annual youth hunt license is required for non-resident children 15 years or younger for small game (pheasant, ducks, etc).
- HIP registration is required for all waterfowl hunting & doves for all non-residents.
- For deer, the minimum age to hunt is 10
- For all other species there is no minimum age to hunt
- All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 19 years or older.
- Hunters age 12-29 must have on their person a Firearm Hunter Education Card.
- Hunters age 12-29, hunting deer with a bow, must have a Bow Hunter Education Card
- Any deer hunter age 15 or younger and any firearm hunter under age 12 must be accompanied by a licensed person 19 years or older.

Youth-Specific Regulations (Continued)

In addition to the regular adult hunting seasons there are special youth-only seasons.

Youth Pheasant & Quail is October 18th-19th

Youth Waterfowl is Sept 29th-30th

Youth Turkey is April 11th – April 17th 2009

For Youth Pheasant & Quail Season, the child must be 15 years of age or younger and have a non-resident youth hunting permit and habitat stamp. Limit is 2 cock pheasant, 2 quail and 2 partridge and the accompanying adult is not allowed to shoot. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

For Youth Waterfowl Season, the child must be 15 years of age or younger, and have a non-resident youth hunting permit, habitat stamp and Nebraska waterfowl stamp. Youths 12-15 years of age must have a hunter safety card. The accompanying adult is not allowed to shoot and the bag limits are the same as the regular waterfowl limits.