

GENERAL INFORMATION

- In addition to a Spring Turkey Permit or Spring Turkey Game Tag, a valid Kansas hunting license is required of all residents age 16 through 74 and all nonresidents, except persons hunting on their own land.
- Many licenses are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase rather than expiring on Dec. 31 each year. Visit www.ksoutdoors.com/365-licenses for more information.
- AUTO-RENEW - Select licenses and permits purchased online include an auto-renew option, which will automatically renew those purchases upon expiration. License buyers can opt in or out of the auto-renew feature at the time of purchase or any time before it expires. Go to www.ksoutdoors.com/auto-renew for more information.
- Resident hunters 65 and older qualify for a lifetime Hunting/Fishing Combination Senior Pass for \$42.50, or they may purchase an annual hunting license at half the regular price (\$15.00). Residents 75 and older are exempt from hunting license requirements, but they must have a Spring Turkey Permit or Spring Turkey Game Tag.
- Dogs may NOT be used while hunting turkeys during the spring turkey season.
- Turkey permits are not transferable.
- Turkeys may be shot only while they are on the ground or in flight; it is illegal to shoot turkeys roosting in trees.
- Permits, game tags and duplicates are valid on day of purchase.
- Turkey permits and game tags are valid only in unit numbers printed on those permits or tags. (See map showing unit boundaries.)
- Hunters who possess a Spring Turkey Permit and a Spring Turkey Game Tag may harvest both turkeys the same day.
- It is illegal to use drugs, chemicals, or any chemical compound as part of or in conjunction with broadhead arrows to take game.
- It is illegal to shoot at, kill, or pursue turkeys from any water, air, or land vehicle.
- It is illegal to use two-way radios in any manner for the purpose of pursuing, chasing, or hunting turkeys, or to give information concerning the location of turkeys by radio or mechanical means.
- It is illegal to use live decoys and electronic calls when hunting turkeys.

REFUNDS

Permit refunds can be issued for the following reasons: (1) death of the applicant prior to season of use; (2) medical emergency or illness of permittee or an immediate family member preventing permittee from participating in the activity for which the permit was issued, prior to season of use; (3) permit was issued in error by the department; (4) armed forces personnel experiencing a change of duty station prior to the first day of season, preventing use of the permit; or (5) in the instance of a catastrophic disaster; natural or unnatural, declaration of war or police action, that prevents the permittee from participating in the activity for which the permit was issued. KDWP will not issue a hunting license refund for non-resident applicants who were unsuccessful in a lottery or application draw.

POST-HARVEST INSTRUCTIONS

At the time of purchase, hunters will have the option of paper carcass tags or mobile/E-tag.

PAPER TAGS: Sign PERMIT prior to hunting to validate it. After an animal is harvested, the CARCASS TAG must be signed, dated and attached to the animal in a visible manner before the carcass is moved from the harvest site.

Paper permits and tags purchased through the internet must be printed on a desktop printer at the time of purchase. To protect non-waterproof paper tag, cut it from the permit, place in a clear plastic bag and attach it to the animal with a zip-tie or other secure manner.

The carcass tag must remain attached to the animal during transport and kept with the meat until it is consumed, given to another or otherwise disposed of.

Hunters using paper tags can complete a voluntary harvest report of turkey or big game animal if they wish to "bone-out" in the field. Go to: ksoutdoors.com/harvest-reporting and follow the online instructions on how to complete the harvest report for your animal.

MOBILE/E-TAGS: Hunters who choose e-tags at time of purchase will keep permit and tags on their mobile device through the GoOutdoorsKS mobile app. After harvest, open the "GoOutdoorsKS" mobile app and follow the instructions on the app for the e-tag appropriate for the species/sex of harvest. An e-tag confirmation number will work the same as harvest reporting for a hunter wanting to bone out an animal and transport only meat from harvest site.

SURVEYS: Hunters may be asked to complete online HARVEST SURVEY'S at the end of the season. Information received helps biologists make decisions to manage a healthy game populations. A random sample of hunters will be contacted, making it important for update your address information each year when purchasing a permit/tags. Hunters surveyed will receive an email or a postcard with a link to direct them to an online survey. Questions about this survey or assistance in completing surveys may be obtained through the KDWP Research and Survey Office, (620) 342- 0658. State law (K.S.A. 32-937) requires hunters receiving a harvest report card complete the survey.



REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS! CALL OPERATION GAME THIEF 1-877-426-3843

This publication is a summary of turkey hunting regulations. The complete laws and regulations are available online at ksoutdoors.com/regulations.

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612. 01/23

SPRING TURKEY SEASONS

Youth & Disability

April 1-11

Archery

April 3-11

Regular

April 12-May 31

SHOOTING HOURS

1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

BAG LIMIT

One bearded turkey per permit and one bearded turkey per game tag in units 1 and 2

SPRING TURKEY FEES

Units 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Resident Hunting License	\$27.50
Resident Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$37.50
Resident General Permit	\$27.50
Resident Game Tag	\$17.50
Resident Youth Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$12.50
Resident Youth Permit	\$7.50
Resident Youth Game Tag	\$7.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$20.00
Resident Landowner/Tenant Permit	\$15.00
Nonresident Hunting License	\$97.50
Nonresident Junior (under 16) Hunting License	\$42.50
Nonresident Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$87.50
Nonresident General Permit	\$62.50
Nonresident Game Tag	\$32.50
Nonresident/Tenant Permit	\$32.50
Nonresident/Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$45.00
Nonresident Youth Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$22.50
Nonresident Youth Permit	\$12.50
Nonresident Youth Game Tag	\$12.50

Permit/Game Tag combos are available through March 31 only.

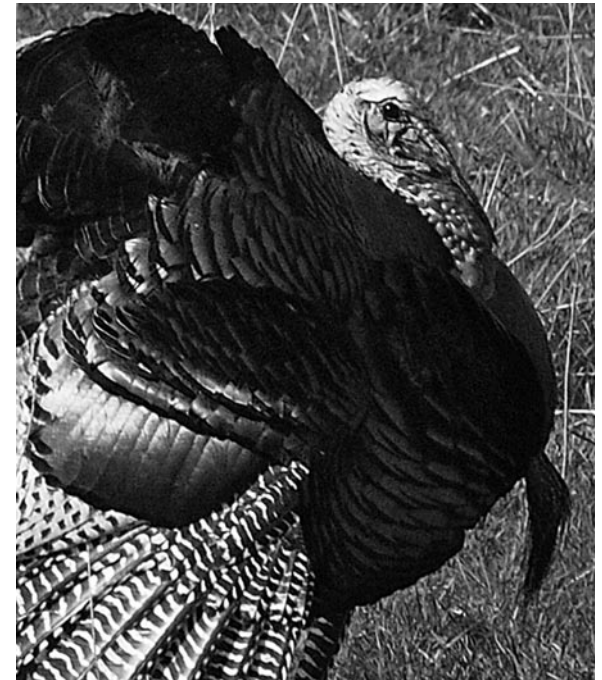
Unit 4 (draw only, online application deadline Feb. 10) (RESIDENTS/NONRESIDENT TENANTS ONLY)

Prices include a nonrefundable application fee.

Resident Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$42.50
Resident General Permit	\$32.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$25.00
Resident Landowner/Tenant Permit	\$20.00
Nonresident Tenant Permit	\$37.50
Nonresident Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag	\$50.00
Preference Point	\$7.50

**Drawing results should be available by the end of February.
Leftover Unit 4 permits will be sold first-come, first-served through the Pratt office only.**

2023 Kansas Spring Turkey Regulation Summary



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Wildlife and Parks

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REQUIREMENTS

AGE/HUNTER EDUCATION

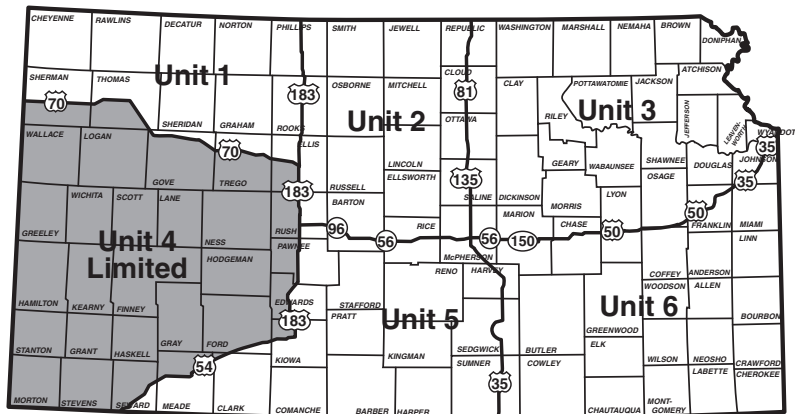
There is no minimum age to hunt turkeys. Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must be certified by an approved course in hunter education before they can hunt in Kansas EXCEPT that anyone 15 and younger may hunt without hunter education certification provided they are under the direct supervision of an adult 18 or older. Direct supervision means immediate audible and visual control. Persons 16 and older who have not completed a hunter education course are eligible to purchase up to two apprentice hunting licenses, which allow them to hunt while accompanied by a licensed adult 18 or older. Hunting licenses, including apprentice licenses, are valid 365 days from date of purchase. In addition to the license, a permit or game tag is also required to hunt turkeys.

Hunters who have completed an approved hunter education course must carry their certificate, or card, while hunting until age 27. Only persons hunting on their own land are exempt from this requirement. Except during the youth season, hunters age 12-15 may hunt without adult supervision, provided they possess a valid hunter education certificate and a valid turkey permit.

RESIDENCY

A resident is defined as a person who has maintained the person's place of permanent abode in the state for 60 days immediately prior to purchase. Domiciliary intent is required, evidence of which may include the location where the person votes, pays personal income taxes or obtains a driver's license. Members of the armed services on active duty who were Kansas residents at the time of entering the service and immediate family members living with them are considered residents. Members of the armed services on active duty and officially stationed in Kansas may purchase resident licenses and permits, except for lifetime licenses. Any holder of a Kansas lifetime hunting license who has moved from the state may apply for and purchase permits as a resident. Any person who is a registered full-time student in residence at a public or private secondary, post secondary, or vocational school located in Kansas may purchase resident licenses and permits, except lifetime licenses. While hunting, the student must carry evidence of being a full-time student residing in Kansas.

SPRING TURKEY MANAGEMENT UNITS



TROPHY TURKEY AWARD

Hunters who kill turkeys that score 65 or higher on the scoring system described below are eligible to receive a Trophy Turkey Award certificate issued by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. To score a gobbler, weigh it on accurate scales, then measure the beard and spurs to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. Each beard is measured at the point of protrusion from the skin to the opposite end of the longest bristle. Each spur is measured from a point where the hard spur protrudes from the leg to the tip of the spur.

Separate records are kept on typical and non-typical gobblers with multiple beards or spurs. Only turkeys harvested in Kansas may be entered.

To score your bird, add its weight to the total beard length multiplied times 2, then add the sum of spur lengths multiplied times 10. Applications are available from KDWP offices or can be downloaded from ksoutdoors.com.

Example: 20-pound bird, 10-inch beard and 1 2/8-inch spurs =
 $20 + 20 (10\text{-inch beard} \times 2) + 25 (2 \frac{2}{8} \times 10) = 65.$

LEGAL EQUIPMENT

Legal equipment includes shoulder-mounted shotguns and choked handguns with a minimum barrel length of 10 inches, shotguns using shot sizes 2-9, longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows. No bow, crossbow or arrow may have any electronic device attached that controls the flight of the arrow. Devices that may be attached to a bow or arrow shall include lighted pin, dot or holographic sights; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; and radio-frequency location devices; and draw-lock devices. Range-finding devices and optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light may be used. Arrows used for hunting turkeys must be equipped with broadhead points that cannot pass through a ring 3/4-inch in diameter when fully expanded. Non-broadhead arrows may be possessed while hunting but may not be used to take wild turkeys. Devices capable of dispensing chemicals to take big game animals may not be used.

Youth and disabled permit holders may use any legal equipment during the spring youth/disabled season and archery season.

SEASONS

YOUTH AND DISABILITY (April 1-11, 2023)

Youth 17 and younger who possess a valid Spring Turkey Permit or game tag (residents 16 years old and all nonresident youth must also have a hunting license) may hunt with **any legal equipment** during this special turkey season while under the immediate supervision of an adult 18 or older. Any person who possesses a valid Spring Turkey Permit or Spring Turkey Game Tag and hunting license and has a permit to hunt from a vehicle pursuant to KAR 115-18-4 or a disability assistance permit issued pursuant to KAR 115-18-15 may also hunt with any legal equipment during this season. All resident and nonresident permits and game tags are valid.

Any person with a permanent physical or visual disability that prevents the person from hunting safely, as certified by a physician, may be eligible to obtain a permit to designate someone else to take a legal limit of game for the permit holder. A permit holder who is, because of disability, unable to pursue a wounded game animal may designate any individual to assist in pursuing and dispatching that animal. For more information, or for a disability assistance application, contact the KDWP Pratt Operations Office, (620) 672-5911, and ask for Law Enforcement.

ARCHERY (April 3-11, 2023)

Anyone having a Spring Turkey Permit or Spring Turkey Game Tag may hunt during this season using a longbow, recurve bow, crossbow and compound bow.

REGULAR (April 12-May 31, 2023)

All permits and game tags not filled during the early seasons are valid during the regular season using any legal equipment.

PERMITS & GAME TAGS

All individuals, regardless of land ownership and age, must possess a valid Spring Turkey Permit or Spring Turkey Game Tag to hunt turkeys. **In addition, a valid Kansas hunting license is required of all residents age 16 through 74 and all nonresidents, except persons hunting on their own land.**

No person shall apply for or purchase more than one Spring Turkey Permit and one Spring Turkey Game Tag or one combo. Permits and tags obtained through false representation, misrepresentation, or in excess of the number authorized shall be invalid.

Spring Turkey Permits and Spring Turkey Game Tags valid in units 1 and 2 and all youth issues may be purchased over-the-counter from all license agents, online at ksoutdoors.com or through the GoOutdoorsKS mobile app.

GENERAL PERMITS

Any resident or nonresident may purchase a Spring Turkey Permit valid in units 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. A Spring Turkey Permit is valid for one bearded turkey.

GAME TAGS

Any individual with a Spring Turkey Permit may purchase

one Spring Turkey Game Tag valid in units 1 and 2.

SPRING TURKEY PERMIT/GAME TAG COMBO

Any resident or nonresident may purchase a Spring Turkey Permit/Game Tag Combo by March 31 and save up to \$7.50. The combo includes a Spring Turkey Permit and Spring Turkey Game Tag valid in Units 1 and 2. After March 31 the combo is not available and the permit and game tag must be purchased separately. In addition to the Spring Turkey Permit/Game Tag Combo, a hunter must also have a Kansas hunting license, unless exempt by Kansas law.

YOUTH PERMITS

Resident and nonresident hunters 15 and younger may purchase youth permits at a reduced fee. **Youth permits are valid statewide, including Unit 4.**

LANDOWNER/TENANT PERMITS

To qualify for a landowner/tenant permit, you must be a resident and own or operate 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land located in the unit where you intend to hunt, or be a resident or nonresident tenant actively engaged in the agricultural operation of 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities or livestock and must (1) have a substantial financial investment in the production of agricultural commodities or livestock on such farm or ranch land and the potential to realize substantial financial benefit from such production or, (2) be a bona fide manager having an overall responsibility to direct, supervise, and conduct such agricultural operation and have the potential to realize substantial benefit from such production in the form of salary, shares of such production, or some other economic incentive based upon such production.

Members of the immediate family who live with a resident landowner or tenant may apply for a resident spring turkey permit as a landowner or as a tenant, but at least 80 acres must be owned by such landowner or operated by such tenant for each permit sought.

UNIT 4 PERMITS (BY DRAW ONLY)

Spring Turkey Permits for Unit 4 must be obtained through a pre-season drawing. The limited number of permits issued are valid in Unit 4, **as well as adjacent units 1, 2 and 5.** Fifty percent of these permits are reserved for applicants who qualify as landowner/tenants in that unit. Applications for Unit 4 permits must be received online or by phone at (620) 672-0728 no later than Feb. 10, 2023.

DUPLICATE PERMITS

In the event of loss or theft, duplicate spring turkey permits or game tags may be obtained from any KDWP office or license agent for \$2.50. Duplicate permits may be obtained online at no charge. Duplicate permits or tags will not be issued if a harvested bird is deemed inedible.