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HUNTING LICENSES

All resident hunters age 16 through 74 must have a resident hunting license unless exempt. Nonresident hunters, regardless of age, must have a nonresident license. Annual hunting licenses expire one year from the date of purchase. Resident hunters age 65-74 qualify for Senior Pass lifetime hunt/fish combination licenses ($42.50), senior annual hunting licenses ($15), or annual hunt/fish combination licenses ($25). Residents age 16-20 qualify for Youth Multi-year hunting ($42.50) or hunt/fish combination licenses ($72.50), which expire the end of the year they turn 21.

A resident is defined as a person who has maintained that person's place of permanent abode in the state for 60 days prior to purchase. Domiciliary intent is required, evidence of which may include where a person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license. Residency of at least one year is required to purchase lifetime licenses.

Lifetime license holders are considered Kansas residents for hunting permits and tags, even if they no longer live in Kansas. Hunters may purchase a special license that is valid only on controlled shooting areas. Nonresidents who are full-time secondary, post-secondary or vocational students at Kansas schools and are living in Kansas may obtain resident hunting licenses and permits but must carry evidence of Kansas student status. They may NOT purchase lifetime licenses.

LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

The following persons are not required to have a hunting license:
• owners of farm or ranch land or tenants of land leased for agriculture, and immediate family members living with resident landowners and resident or nonresident tenants, while hunting or furharvesting on this land;
• legally-defined Native American Kansas residents (may obtain free license, restrictions apply);
• nonresidents using field trial permits issued by KDWP; and
• residents 15 and younger or 75 and older.

NATIONAL GUARD, DISABLED VETERANS

The Kansas Legislature annually allocates funding to provide state park vehicle permits and hunting and fishing licenses to active members of the Kansas National Guard. Funding is also allocated to provide hunting and fishing licenses to honorably discharged resident veterans certified with a service-related disability of 30 percent or more.

MILITARY

Military personnel are required to have hunting or furharvesting licenses. Nonresident military personnel not stationed in Kansas must have nonresident licenses. Active-duty members who were Kansas residents immediately prior to enlistment – and their immediate family members living with them – may purchase resident licenses, regardless of duty station.

Active-duty nonresident military personnel stationed in Kansas may hunt or furharvest with resident hunting or furharvesting licenses, if they carry evidence identifying them as active-duty military personnel.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must complete an approved hunter education course before hunting in Kansas. Anyone under 27 years old must carry their hunter education card while hunting. Students must be at least 11 years old to be certified. Youth 12-15 who have completed hunter education may hunt without adult supervision (except during youth seasons when adult supervision is required regardless of hunter education).

Exceptions include youth 15 and younger who may hunt without hunter education while directly supervised by an adult 18 or older. Anyone 16 or older who has not completed hunter education may purchase up to two apprentice hunting licenses. An apprentice license is valid one year from date of purchase, and the holder must be under the direct supervision of a licensed adult 18 or older when hunting. Hunter education is not required while hunting one's own land.

Duplicate certificates are provided at no cost at KDWP regional, district and state park offices or by calling (620) 672-0773.

TRESPASS

It is illegal to hunt, shoot, or trap on private land without the owner's permission. Hunting from public roads requires permission of the landowner adjacent to the side of the road being hunted. No hunting is allowed from state or federal highways. Railroad rights-of-way require permission from the railroad.

Written permission is required to enter land posted with hunting and/or trapping “Written Permission Only” signs, or land having trees or fence posts painted purple. It is illegal and dangerous to mount blinds or treestands on power poles, whether they appear abandoned or not.

GIVING, RECEIVING GAME

Game given to another person must be accompanied by the donor's name, address, license, transaction or permit number, and signature, as well as the date of donation. Contact KDWP for suggested donation form.

SELLING GAME MEAT

It is illegal to sell wild game meat. This includes the sale of game at banquets or charitable events. Furbearer meat may be sold. (See “Disposing of Furbearers,” Page 42.)

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:
• using drugs, chemicals, or any chemical compound as part of or in conjunction with broadband arrows to take game;
• shooting at, killing, or pursuing game from a motorboat, airplane, motor vehicle, or other water, air, or land vehicle unless such person holds a valid handicapped hunting permit; exceptions include hunting waterfowl from a boat with motor shut off or sail turreled and progress ceased. Coyotes may be pursued with a vehicle;
• using two-way radios or cell phones in any manner for the purpose of pursuing, chasing, or hunting game animals or furbearing animals, or to give information concerning the location of big game by radio or mechanical means;
• using live decoys;
• using electronic calls, except for hunting coyotes, furbears, crows, or light geese during the conservation order;
• throwing or casting the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on any highway, roadway, field, grassland, woodland, or forest for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any wildlife species while having in possession any archery, firearms, or other implement whereby wildlife could be taken, unless hunting coyotes (see Pages 42-43 for restrictions). Hand-held, battery-powered flashlights, hat lamps, or hand-held lanterns may be used with .17 and .22 rimfire rifles and handguns to take trapped furbears, trapped coyotes, or furbears tresteed by dogs;
• shooting at migratory doves, quail, pheasants, and prairie chickens unless they are in flight; shooting at turkeys unless they are on the ground or in flight; and
• using a drone for hunting, locating wounded or harvested game or taking fish. A drone can be used to scout on land not owned or managed by KDWP. However, hunting is not allowed on the same day the aerial scouting occurs.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Approved non-toxic shot is required when hunting ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, snipe, rails, gallinules, sandhill cranes and moorhens. Non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting on the following wildlife areas (WA) and national wildlife refuges (NWR):
- Benedictine Bottoms WA
- Cheyenne Bottoms WA
- Cherokee Lowlands WA
- Flint Hills NWR
- Gurley Salt Marsh WA
- Herron Playa WA
- Isabel Wetlands WA
- Jamestown WA
- Kirwin NWR
- Marais des Cygnes NWR
- Marais des Cygnes WA
- McPherson Wetlands WA
- Neosho WA
- Otter Creek WA
- Quivira NWR
- Slate Creek WA
- Stein Playa WA
- Talmo Marsh WA
- Texas Lake WA
- Wild Turkey Playa WA, and other areas as posted.
## GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION

### WANTON WASTE

Hunters must attempt to find any game crippled or killed. Retrieved animals must be kept until they are eaten, taken to a taxidermist or processor, given away, or transported to the hunter’s residence.

### SALVAGE OF GAME ANIMALS

Dead game animals and furbears may be possessed in season with proper licenses and within legal limits. Dead big game animals and wild turkeys may be possessed outside of the season with KDWPT salvage tags. Antlers may not be cut off roadkills or found skulls and possessed without this tag.

### PRAIRIE DOGS

Kansas residents are not required to have a hunting license to hunt prairie dogs. Nonresidents must have a nonresident hunting license to hunt prairie dogs. They may be hunted statewide and there is no closed season or bag limits. Most prairie dogs are found in the western-most Kansas counties, particularly in the northwest. Nearly all huntable prairie dog towns are located on private land, and access requires landowner permission. The best way to locate prairie dog towns is through satellite images. Once a large town is located, landowner contacts may be found through a rural plat map.

### OFFICER CHECKS

Law enforcement officers may enter fields and lands to check hunting licenses and bag limits. Hunters must be in immediate possession of their licenses and permits or have them stored on a mobile unit in their possession and allow an officer to inspect license and permits, as well as any wildlife in their possession.

### REPTILES/OTHER SPECIES

Kansas residents do not need a hunting license to take moles or gophers. Unless exempt, a hunting license is required to take ground squirrels, woodchucks, kangaroo rats, wood rats, armadillos, porcupines, feral pigeons, starlings, house sparrows, rodents, and certain amphibians and reptiles. Season is open year-round. There is no possession limit except on amphibians and reptiles—five of any one species. The take of bullfrogs, common snapping turtles, and soft-shell turtles requires a fishing license and is covered under fishing regulations.

### NEW FOR 2020-2021

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<th>Fall Turkey Season</th>
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<td>The 2020 Fall Turkey Season is Oct. 1-Nov. 10.</td>
<td>E-licenses, e-permits, e-tags and electronic harvest reporting are now available through KDWPT’s “HuntFish KS” mobile app.</td>
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<td>Sandhill Crane Hunting Zones</td>
<td>Big Game Quartering/Proof of Sex</td>
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<td>Two sandhill crane hunting zones have been established – a West Zone and a Central Zone. Season dates are as follows: West Zone: Oct. 17, 2020-Dec. 13, 2020, and Central Zone: Nov. 11, 2020-Jan. 7, 2021.</td>
<td>Big game animals taken with an antlerless-only permit may be quartered in the field provided a portion of the hide with the external genitalia is attached to a quarter.</td>
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<td>Youth, Veteran, Active Military Waterfowl Seasons</td>
<td>Legal Equipment for Coyote Hunting</td>
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<td>Hunters age 15 and younger, veterans, and active military members may hunt waterfowl during the youth seasons. See Page 37.</td>
<td>From Jan. 1 thru March 31, the following may be used for hunting coyotes: Artificial light, scopes and equipment that amplify visible light, and thermal imaging scopes and thermal imaging equipment. However, use of this equipment is not permitted on department lands and waters, including WIHA and IWIHA. Night Vision Equipment Permit required. See Page 42.</td>
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<td>Draw-lock Devices</td>
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<td>A special permit is no longer required to use a draw-lock device on a bow.</td>
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### COMMON CONCERNS

#### DEER
- A hunter may purchase only one antlered deer permit.
- No individual shall copy, reproduce, or possess any hard copy or reproduction of a big game or wild turkey permit or carcass tag. Hunters may possess e-licenses, e-permits and e-tags on a mobile device.
- It is legal to bait deer, turkey, and other non-migratory game animals on private lands. It is not legal to bait while hunting or preparing to hunt on department or WIHA lands.
- Harvested big game and turkey must be properly tagged, or e-tag confirmation number obtained, before moving carcasses or quarters from harvest site.
- No Either-species Antlerless deer permits, which allow the harvest of mule deer does, are available for the 2020-2021 seasons.
- No Whitetail Antlerless Deer permits are valid in Unit 18. 

#### GAME TRANSPORT
- Pheasants being transported must retain a foot, plumage, or some part that identifies the birds as males.
- Migratory game birds (except mourning/white-winged doves) must have one fully-feathered wing or head attached while in transport.

#### EAGLES, HAWKS, OWLS AND SONGBIRDS ARE PROTECTED
- It is illegal to kill or pursue eagles, hawks, owls, or songbirds, or possess their parts, except by special permit. Call (620) 672-5911 for details.

#### DEFINITION OF TAKE
- “Take” means harass, harm, pursue, shoot, wound, kill, molest, trap, capture, collect, catch, possess or otherwise take, or attempt to engage in any such conduct.

#### PUBLIC LANDS
- Target shooting is allowed only at designated shooting ranges. Off-road vehicle use is allowed only by special permit.

#### HOGS
- Feral hogs threaten agricultural crops and native wildlife in several Kansas counties. The state’s goal is to eradicate or reduce the feral swine population to the lowest possible level. Sport hunting is not effective at controlling feral hogs and is illegal. Landowners or legal occupants of the land or their employees may shoot feral hogs on their property without a permit. All other persons wishing to shoot feral swine must have a permit issued from the livestock commissioner at the request of the landowner. For more information, call the Kansas Animal Health Division at (785) 296-2326 or USDA Wildlife Services at (785) 537-6855.

#### HUNTING FROM A VESSEL
- When hunting from a vessel, all boating statutes and regulations apply. See ksoutdoors.com/Boating for a complete list.
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### LICENSE, PERMIT, AND STAMP FEES

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#### Deer – Resident

- **$92.50** Fine-mule Deer-White-tailed (Spring application)
- **$115.00** Mule Deer Stamp (Spring application)
- **$97.50** Hunt-Own-Land
- **$127.50** Youth either sex (15 and younger)
- **$87.50** Nonresident Landowner/Tenant, antlerless (June application deadline)
- **$152.50** Landowner/Tenant, either sex
- **$77.50** Hunt Own Land, antlerless
- **$22.50** Youth Firearm Either-Species (15 and younger)
- **$27.50** Landowner/Tenant Archery Either-Species
- **$22.50** Antlerless-Only
- **$87.50** Nonresident Landowner/Tenant, antlerless (June application deadline)

#### Deer – Nonresident

- **$442.50** White-tailed Combo (Spring application)
- **$512.50** Landowner/Tenant, either sex (June application deadline)
- **$512.50** Nonresident Landowner/Tenant, antlerless (June application deadline)

#### Turkey – Resident

- **$27.50** Resident Permit
- **$157.50** Game Tag (Spring only)
- **$160.00** Landowner/Tenant
- **$7.50** Youth Permit or Game Tag (Spring only)
- **$325.00** Landowner/Tenant Permit/Game Tag Combo (Spring only)
- **$200.00** Landowner/Tenant Permit/Game Tag Combo (Spring only)
- **$10.00** Nonresident Permit/Game Tag Combo (Spring only)

#### Turkey – Nonresident

- **$52.50** Nonresident Permit (Fall only)
- **$66.50** Nonresident Permit (Spring only)
- **$22.50** Game Tag (Spring only)
- **$115.00** Nonresident Permit/Game Tag Combo (Spring only)
- **$87.50** Nonresident Permit/Game Tag Combo (Spring only)
- **$127.50** Nonresident Youth Permit or Game Tag (15 and younger)
- **$87.50** Nonresident Youth Permit (Spring only)
- **$127.50** Nonresident Youth Permit/Game Tag Combo (Spring only)

#### Waterfowl

- **$10.00** State Waterfowl Permit
- **$26.50** Federal Waterfowl Stamp

#### Harvest Information Program (HIP) Permit

- **$2.50** (Required for all migratory birds)

#### Night Vision Equipment Permit

- **$2.50** (Coys only)

#### Fur Harvester

- **$27.50** Resident
- **$412.50** Resident Junior (Youth 15 and younger)

#### Fur Dealer

- **$102.50** Resident
- **$402.50** Nonresident

#### Nonresident Bobcat Hunting Permit

- **$102.50** (1 bobcat per permit)

#### Antelope – Resident

- **$65.00** Fine-mule Deer-White-tailed (Spring application)
- **$52.50** Antlerless-Only
- **$87.50** Nonresident Tenant, antlerless (June application deadline)

#### Antelope – Nonresident

- **$302.50** Nonresident
- **$102.50** Nonresident Antlerless-Only (15 and younger)
- **$87.50** Nonresident Tenant, antlerless (June application deadline)

#### Elk – Residents only

- **$302.50** Resident, either sex
- **$152.50** Landowner/Tenant, either sex
- **$152.50** Resident, antlerless
- **$77.50** Landowner/Tenant, antlerless
- **$77.50** Hunt Own Land, antlerless
- **$125.00** Youth either sex (15 and younger)
- **$52.50** Youth antlerless-Only (15 and younger)
- **$125.00** Hunt Own Land, either sex

#### Greater Prairie Chicken Permit

- **$2.50**

#### Sandhill Cranes

- **$7.50** Resident/Nonresident (Test required)

#### Controlled Shooting Area

- **$27.50**

**LIFETIME LICENSE

Hunting, Fishing or Furharvesting **$502.50** (add $90 if paying quarterly)

Hunting/Fishing Combination **$692.50** (add $90 if paying quarterly)

Senior Hunting/Fishing Combination Lifetime Pass **$422.50** (for residents age 65-74)

### ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Federal law – Title 42, United States Code, Section 666(a)(13) – requires that Social Security numbers be collected to help improve the effectiveness of child support enforcement. The SS number is entered into the system upon first purchase of a license or permit by an individual and then the individual is assigned a unique KDWP'T identification number for use in all subsequent transactions. The SS number is not printed on the license, is not displayed on the vendor's screen when a new license is purchased, and is held in a secure database. Kansas law prohibits persons owing back child support from buying any KDWP'T issuances.

A tenant is any resident or nonresident who is actively engaged in the agricultural operation of 80 acres or more of Kansas farm ground. See Page 17 for details.

### ONLINE PERMITS, AUTOMATION

Kansas hunters may purchase over-the-counter game permits online at kaoutdoors.com, through more than 600 license vendors statewide, or by calling (620) 672-5911.

### DRONE REGULATIONS

Except for designated areas in several Kansas state parks, drone use is prohibited on KDWP'T-owned or managed lands without special permission from KDWP'T Secretary. Within designated operating areas, drones may not be flown over people, structures, campgrounds or beaches.

Drones may not be used for hunting, locating wounded or harvested game or taking fish. A drone can be used to scout on land not owned or managed by KDWP'T. However, hunting is not allowed on the same day the aerial scouting occurs.
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ROOSTER ROUNDUP

The Rooster Roundup Pheasant Contest runs November, when hunting season begins, to January 31st and covers 8 counties. If your bagged bird has one of the leg bands, you must bring the leg band to one of the approved locations to register your band and claim your prize! Drawing for the GRAND PRIZE will take place at the end of the contest. For more information on Rooster Roundup visit www.wildwestcountry.com.

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CONTACT A GAME WARDEN

Anyone who finds evidence of wildlife crime should contact their local game warden. Details of the crime and any other information, such as license tag numbers, dates, and times, should be noted. Local natural resource officers can be contacted through county sheriffs’ offices, by phoning the department’s Operation Game Thief, 1-877-426-3843, or by phoning one of the numbers listed below, for the county in which the crime was witnessed.

Do NOT use these numbers for general information calls. General information may be obtained by phoning the department’s Public Affairs Section, (620) 672-5911, calling KDWPT offices listed in this publication, or online at www.ksoutdoors.com.

If you’re an active outdoorsman or woman, or just concerned about conservation in your area, get to know your local game warden. They protect the resource in your area. The following list of game warden numbers and the counties for which they are responsible is provided to help concerned citizens curb wildlife crime in Kansas:

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GAME BIRDS

GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN

Early Season (Greater Prairie Chicken Unit): Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2020. (See map)
Daily Bag Limit: 2

Regular Season (Greater Prairie Chicken Unit): Nov. 21, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021
Daily Bag Limit: 2
Southwest Unit: CLOSED TO PRAIRIE CHICKEN HUNTING

Greater prairie chicken hunters must purchase a $2.50 prairie chicken permit before hunting. The permit will allow a random sample of permit holders to be surveyed after the season to assess hunting activity and success. Survey data helps KDWPT biologists determine harvest estimates and distributions.

SMALL GAME

Methods Of Take: Shotguns no larger than 10 gauge with shot only; centerfire, rimfire rifles and handguns (fully automatic weapons illegal); muzzleloading shotguns, rifles, and pistols; cap and ball pistols; pellet guns; BB guns; bows and crossbows; sling shots (not legal for crow); falconry; lures, decoys except live decoys, and calls, including electric calls.

Box traps are legal for rabbits during legal shooting hours, except that they are legal 24 hours a day March 1 - Nov. 1.
Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

SQUIRREL (GRAY, FOX)

Season: June 1, 2020-Feb. 28, 2021
Area Open: Statewide
Limit: Daily bag limit: 5
Possession Limit: 20

RABBIT/HARE (COTTONTAIL, JACKRABBIT)

Season: All year
Area Open: Statewide
Limit: Daily bag limit: 10
Possession Limit: 30

PHEASANT

Season: Nov. 14, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021
Youth Season: Nov. 7-8, 2020
Area: Statewide
Daily Bag Limit: 4 cocks (2 in youth season)
Possession Limit: Four times the daily bag limit.

QUAIL (BOBWHITE, SCALED)

Season: Nov. 14, 2020-Jan. 31, 2021
Youth Season: Nov. 7-8, 2020
Area Open: Statewide
Daily Bag Limit: 8, single species or in combination (4 in youth season)

WEAR BLAZE ORANGE

Swinging on game is the number one cause of hunting accidents in Kansas. Studies have shown that wearing blaze orange reduces the risk of upland bird hunting accidents.

SAFE HUNTING RULES

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Control the gun's muzzle at all times.
3. Guns not in use should be unloaded and stored with the actions open.
4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that only the proper ammunition is carried.
5. Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.
6. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger, and always know what is beyond the target.
7. Never climb a fence or tree or cross an obstacle with a loaded gun, and never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.
8. Never shoot at water or a flat, hard surface.
9. Store guns and ammunition separately, out of reach of people unfamiliar with safe gun handling.
10. NEVER handle a firearm or attempt to hunt while you are affected by alcohol or drugs.
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Dogs may NOT be used while hunting turkeys during the spring turkey season. Dogs may be used in the fall season only.

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 and game tags are valid immediately after purchase.

Turkey permits and game tags are valid only in units designated on permits or tags. (See unit map below.)

Individuals who possess a turkey permit and a turkey game tag may harvest both turkeys the same day.

A valid Kansas hunting license is required in addition to a permit or game tag, unless exempt by law.

**LEGAL EQUIPMENT**

Legal equipment includes 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 drawlock 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.

**2020 FALL TURKEY**

Season: Oct. 1-Nov. 10, 2020

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Legal Equipment: Shotguns using shot sizes 2-9; long, recurve or compound bows and crossbows.

Permit Limit: Each hunter may obtain no more than one turkey permit, which is valid in units 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Fall turkey permits are valid for both male and female turkeys.

Dogs may be used in fall season.

Bag Limit: One turkey, either sex, per permit.

**2021 SPRING TURKEY**

Youth/Disabled Season: April 1-13, 2021

Archery Season: April 5-13, 2021

Regular Season: April 14-May 31, 2021

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Legal Equipment: Shotguns using shot sizes 2-9; long, recurve or compound bows and crossbows.

Permit Limit: Each hunter may obtain no more than one turkey permit, which is valid in units 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Game tags, which allow the take of a second turkey, are valid in Units 1 and 2 only.

Bag Limit: One turkey with a visible beard per permit or game tag.

**UNIT 4 PERMITS (BY DRAW ONLY)**

Spring turkey permits for Unit 4 are issued through a drawing. The limited number of Unit 4 permits issued are also valid in
adjacent units 1, 2 and 5. Fifty percent of the permits allocated for Unit 4 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. 12, 2021.

Unit 4 application fees are as follows:
- Resident General: $32.50
- Resident Landowner/Resident Tenant: $20.00
- Resident General Combo Permit/Game Tag: $42.50
- Resident Landowner/Resident Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag: $25.00
- Nonresident Tenant: $37.50
- Nonresident Tenant Combo Permit/Game Tag: $50.00
- Preference Point only: $7.50

Fees include a $7.50 nonrefundable application fee. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund check and be issued a preference point. If you do not want to apply for a permit and instead wish to purchase a preference point only, you may do so online at kshuntfishcamp.com by selecting Spring Turkey Preference Point Application. Only one preference point may be obtained per year.

Youth 15 and younger are eligible to purchase turkey permits at a reduced price, which are valid statewide, including Unit 4.

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**TURKEY**

**POST-HARVEST INSTRUCTIONS**

At the time of purchase, hunters will have the option of paper carcass tags or e-tags.

**Paper tags:** Sign permit prior to hunting to validate it. After an animal is killed, 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 a non-waterproof paper tag, place it in a clear plastic bag and attach it to the leg of the animal with a zip-tie or other attachment.

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.

The beard of a turkey taken in the spring season and transport only meat.

**E-tags:** Hunters who choose e-tags will keep the turkey permit and e-tag on their mobile device. To validate an e-tag when a bird is killed, open the “HuntFishKS” mobile app and record the date and time of kill and enter a photograph of the entire carcass with sufficient clarity to show its beard (if it was taken in the spring). Once the data and photo are submitted, a confirmation number will be displayed within the app and must be kept on the mobile device during transport and retained by the hunter until the meat is consumed, given to another or otherwise disposed of. An e-tag confirmation number will work the same as electronic registration for a hunter wanting to bone out a turkey during the spring season and transport only meat.

**DISTANCES FROM WICHITA**

The following is a list of east and west distances from Wichita of a few cities. These distances are approximate and should serve as a frame of reference for hunters statewide. Check a Kansas highway map for more detailed information.

**Cities East of Wichita . . . . . Distance**

| Junction City, El Dorado | 27 miles |
| Manhattan | 39 miles |
| Emporia | 62 miles |
| Topeka | 85 miles |
| Pittsburg | 142 miles |

**Cities West of Wichita . . . . . Distance**

| Pratt, Great Bend | 78 miles |
| Greensburg, Hays | 110 miles |
| Dodge City | 148 miles |
| Garden City, Liberal, Oakley | 198 miles |
• Big game and turkey permits purchased during the open season are valid immediately after purchase.
• Deer hunters may purchase only one permit that allows the harvest of an antlered deer.
• Permits are not transferable.
• Shooting hours for big game are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All individuals, regardless of land ownership and age, must possess valid permits or tags to hunt big game or turkeys. In addition, a valid Kansas hunting license is required unless exempt by Kansas law (See “License Exemptions” on Page 6). There is no minimum age to hunt big game. Permits and tags may restrict hunting to specific species and unit(s) or zone boundaries listed on the permit. Consult boundary maps included in this brochure before hunting.

HUNT-OWN-LAND PERMITS

These permits shall be valid only on lands owned or lands leased for agricultural purposes. See Page 17 for complete definitions of who qualifies for these permits.

REPLACEMENT PERMITS

No individual shall copy, reproduce, or possess any hard copy or reproduction of a big game or wild turkey permit or carcass tag. Hunters may possess e-licenses, e-permits and e-tags on a mobile device. In the event of loss or theft, replacement big game permits and turkey permits may be obtained from any KDWPT office, license agent for the fee of $2.50. Duplicate permits may be obtained online at no charge. If you harvest any big game or turkey that is not edible, a replacement permit will not be issued.

REFUNDS

Permit refunds can be issued for the following reasons: (1) death of the applicant prior to the season of use; (2) unknowing duplication of specific issue (does not include duplication contrary to law or regulation); (3) permit 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; and (5) by direction of a court order or at the direction of a prosecuting attorney. Permit refunds will not be granted once the legal season for that permit has opened.

BIG GAME AND TURKEY

Deer and elk taken with an antlerless-only permit must be transported with the visible sex organs naturally attached to the carcass or a quartered portion of the carcass, and turkeys taken during the spring season must be transported with the beard attached.

However, for hunters who want to bone out the meat in the field, use an e-tag or the voluntary option that allows hunters to register their harvested deer, elk or spring turkey through the Internet, using photos taken at the harvest site, then transport without evidence of sex. This is not a telephone check system, and it is not required unless you want to transport your deer or elk taken with an antlerless only permit without the head attached or a spring turkey without the beard attached to the breast. Once a hunter has photographs necessary for registration later or a confirmation number obtained over the Internet, the hunter may then transport the carcass without evidence of sex attached. For complete directions on this process, go online to koutdoors.com and click “Hunting/Big Game/Deer/Deer Check-in.”

ASSISTANCE TO BIG GAME PERMIT HOLDERS

A Kansas hunting license is required (unless exempt by Kansas law) to herd or drive big game and wild turkeys for a permit holder. 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 an animal wounded by the disabled permit holder. For more information, or for a disabled assistance application, contact the KDWPT Pratt Operations Office, (620) 672-5911, and ask for Law Enforcement.

BLINDS AND STANDS ON PUBLIC LANDS AND WIHA

Blinds and stands may be used on department lands, subject to posted requirements and under the following conditions: (1) stands may not be placed more than 14 days prior to the season and shall be removed within 14 days of the close of the season; (2) ladders, screw-in metal steps, and steps attached by ropes, cables, or chains may be used to access stands and must be removed with the stand; (3) natural blinds may be used and shall be constructed of natural herbaceous materials or woody debris present on site; (4) any person may use these stands if not occupied; (5) only two portable blinds or stands per department-owned or managed area are allowed per individual holding a permit; (6) portable blinds and stands must be marked with the owner’s name and address or KDWPT number; (7) portable blinds may not be left unattended overnight; and (8) any stand not conforming to the requirements may be removed or destroyed by department staff.

LOCATING BIG GAME ANIMALS WITH DOGS

Dogs may be used to locate dead or wounded big game animals with the following restrictions: each dog shall be maintained on a hand-held leash at all times; an individual tracking big game animals outside of legal shooting hours shall not carry equipment capable of harvesting the big game animal; and each individual harvesting a big game animal shall be limited to the equipment type for the permit and season that is authorized. Each individual participating in the tracking of a big game animal shall have a hunting license, unless the individual is exempt by law. To find individuals with trained blood tracking dogs, go to www.unitedbloodtrackers.org.

MILITARY INFORMATION

Smoky Hill ANG Range

Hunting on Smoky Hill ANG Range is open only to military and retired military personnel who have attended a training class and who possess a deer permit valid in Unit 4.

Fort Riley

Hunters with valid unit permits must possess a limited access permit to hunt on Fort Riley. For season dates, fact sheets and more, call (785) 239-6211 or visit www.fortriley.sportsman.net. Fort Riley military reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time, without prior notice, due to military activities. The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting seasons. All hunters are required to register their firearms prior to hunting on the military reservation, and are required to check-in/out.

Fort Leavenworth

Deer hunting at Fort Leavenworth is open only to military and retired military personnel who have attended a training class and who possess a deer permit valid in Unit 10. For more information, contact the post hunting coordinator at (913) 684-1703.

Fort Leavenworth military installation, which is adjacent to the Unit 19 deer unit boundary, has been declared an urban deer unit. Unit 19 deer season dates apply to hunters hunting on the military installation. As many as five Antlerless-only Whitetail Deer permits for Unit 10A may be purchased for use on Fort Leavenworth.
GENERAL BIG GAME INFORMATION

LEGAL EQUIPMENT

Firearm permit holders may hunt with any legal equipment during the firearm season. Muzzleloader permit holders may only hunt with muzzleloading or archery equipment during the muzzleloader and firearm seasons. Archery permit holders may only use archery equipment during the archery season, even during days that overlap the muzzleloader or regular firearm season.

FIREFARMS

Legal firearms include centerfire rifles and handguns that are not fully automatic, using only hard-cast solid lead, soft point, hollow point, tumble-on-impact, or other expanding bullets; any gauge shotgun using only slugs.

MUZZLELOADERS

Legal muzzleloaders include rifles, pistols or muskets that can be loaded only through the front of the firing chamber with separate components and that fire a bullet of .40 inch or larger, using hard-cast solid lead, conical lead, saboted, or tumble-on-impact bullets.

ARCHERY

Legal archery equipment includes long-bows, 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; radio-frequency location devices; and draw-lock devices. Arrows used for hunting big game must be equipped with broadhead points that when fully expanded cannot pass through a ring 3/4-inch in diameter. Non-broadhead arrows may be possessed while hunting but may not be used to take big game. Devices capable of dispensing chemicals may not be used.

ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

Lures, decoys and non-electric calls may be used while hunting big game. Hunters may use blinds and stands. 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. Horses and mules shall not be used for herding or driving big game. Firearm report-suppression devices may be used with proper permits. Handguns may be possessed during all big game seasons. However, only handguns specified as legal equipment for firearms or muzzleloader seasons may be used for big game hunting.

Ethical hunters select equipment most effective for their capabilities, the game they hunt and the style of hunting they prefer. Hunters should consider muzzle velocity, kinetic energy, bullet type, recoil and accuracy when selecting equipment that is adequate for the game hunted.

PERMIT CLASSES

GENERAL RESIDENT

A resident is defined as any person who has continuously lived in Kansas for 60 days immediately preceding the person's application for a hunting license or permit. 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 regardless of duty station. 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 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.

LANDOWNER/TENANT

A landowner is any resident who owns 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land. When applying for a landowner/tenant permit, land owned must be in the unit applying for. A tenant is any resident or nonresident who is 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 (A) has 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, (B) is 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. Evidence of tenancy, if requested, shall be provided to the department.

Members of the immediate family who are domiciled with a resident landowner or tenant may apply for a resident big game permit as landowners or as a tenants, but at least 80 acres must be owned by such landowner or operated by such tenant for each individual applying as a landowner or as a tenant.

HUNT-ON-YOUR-OWN-LAND

Hunt-On-Your-Own-Land permits are valid for either species during any season with equipment legal for that season, and only on lands owned and operated for agricultural purposes. This permit is available to individuals who qualify as landowners, tenants, nonresident landowners or family members living with a resident landowner or tenant.

See “Deer Permit Purchasing Guide” at www.ksoutdoors.com

NONRESIDENT LANDOWNER

To qualify as a nonresident landowner, a person must own farm or ranch land in simple ownership with their name on the deed. Property held in a trust, LLC, partnership, or other legal entity is owned by that legal entity. Permits on properties owned by a legal entity are available only to tenants who either farm at least 80 acres, or manage an 80 acre or larger farm that produces an agricultural commodity such as crops or cattle. Serving as a board member, trustee, non managing partner or other such position does not qualify a person for a Kansas landowner deer permit. For details, phone (620) 672-5911 and ask for Law Enforcement.

NONRESIDENT

Anyone who doesn’t qualify in the definitions above.

YOUTH

Resident and nonresident youth who are 15 and younger qualify for reduced price youth big game permits.

Special hunt-own-land deer permits may be issued to a resident landowner’s or tenant’s siblings and lineal ascendants or descendants, and their spouses, whether or not a Kansas resident. Evidence of ownership or tenancy, and sibling or lineal ascending or descending relationship, if requested, shall be provided to the department.
KANSAS DEER MANAGEMENT

Harvesting female deer is the most effective way to control deer where deer numbers exceed people’s tolerance due to damages or disturbances they may cause. Hunting may also be used to control deer problems and maintain a population that habitat supports.

Deer adapt to hunting pressure and find areas where they can evade hunters. In some cases, those areas are created because a particular landowner desires to restrict or prohibit hunter access. Protected areas serve as refuges and may result in future herd increases and higher deer damage on adjacent or other properties where protected deer spend time when hunting season is closed.

Landowners have several options for controlling deer on their property: 1) allow or increase hunting; 2) encourage hunters to harvest antlerless deer; 3) contact KDWPT at (620) 672-5911 for the hunter referral list; or 4) apply for deer control permits that may be used when damage occurs while normal hunting seasons are closed.

LEGAL DEFINITIONS

White-tailed Either-sex Deer: any buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed deer.
Either-species/Either-sex Deer: any buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer.
Antlerless-Only White-tailed Deer: any white-tailed deer without a visible antler plainly protruding from the skull.
Antlerless-only Deer: any white-tailed or mule deer without a visible antler plainly protruding from the skull.

APPLICATIONS (RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT)

Resident Firearm Either-Species/Either-Sex permits and nonresident antlered permits and are available through online application only. The application includes a $10 nonrefundable application fee for residents and $25 nonrefundable application fee for nonresidents. Unsuccessful applicants will earn a preference point for the following year’s draw. The application deadline for Resident Firearm Either-species/Either-sex permits is June 11, 2021. The application deadline for nonresident antlered permits is April 30, 2021.

MILITARY BASE DEER SEASONS

Fort Leavenworth Firearm: Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21-22, Nov. 26-29, Dec. 5-6, and Dec. 12-13, 2020
Smoky Hill Air National Guard Subunit Firearm: Dec. 2-13, 2020
Fort Riley Firearm: Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 15-23, 2020
Fort Riley Archery: Sept. 14-Dec. 31, 2020
Fort Riley Youth/Disabled: Oct. 10-12, 2020

Shooting Hours:
One-half hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
SEASON DESCRIPTIONS

YOUTH AND DISABLED (Sept. 5-13)
Youth 16 and younger, who possess a valid deer permit, may hunt during this special firearm deer season — using equipment listed on permit — only while under the immediate supervision of an adult 18 or older. Any person who possesses a valid deer permit 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 during this season. All resident and nonresident permits are valid, and equipment restrictions designated on permits apply. Hunter orange required.

MUZZLELOADER (Sept. 14-27)
The following permits may be used during this season in units specified on permit, using muzzleloader or archery equipment: resident or nonresident Muzzleloader Either-species/ Either-sex permit, resident Any-Season White-tailed Deer permit, nonresident Muzzleloader White-tailed Deer permit, Hunt-Own-Land permit, Special Hunt-Own-Land permit, and Whitetail Antlerless Only Deer permit. Hunter orange required.

ARCHERY (Sept. 14-Dec. 31)
The following permits may be used during this season in units specified on permit, using archery equipment only: resident or nonresident Archery Either-species/ Either-sex permit, resident Any-Season White-tailed Deer permit, nonresident Archery White-tailed Deer permit, Hunt-Own-Land permit, Special Hunt-Own-Land permit, and Whitetail Antlerless-only permit. Resident archery Either-species/ Either-sex permits are valid statewide; nonresident archery permits are valid in up to two deer management units listed on permit. Unfilled 2020 permits may be used in the DMU 19 extended archery season for antlerless whitetails. Hunter orange clothing is required during dates of open muzzleloader and firearm deer seasons.

PRE-RUT FIREARM
WHITETAIL ANTLERLESS (Oct. 10-12)
Any permit that allows the harvest of a whitetailed antlerless deer is valid during this season. Equipment and unit restrictions on permit imposed. Hunter orange clothing is required.

REGULAR FIREARM (Dec. 2-13)
The following permits may be used during this season in units specified on permit: resident or nonresident Muzzleloader Either-species/ Either-sex permit (muzzleloader, archery equipment), nonresident Muzzleloader White-tailed Deer permit (muzzleloading, archery equipment only), resident Any-Season White-tailed Deer permit (statewide), nonresident Firearm White-tailed Deer permit, Hunt-Own-Land permit, Special Hunt-Own-Land permit, and Whitetail Antlerless Only permit. Hunter orange clothing is required. (The archery season remains open, but archery permit holders may only hunt with archery equipment and must wear hunter orange.)

WHO MAY HUNT IN UNIT 19
• Unit 9, 10, 11, and 14 permit holders, with permit season and equipment restrictions.
• Archery permit holders during the regular archery season: the Extended Firearm Whitetail Antlerless-only season, Jan. 1-24, 2021; and the Extended Archery Whitetail Antlerless-only season, Jan. 25-31, 2021. Hunter orange is required of all deer hunters during any firearm season. State-owned and state-managed lands, excluding WIHA, are not included in Unit 19.
• Holders of Hunt-Own-Land permits valid in Unit 19, during any season with legal equipment.
• Holders of Whitetail Antlerless-only permits, during any season with legal equipment.
• Holders of Any-season/ Either-sex Whitetail permits, during any season with legal equipment.
**DEER**

**WHITETAIL ANTLERLESS ONLY UNITS**

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**EXTENDED FIREARM WHITETAIL ANTLERLESS ONLY**

Jan. 1-10, 2021 (DMU 6, 8, 9, 10, and 17)

Jan. 1-17, 2021 (DMU 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14 and 16)

Jan. 1-24, 2021 (DMU 10A, 12, 13, 15 and 19)

Any unfilled 2020 deer permit valid in units open may be used during the extended whitetail antlerless-only seasons. Resident Either-species/Either-sex permits valid for the East or West zones are valid for an antlerless white-tailed deer only in units listed on the permit.

Any legal equipment may be used to take a white-tailed deer without a visible antler plainly protruding from its skull during the extended season. A valid Kansas hunting license is required, unless exempt by Kansas law. Hunter orange clothing is required.

**EXTENDED ARCHERY WHITETAIL ANTLERLESS ONLY (DMU 10A and 19) (Jan. 25-31, 2021)**

The following unfilled permits are valid during this season using archery equipment only for antlerless whitetails. Resident and non-resident Archery Either-species/Either-sex permit, nonresident Archery White-tailed Deer permit, resident Any-Season White-tailed Deer permit, Hunt-Own-Land Permit valid within units 19 and 10A, Special Hunt-Own-Land permit valid within units 19 and 10A, and Whitetail Antlerless Only Deer permit. A valid hunting license is required, unless exempt by Kansas law. Unit 10A is Ft. Leavenworth and is open only to active and retired military staff.

**TRANSFERRING FISH OR GAME TO ANOTHER PERSON**

Stay legal. Make sure you provide the following information with each transfer.

- Hunting/fishing license, transaction, or big game permit number
- Person Giving Fish/Game
- Person Receiving Fish/Game
- Date Taken
- Date Transferred
- Fish/Game Type and Quantity
- Signature of Giver
- Address of Giver

*A hunter education card number or date of birth may be substituted for a hunting license number for hunters under 16 years of age.*
**DEER**

**PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS** (Hunting restricted to units listed on permits.)

**RESIDENT ANY-SEASON WHITE-TAILED DEER**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed deer
Any-season White-tailed Deer permits are valid statewide in any season with equipment legal for that season. Available over the counter through **Dec. 30** to residents and landowner/tenants only.

**RESIDENT FIREARM EITHER-SPECIES/EITHER-SEX (application online only)**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer
Firearm Either-species/Either-sex Deer permits are valid either in the West Zone or in the East Zone (see map on Page 19) during the regular firearm season using any legal equipment. Available to residents and landowners/tenants by draw only (deadline to apply is **June 11, 2021**).

**RESIDENT MUZZLELOADER EITHER-SPECIES/EITHER-SEX**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer
Muzzleloader Either-species/Either-sex Deer permits are valid either in the West Zone or in the East Zone (see map on Page 19) during the muzzleloader-only and regular firearm seasons using muzzleloading or archery equipment. Available over the counter through **Dec. 30** to residents and landowner/tenants only.

**RESIDENT ARCHERY EITHER-SPECIES/EITHER-SEX**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer
Resident Archery Either-species/Either-sex Deer permits are valid statewide with archery equipment during archery season. Available over the counter through **Dec. 30** to residents and landowner/tenants only.

**NONRESIDENT MUZZLELOADER WHITE-TAILED DEER COMBO (application online only)**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed deer AND one (1) white-tailed antlerless deer
Nonresident Muzzleloader White-tailed Deer Combo permits are available only by draw (deadline to apply is **April 30, 2021**) and are valid for two adjacent units listed on permit during the muzzleloader-only and regular firearm seasons. Nonresidents receiving a Muzzleloader White-tailed Deer permit in Deer Management Unit 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 17 or 18 may also apply for one of a limited number of Mule Deer Stamps. If drawn, their permit becomes a Nonresident Muzzleloader Either-species/Either-sex with a bag limit of one (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer in two designated adjacent units listed on permit. If the hunter selects an adjacent unit not listed above, the permit is valid for a white-tailed buck, doe, or fawn in that unit. The permit is still valid for either species in the original unit.

**NONRESIDENT FIREARM WHITE-TAILED DEER COMBO (application online only)**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed deer AND one (1) white-tailed antlerless deer
Nonresident Firearm White-tailed Deer permits are available only by draw (deadline to apply is **April 30, 2021**) and are valid in unit selected and one adjacent unit listed on permit during the regular firearm season.

**HUNT-OWN LAND**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer
Hunt-Own-Land permits are valid for any season with equipment legal for that season, and only on lands owned and operated for agricultural purposes. This permit is available to individuals who qualify as landowners, tenants, nonresident landowners or as family members living with a resident landowner or tenant. This permit is not transferable.

**SPECIAL HUNT-OWN-LAND**
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn white-tailed or mule deer
This permit may be issued to a resident landowner's or tenant's siblings and lineal ascendants or descendants, or their spouses, whether or not Kansas residents. (For example, a grandson or his wife, daughter or her husband, a parent, or a brother or his wife would be eligible for this permit. A landowner's or tenant's uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or cousin are not eligible for this permit.) The permit is valid only on lands owned or operated by the landowner or tenant, and may be used in any season with equipment legal for that season. Permits are limited to one per 80 acres owned or operated. A nonresident hunting with this permit must have a nonresident hunting license.

**WHITETAIL ANTLERLESS ONLY**
Bag Limit: One (1) white-tailed deer without a visible antler protruding from skull
Hunter who possesses a permit that allows the taking of an antlered deer may purchase as many as five (5) Antlerless White-tailed Deer permits. The first Whitetail Antlerless-only permit purchased is valid statewide except DMU 18, including all public lands and WIHA. Up to four additional such permits may be issued to the same individual and are valid only in units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10A, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19 on private land with landowner permission, on Walk-In Hunting Areas, and on Glen Elder, Kanopolis, Lovewell, Norton, Webster and Wilson wildlife areas and Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge. All Whitetail Antlerless Only permits are valid during any season with equipment legal for that season.

**YOUTH PERMITS (15 and younger)**
Reduced price youth permits are valid for the seasons specified on the permit. In addition, they are valid during the September youth/disabled season. During the youth season, hunters 16 and younger may hunt under adult supervision. However, hunters who are 16 are not eligible for the youth-priced permits.
ANTELOPE

SEASONS, DEADLINES

Application Deadline: Firearm and muzzleloader (residents only) Second Friday in June


Muzzleloader Season: Sept. 28-Oct. 5, 2020

Firearm Season: Oct. 2-5, 2020

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Bag Limit: One antelope, either sex.

APPLICATIONS (RESIDENT)

Firearm and muzzleloader antelope permits are available to residents only, by drawing through online application. Applications for the 2020 Antelope Season were due June 12, 2020. Applications for the 2021 Antelope Season are due June 11, 2021. There is a nonrefundable application fee for unsuccessful applicants ($11.00 plus processing fee). Unsuccessful applicants will earn a preference point for the following year’s draw. Applicants can view draw results online two to four weeks after the close of the application period. Results are posted at ksoutdoors.com at the same location as application. Successful applicants should receive permits four to six weeks after application deadline.

PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS

ARCHERY (resident and nonresident)
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn antelope

Archery permits are valid during archery season only. Permits are unlimited (one per hunter) and may be purchased over-the-counter or online by residents and nonresidents.

RESIDENT MUZZLELOADER (online application only)
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn antelope

Muzzleloader permits are valid in unit specified on permit during muzzleloader-only and regular firearm seasons using muzzleloading or archery equipment. Only Kansas residents or tenants may apply for this permit.

RESIDENT FIREARM (online application only)
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn antelope

Firearm permits are valid in unit specified on permit during firearm season using legal archery, muzzleloader or firearm equipment. Only Kansas residents or tenants may apply for this permit.

LANDOWNER/TENANT (online application only)
Bag limit: One (1) buck, doe, or fawn antelope

Half of the antelope permits in each unit are allocated to landowner/tenants. Applicant must qualify as a landowner or as a tenant, as defined on Page 17, in the unit or units in which the applicant applies. Members of the immediate family who are domiciled with a landowner or tenant may apply for a resident antelope 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 individual applying. Equipment and unit restrictions listed on permit apply.

GENERAL RESIDENT
Anyone who qualifies as a Kansas resident as defined on Page 17.

YOUTH PERMITS (15 and younger)
Youth permits are available at reduced prices and are valid for seasons specified on the permit.
Most elk in Kansas are found on the 100,000-acre Fort Riley Military Reservation where a free-ranging herd of wild elk provides limited hunting opportunities, allocated by a lottery drawing. Permits issued through the drawing are divided between military personnel stationed on the fort and Kansas general residents, and those permits are valid in elk management units 2, 2A and 3. Both Either-sex Elk and Antlerless-only Elk permits are allocated. The state is divided into three elk hunting units. Unit 1 is an area of Morton County where no elk hunting is currently allowed. Unit 2 is an area around Fort Riley, including parts of Clay, Dickinson, Riley and Geary counties. Unit 2A is the Fort Riley reservation. Unit 3 is the remaining part of the state.

Once a hunter receives an Either-sex Elk permit in the drawing, he or she is not eligible to apply for an Either-sex Elk permit again. A hunter who receives an Antlerless-only Elk permit in the drawing is not eligible to apply for another antlerless-only permit for a five-year period. Unsuccessful applicants will receive bonus points to increase odds of drawing in subsequent drawings. An unlimited number of Hunt-Own-Land Either-sex Elk and Antlerless-only Elk permits are available over the counter for units 2 and 3.

An unlimited number of resident and landowner/tenant elk permits valid only in Unit 3 are available over the counter. Wild elk exist in Unit 3, but it is advisable to locate and obtain access to elk prior to purchasing a permit.

**LEGAL DEFINITIONS FOR ELK**

- Any-Elk: any bull, spike, cow, or calf elk.
- Antlerless-only Elk: any elk without a visible antler plainly protruding from the skull.

**SEASONS OUTSIDE FORT RILEY**

*STATEWIDE EXCEPT MORTON COUNTY*

- **Muzzleloader Season:** Sept. 1-30, 2020
- **Archery Season:** Sept. 1-30, 2020
- **Firearm Seasons:** Aug 1-31, 2020 and Dec. 2-13, 2020 and Jan. 1-March 15, 2021

**APPLICATIONS (RESIDENTS ONLY)**

Fort Riley elk permits are allocated by drawing through online application only. Applicants who do not have internet access can make application by calling (620) 672-0728. There is a $12.50 non-refundable application fee. Unsuccessful applicants will earn a bonus point for subsequent years’ drawings. Application deadline is June 11, 2021. Applicants can view draw results online two to four weeks after the close of the application period at ksoutdoors.com at the same location application was made. Successful applicants should receive permits four to six weeks after application deadline.

**SEASONS ON FORT RILEY**

- **Muzzleloader & Archery Season:** Sept. 1-30, 2020
- **Either Sex Firearm Season:** Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2020
- **Antlerless Only Firearm:**
  - First Segment, Oct. 1-31, 2020
  - Second Segment, Nov. 1-30, 2020
  - Third Segment, Dec. 1-31, 2020

See permit for season eligibility.

**PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS (UNITS 2 & 3)**

- **ANY-ELK** (general resident, landowner/tenant, hunt-own-land)
  - Bag limit: One (1) bull, spike, cow, or calf elk
    - Permit is valid during any season and using equipment authorized for that season.

- **ANTLERLESS-ONLY ELK** (general resident, landowner/tenant, hunt-own-land)
  - Bag limit: One (1) Elk without a visible antler protruding from the skull
    - Permit is valid during any season and using equipment authorized for that season.

- **YOUTH PERMITS (15 and younger)**
  - Youth permits are available at reduced prices and are valid for any season with equipment authorized for that season.
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POST-HARVEST INSTRUCTIONS

At the time of purchase, hunters will have the option of paper carcass tags or e-tags.

**Paper tags:** Sign permit prior to hunting to validate it. After an animal is killed, 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 a non-waterproof paper tag, place it in a clear plastic bag and attach it to the leg of the animal with a zip-tie or other attachment.

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.

Animals taken with antlerless-only permits must be transported with the head attached to the carcass. However, it is best not to transport carcasses from areas with known cases of chronic wasting disease (CWD) to prevent spreading the disease. An animal taken with an antlerless-only permit may be quartered as long as genitalia is left attached to one of the rear quarters, leaving the spinal column and head at the hunting site. Or an antlerless animal may be boned out at the kill site if it is registered electronically. The voluntary registration process allows hunters to send photos of the animal with the carcass tag attached to KDWPT before boning the meat. A confirmation number will be sent, which will allow transport of the meat. The carcass may be left at the hunting site. To learn more about electronic registration, visit ksoutdoors.com/programs, then click “Electronic Deer Check-in.”

**E-tags:** Hunters who choose e-tags will keep the big game permit and e-tag on their mobile device. To validate an e-tag when an animal is killed, open the “HuntFishKS” mobile app and record the date and time of kill and enter a photograph of the entire carcass with sufficient clarity to display the species and whether it is antlered or antlerless. Once the data and photo are submitted, a confirmation number will be displayed within the app must be kept on the mobile device during transport and retained by the hunter until the meat is consumed, given to another or otherwise disposed of. An e-tag confirmation number will work the same as electronic registration for a hunter wanting to bone out an animal taken with an antlerless-only permit and transport only meat.

**Survey:** Hunters may be requested to complete an online KANSAS DEER HUNTER HARVEST SURVEY at the end of the season. Information received helps biologists make decisions and manage a healthy herd. A random sample of hunters will be contacted after the season, making it important for hunters to update address information each year when they purchase a permit. Hunters surveyed will receive an email or a postcard with a weblink to direct them to a website with the online survey. Questions about this survey or assistance in completing it may be obtained at the KDWPT Research and Survey Office, (620) 342-0658. State law (K.S.A. 32-937) requires that deer hunters receiving a harvest report card complete the survey.

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**TICK-BORNE DISEASES**

Ticks can carry germs that cause serious and sometimes deadly diseases such as tularemia, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Lyme disease. Tick-borne diseases are transmitted to humans when an infected tick bites a human. In Kansas, approximately 300 people are diagnosed with tick-borne diseases every year.

Because ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, and on animals, hunters are at an increased risk of contracting tick-borne diseases.

In Kansas, ticks most likely to cause disease in humans and animals are American dog ticks, Lone Star ticks, and Blacklegged ticks.

Common signs and symptoms following contact with an infected tick include fever, rash, or flu-like illness. Symptoms may not appear for seven to 21 days after a bite. Most tick-borne diseases can be effectively treated if recognized early, so hunters should notify their doctor of any recent tick bites or outdoor activities where exposure to ticks may have occurred.

Permethrin-treated clothing and gear is a deterrent to ticks, and remains effective through several washings; Permethrin should not be applied to skin. Insect repellents approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone can effectively repel ticks, and may be applied to skin and clothing. Hunting dogs should also be treated with tick prevention products, as prescribed by a veterinarian.

Before going afield, hunters should tuck pants into socks and shirts into pants to prevent ticks from crawling inside clothing. It is wise to limit walking time on game trails, as ticks target these trails as a way to latch onto their wildlife hosts. Upon returning from the outdoors, hunters should immediately shower to remove any unattached ticks, then perform a body check. Ticks in larvae and nymph stages are harder to see than adult ticks, so thorough careful inspections are needed, especially in the armpits and waste line where belts restrict the upward movement of ticks. Dogs should also be inspected for ticks. Additionally, clothes that have been worn outside when ticks are active should be contained in an air-tight bag until washed, and shoes left outside, to help prevent ticks from entering a house. For a guide on how to perform a tick check, and how to remove ticks, visit https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/tickborne/.
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WHAT IS CWD?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a contagious, neurological disease of deer, elk, moose and other cervids, caused by the deposition and clumping of abnormal proteins (prions) in the brain that kills neurons, resulting in cytoplasmic vacuolation and a characteristic sponge-like degeneration of the brains of infected animals. Outward symptoms of the disease include emaciation, abnormal behavior, excessive salivation and loss of bodily functions. Predators often see, kill, and eat these vulnerable, symptomatic animals long before they are seen by humans. Many times, CWD-positive deer are observed near outbuildings at farmsteads or near bodies of water. Symptoms don’t manifest until the last couple months before the cervid dies; therefore, most CWD-positive cervids are asymptomatic and look normal when they are harvested.

CWD belongs to a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Within this family of diseases, there are several other variants that affect domestic animals. Examples of TSEs include: scrapie, which has been identified in domestic sheep and goats for more than 200 years; bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle (also known as “mad cow” disease); and transmissible mink encephalopathy (TME) in farmed mink.

A human form, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), occurs naturally and spontaneously in about one out of every one million people worldwide. Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) has been associated with consumption of beef from the large-scale outbreak of BSE in cattle herds, starting in the 1980s, in Great Britain and over 220 people contracted vCJD. However, CWD has not been documented to have caused disease in humans to date, but due to the similarities of prions and certain lab experiments, hunters and those eating venison should take certain precautions to avoid exposure to abnormal prions to manage and lower exposure risk.

Impacts of CWD on population dynamics of deer and elk are presently unclear. Population impacts have been documented in mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk in restricted geographic areas, but it is uncertain whether CWD will impact herds on a larger geographic scale. Computer models suggest that CWD could substantially reduce infected cervid populations by lowering adult survival rates and destabilizing long-term population dynamics over the next several decades, resulting in fewer older animals (trophy animals) in the population.

The prion or infectious protein is very stable and resists environmental degradation and becomes more infective after it binds to clay particles in the soil. Cervids are thought to become infected via animal-to-animal contact and indirectly via contaminated environment-to-animal transmission. Baiting, feeding, and artificially concentrating deer is not advised. Infected deer will excrete as many infectious prions through-out the course of its life (urine, feces, saliva, breath, etc.) as will be accumulated in the tissues of the animal at the time of its death.

IS THE MEAT SAFE TO EAT?

At this time, there is no evidence that CWD has been transmitted to humans. Despite our increasing understanding and knowledge of the disease, there continues to be gaps in our complete understanding of the disease. Due to this uncertainty, its similarity with other known TSEs, and potentially long-term incubation time, hunters should not eat meat from animals known to be infected with CWD or exhibiting signs of any disease. Thoroughly cooking CWD-positive meat does not destroy prions. Prion destruction via heat starts at around 1,000 degrees F for an extended time. Hunters, especially in CWD areas, are advised to bone out their meat to avoid transporting prions to uninfected areas. Prions reside in carcasses, and an infected carcass has the potential to start a new focus of disease in a previously uninfected area. Electronic Deer Check-in is required to leave carcasses in the field that were taken with an antlerless permit. Deer taken with either-sex permits can be boned out in the field, leaving the carcass in the field, without using Electronic Deer Check-in. Each hunter must make the decision whether to consume wildlife or deer that test positive for CWD. KDWPT does not recommend eating wildlife that are sick or diseased. Here are bullet points from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding CWD precautions:

To minimize their risk of exposure to CWD, hunters should:
- Do not shoot, handle or eat meat from deer and elk that look sick or are acting strangely or are found dead.
- When field-dressing a deer: Wear latex or rubber gloves when dressing the animal or handling the meat. Minimize how much you handle the organs of the animal, particularly the brain or spinal cord tissues. Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils for field dressing.
chronic wasting disease (CWD)

- Check state wildlife and public health guidance to see whether testing of animals is recommended or required. Recommendations vary by state, but information about testing is available from many state wildlife agencies.
- Consider having the deer or elk tested for CWD before you eat the meat.
- If you have your deer or elk commercially processed, consider asking that your animal be processed individually to avoid mixing meat from multiple animals.
- If your animal tests positive for CWD, do not eat meat from that animal.

What is new with CWD in free-ranging deer in Kansas?

CWD was detected in 126 wild deer and 1 captive cervid during the 2019-2020 CWD surveillance period, including 76 white-tailed deer, 48 mule deer, 2 unknown species, and 1 captive cow elk. Of the 127 positives, 94 were apparently healthy deer harvested by hunters, 15 were sick/suspect, 11 were deer collected for research purposes, 5 were killed by a vehicle, 1 was an injured deer, and 1 was a captive elk cow. This brings the cumulative total to 362 animals (274 white-tailed deer, 81 mule deer, 5 unknowns, and 2 captive elk), which have tested positive for CWD in Kansas since surveillance efforts started in 1996. During the 2019-2020 seasons, the Northwest Zone was sampled. Based on KDWPT data, the 95% Prevalence Confidence Interval for 2.5 and older bucks in the Northwest Zone is currently between 29.2% and 42.3%.

As surveillance continues, KDWPT plans to sample hunter-killed deer from the Northcentral Surveillance Zone in 2020-2021. It is anticipated that a goal of 458 samples can be obtained from taxidermists (older animals), road-killed animals, and sick/suspect animals. Hunters who harvest an older deer (2.5 years-old or older) in the Northcentral Zone can have it tested for free through the KDWPT CWD surveillance program until sample size goals are met.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a contagious, fatal neurological disease of deer, elk, and moose that is caused by a prion. CWD is not a food safety test. Testing is done to measure herd health, and all samples may not be tested if the target numbers of samples have been obtained. Hunters will be notified if their sample tests positive for CWD. It typically takes about 1-1.5 weeks to get a result once the sample arrives at the lab. Results will be posted at https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Big-Game-Information. Make sure to write down the data card bar-code of the sample when having your deer/elk sampled for CWD. The bar-code number is the number used when your result is posted at the website. Northcentral samples will only be picked up from the sample collectors and delivered to the lab 2-3 times during the 2020-2021 deer seasons. Hunters have the option of freezing their venison until a result is obtained. Hunters wanting a quicker result can submit samples privately by calling 785-532-5650. For the 2020-2021 seasons the testing cost for privately submitted samples will be $28.28.

Sample collectors available to assist with sampling deer in the Northcentral (NC) Zone, 2020-2021

Sample collector contact information will be posted at ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Big-Game-Information in the coming months.

To test deer harvested outside of the Northcentral (NC) Zone and the Eastern CWD Study Zone (Blue):

1. Email or Call Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Client Care at: clientcare@vet.k-state.edu (785) 532-5650 | 866-512-5650 toll free.
2. The cost for private submissions is $28.28.
3. Shipping labels and sampling kits can be ordered from KSVDL by calling Client Care, (785) 532-5650.
4. Clients can send or bring samples and fill out submission forms in person at 1800 Denison Ave, Manhattan. Clients are not required to have a KSVDL account prior to submitting samples.
5. Watch this video to learn how to sample a deer for CWD testing. www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzmFN6tvA_k
6. If the deer you harvest is at least 2.5 years-old (no fawns) and comes from the Northcentral Zone (see map), you can have it tested for free.

A DATA CARD MUST BE THOROUGHLY FILLED OUT FOR EACH DEER TESTED AT KDWPT EXPENSE.

New Chronic Wasting Disease Research Project

KDWPT is requesting hunter assistance with a new three-year research project to better understand how different habitats affect the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease within your Kansas deer herd. Chronic Wasting Disease, if left unchecked, negatively affects deer populations by changing age structure and decreasing resilience, which can result in a deer herd that cannot maintain or grow in population size and has fewer mature individuals.

How can hunters help? Six different deer management units (DMUs) will be sampled each year of the project. Hunters who harvest a deer within one of the DMUs being sampled can submit a Chronic Wasting Disease sample to KDWPT for testing. Samples need to be accompanied by sex, age, and location information. To evaluate how habitat affects CWD in the deer herd, location information must allow for the identification of the section where the deer was harvested, such as GPS coordinates or section-township-range number. If you would like to know if your deer tests positive for CWD, include your name and phone number or KDWPT number. Testing of samples submitted for the research project will be completed at no cost to the hunter. Hunters harvesting multiple deer may submit multiple samples. Note: After caping is completed, samples can be collected from a deer that will be taxidermy mounted without affecting the mount; check with your taxidermist for specifics.

A map to assist you with section-township-range location information and a video showing how to collect the lymph node tissue sample for chronic wasting disease testing can be found at: ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Big-Game-Information/Chronic-Wasting-Disease.

The map is also available in the ArcGIS Explorer App, simply search for “Kansas CWD Sampling Map” in the app.

For more information about this research project, visit ksoutdoors.com/cwd.
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Federal Duck Stamps must be signed across the face of the stamp and carried when hunting waterfowl. Federal Duck Stamps are available at the U.S. Postal Service and KDWPT offices. Hunters who purchase an e-stamp must carry their 45-day receipt when hunting waterfowl. Once the 45-day e-stamp receipt expires, hunters must carry their current, signed Federal Duck Stamp (a store purchase/credit card receipt is not valid as a duck stamp). Kansas Waterfowl Permits are available at all KDWPT offices and license vendor locations. A Federal Waterfowl Stamp and Kansas Waterfowl Permit and are not required to hunt coots, migratory doves, rails, snipe, woodcock, or sandhill cranes. A Kansas HIP Permit is required, unless license exempt.

METHODS OF TAKE

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Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except those for sandhill crane, which are sunrise to sunset.

ILLEGAL METHODS

Sink boxes, live decoys, baiting, electronic calls, and pursuit with any motorized conveyance or sailboat are illegal. When hunting from a motorized craft or sailboat, the motor must be turned off or the sail furled and progress ceased. Decoys shall not be left unattended overnight on department-managed areas.

REFUGE AREAS

Many state and federal wildlife areas have refuges, as well as public hunting areas. These refuge areas may be closed to any activity during the hunting seasons. Check with local offices for refuge boundaries and closure dates.

FIELD POSSESSION

No person shall possess more migratory game birds taken in the United States than the possession limit or aggregate possession limit, whichever applies.

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) their automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) their personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any newly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating the hunter’s address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

TAGGING/CUSTODY

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating the hunter’s address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required.

TRANSPORTING

During transport, one fully-feathered wing and/or head must remain attached to migratory birds (except mourning/white-winged doves).

Migratory game birds given to another person, taxidermist, storage facility, or commercial processor must be tagged with the signature and address of the hunter and the number, species, and date taken. Migratory birds packed for shipping must be clearly marked with the name and address of the shipper and addressee, as well as the number and species of birds.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Kansas requires non-toxic shot for hunting ALL migratory game birds except doves and woodcock. This includes ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rails, sandhill cranes, and snipe. Legal shot is steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-iron, tungsten matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin, and steel shot coated with copper, nickel, zinc chromate, or zinc chloride.

It is illegal to possess lead shot while hunting migratory game birds except doves and woodcock while hunting in a Non-Toxic-Shot-Only area. “Possession” means that lead shot cannot be in a hunter’s gun, pockets, blind, boat or in reach while in the process of hunting. Lead shot left in a vehicle is not considered “in possession.”

NON-TOXIC SHOT ONLY

Non-toxic shot is the only shotgun load allowed on the following wildlife areas and national wildlife refuges:

- Benedictine Bottoms WA, Cheyenne Bottoms WA, Cherokee Lowlands WA, Flint Hills NWR, Gurlay Salt Marsh WA
- Herron Playa WA, Isabel Wetlands WA, Jamestown WA, Kirwin NWR, Marais des Cygnes NWR, Marais des Cygnes WA, McPherson Wetlands WA, Neosho WA, Otter Creek WA, Quivira NWR, Slate Creek WA, Stein Playa WA, Talmo Marsh WA, Texas Lake WA, Wild Turkey Playa WA, and other areas as posted.

DESIGNATED DOVE FIELDS

Non-toxic shot is required on designated dove fields at the following wildlife areas:

- NORTHEAST
  - Bolton WA, Clinton WA, Dalby WA, Elwood WA, Hillsdale WA, Kansas River WA, Melvern WA, Milford WA, Oak Mills WA, Perry WA, Tuttle Creek WA

- SOUTHCENTRAL/SOUTHEAST
  - Berentz-Dick WA, Big Hill WA, Cheney WA, El Dorado WA, Dove Flats WA, Elk City WA, Fall River WA, Mined Land WA, Grand Osage WA, Hollister WA, Spring River WA, Toronto WA, Woodson WA

Dove fields requiring non-toxic shot are designated by posted notice. As long as signs are in place, non-toxic shot is required. Other fields may be added closer to opening day of dove season. For a complete list, visit ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/MigratoryBirds/Dove2.
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

FEDERAL LAWS ON METHODS OF TAKE AND BAITING

Migratory birds, on which open seasons are prescribed, may be taken by any method except those prohibited in this section.

No persons shall take migratory game birds:

(a) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;

(b) With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells. However, this restriction does not apply during light-goose spring conservation season.

(c) From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;

(d) From or by means, aid, or use of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased: Provided, that a craft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds; however, crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power;

(e) By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;

(f) By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;

(g) By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. However, this restriction does not apply during light-goose spring conservation season;

(h) By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;

(i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

Baited area means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

It is legal to take migratory game birds including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:

• standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics);
• standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;
• from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
• from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or
• standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

It is legal to take migratory game birds, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

Natural vegetation means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.

Normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal agricultural operation means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Normal soil stabilization practice means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

For more information about federal migratory bird laws visit: ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Migratory-Birds/Federal-Migratory-Bird-Regulations.
LATE MIGRANT SEASONS/LIMITS

DUCK LIMITS

Daily Bag Limit: Six ducks, which may include no more than five mallards (only two of which may be hens), three wood ducks, two redheads, two canvasbacks, one scaup and one pintail.

The daily bag may comprise six of any other duck, such as six teal, six gadwall, or six wigeon.

Possession Limit: Three times the daily bag limit.

Birds such as pelicans, cormorants, grebes, herons, gulls, and other migratory birds not listed in this brochure are illegal to take or possess under federal and state law.

YOUTH, VETERAN & ACTIVE MILITARY

Only hunters age 15 and younger, veterans, and active military members may hunt during the season dates listed below.

High Plains Zone: Oct. 10-31, 2020
Low Plains Early Zone: Oct. 3-10, 2020
Low Plains Late Zone: Oct. 24-25, 2020
Low Plains Southeast Zone: Oct. 3-10, 2020

Daily Bag Limit: Same as regular seasons.
Possession Limit: Same as regular seasons.
Stamps/Permits Required: Resident youth hunters do not need any stamps or permits. Nonresident youth need a nonresident hunting license, a Kansas HIP Permit and State Waterfowl Permit.

EARLY MIGRANT SEASONS/LIMITS

TEAL


Daily Bag Limit: 6
Possession Limit: 18
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, State Waterfowl Permit, Federal Duck Stamp

WOODCOCK

Season: Oct. 17-Nov. 30, 2020
Area Open: Statewide
Daily Bag Limit: 3
Possession Limit: 9
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit

RAIL (VIRGINIA, SORA)

Season: Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 2020
Area Open: Statewide
Daily Bag Limit: 25
Possession Limit: 75
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit

DOVE IDENTIFICATION

MOURNING
WHITE-WINGED
RINGED TURTLE
EURASIAN COLLARED

EXOTIC DOVE (EURASIAN COLLARED, RINGED TURTLE)

Season: Year-round
Area Open: Statewide
No bag or possession limit. However, any taken during the migratory dove season in addition to a daily bag limit of mourning and white-winged doves must have a fully-feathered wing attached while being transported.

Stamps/Permits Required: None

REPORT BANDED BIRDS ONLINE AT www.reportband.gov. Hunters may keep bands and will receive information on where and when the bird was banded.

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MIGRATORY DUCKS

Low Plains Early Zone: Oct. 10-Dec. 3, 2020

Daily Bag Limit: Six ducks, which may include no more than five mallards (only two of which may be hens), three wood ducks, two redheads, two canvasbacks, one scaup and one pintail.

Possession Limit: Three times the daily bag limit.

Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, State Waterfowl Permit, Federal Duck Stamp

MOURNING
WHITE-WINGED
RINGED TURTLE
EURASIAN COLLARED

Record banded birds online at www.reportband.gov. Hunters may keep bands and will receive information on where and when the bird was banded.
MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

DUCK ZONES

HIGH PLAINS

LOW PLAINS

For a more detailed map, legal description and Google Earth download of Kansas duck hunting zones, visit ksoutdoors.com and click “Hunting,” “Migratory Birds,” then “State Waterfowl Regulations.”

GOOSE SEASON/LIMITS

DARK GEESE
(CANADA, CACKLING, WHITE-FRONTED, BRANT AND ALL OTHER GEESE EXCEPT LIGHT GEESE)

Canada, cackling, brant and all other geese except whitefronts and light geese
Daily Bag Limit: 6
Possession Limit: 18
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, State Waterfowl Permit, Federal Duck Stamp

White-fronted Geese
Daily Bag Limit: 2
Possession Limit: 6
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, State Waterfowl Permit, Federal Duck Stamp

LIGHT GEESE
(WHITE AND BLUE PHASE AND ROSS’ GEESE)

Daily Bag Limit: 50
Possession Limit: Unlimited
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, State Waterfowl Permit, Federal Duck Stamp

Spring Conservation Order: Feb.15-April 30, 2021
Daily Bag Limit: Unlimited
Possession Limit: Unlimited
Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, State Waterfowl Permit, Federal Duck Stamp

Equipment Restrictions: Unplugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
### LATE MIGRANT SEASONS/LIMITS

#### COOT
- **Season:** Same as late migrant duck seasons
- **Area Open:** Statewide
- **Daily Bag Limit:** 15
- **Possession Limit:** 45
- **Stamps/Permits Required:** Same as ducks

#### EXTENDED FALCONRY
- **High Plains Extended Season:** None
- **Early Zone Extended Season:** Feb. 24-March 10, 2021
- **Late Zone Extended Season:** Feb. 24-March 10, 2021
- **Southeast Zone Extended Season:** Feb. 24-March 10, 2021
- **Daily Bag Limit:** No more than three migratory birds, including coot, dove, rail, crow, snipe, woodcock, and any migratory species – in combination such as one dove, one duck, and one woodcock or three doves. (Falconers may not exceed other limits on migratory birds. Be sure to check bag limits in this summary.)

#### CROW
- **Season:** Nov. 10, 2020-March 10, 2021
- **Area Open:** Statewide
- **Limit:** No Limit
- **Stamps/Permits Required:** None

#### MERGANSERS
- **Season:** Same as late migrant duck seasons
- **Area Open:** Statewide
- **Daily Bag Limit:** 5
  - The merganser limit is five, including no more than two hooded mergansers
- **Possession Limit:** 15
- **Stamps/Permits Required:** Same as ducks

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MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

SANDHILL CRANES (SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED)

PERMITS

In addition to a hunting license (if required), a federal sandhill crane hunting permit issued through and validated by KDWPT is required to hunt cranes. Crane permits obtained in other states are not valid in Kansas. The validated permit ($7.50) is available wherever licenses are sold.

All sandhill crane hunters must take an online crane identification test each year before obtaining a sandhill crane permit (see shaded box below). Non-toxic shot is required for sandhill crane hunting. Lead shot may not be possessed while crane hunting. Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.

SEASON AND BAG LIMIT

West Zone Season:
  Oct. 17, 2020-Dec. 13, 2020
  Daily bag limit: 3
  Possession Limit: 9
  Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, Sandhill Crane Permit

Central Zone Season:
  Nov. 11, 2020-Jan. 7, 2021
  Daily bag limit: 3
  Possession Limit: 9
  Stamps/Permits Required: Kansas HIP Permit, Sandhill Crane Permit

ATTENTION SANDHILL CRANE HUNTERS

Sandhill crane and waterfowl hunters need to be aware that whooping cranes are occurring more frequently in Kansas during fall migration. Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge are important stopover areas for whooping cranes, and hunters must be able to identify whooping cranes from other game. Whooping cranes and sandhill cranes are similar in size and shape, and can be difficult to distinguish in low-light conditions. The penalty for shooting a whooping crane is a fine of up to $100,000 and/or up to one year in prison. For more information, visit: www.ksoutdoors.com/news/Hunting/Migratory-Birds/Sandhill-Crane. All sandhill crane hunters must complete an online crane identification test before obtaining a sandhill crane permit. The test can be found at: programs.ksoutdoors.com/Programs/Sandhill-Crane-Certificate

Whooping cranes and sandhill cranes are generally white except for the distinct black wingtips. Juvenile whooping cranes will have a rust color throughout the white plumage. Whooping cranes are larger than sandhills.

When whooping cranes are present, areas may be closed.

When hunting sandhill cranes, be especially careful during low light or backlit conditions. The photos below show how difficult it can be to identify cranes in poor light conditions. If there is any doubt, don’t shoot!

Quivira and Kirwin National Wildlife Refuges are closed to crane hunting.

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FURBEARERS AND COYOTES

GENERAL REGULATIONS

FURBEARER DEFINED
Species legally taken as furbearing animals in Kansas are badger, bobcat, beaver, gray fox, red fox, swift fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, striped skunk, and weasel.

FURHARVESTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION
Persons born on or after July 1, 1966, must successfully complete a furharvester education course approved by KDWPT to purchase a furharvester license or to hunt, run, or trap furbers or trap coyotes on lands other than their own. Course information: (620) 672-5911 or ksdoutdoors.com.

FURHARVESTER LICENSE
A furharvester license is required to hunt, trap, or pursue (run) furbearing animals, or to sell their pelts. A furharvester license is required to hunt coyotes, and a furhaver license is required to trap them. The same license required to take coyotes is required to sell their pelts.

Unlicensed, non-participating observers may accompany a licensed furharvester but may not carry or use equipment, control dogs, or otherwise assist with furharvesting activities.

Residents 15 and younger may purchase a junior furharvester license at a reduced price. Youth 13 and younger accompanied by a licensed furharvester are exempt.

FURHARVESTER LICENSE EXEMPTIONS
The following persons are not required to have a furharvester license:
• owners of land or tenants of land leased or rented for agricultural purposes, and immediate family members living with them, while furharvesting on this land;
• residents 13 and younger accompanied by a licensed furharvester;
• legally-defined Native American Kansas residents (must apply for free license);
• nonresidents using field trial permits issued by KDWPT.

This applies to furharvesting only; a furharvester license is required of these exempt individuals when selling furbearers or their pelts.

LEGAL EQUIPMENT
Furbearer and Coyote Hunting – firearms (except fully automatic) and archery equipment.

Furbearer and Coyote Trapping – smooth-jawed foothold traps (except that all types of foot-hold traps may be used in water sets), body-gripping traps, box traps, cage traps, snares, colony traps, and deadfalls.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT
Furbearers may be taken at night, but use of artificial light, including optics that project or amplify light, is prohibited (unless hunting coyotes, see “Special Equipment” for restrictions). However, hand-held, battery-powered flashlights, hat lamps, or handheld lanterns may be used with .17 and .22 rimfire rifles and handguns to take trapped furbearers, trapped coyotes, or furbers treed by dogs.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
Calls, lures, baits, and decoys may be used to take furbearers and coyotes. Artificial light, scopes and equipment that amplify visible light, and thermal imaging scopes and thermal imaging equipment may be used to hunt coyotes from Jan. 1 thru March 31 (use of this equipment is not permitted on department lands and waters, including WHA, and may not be used in conjunction with the use of a vehicle); Night Vision Equipment Permit required.

TRAP SIZE RESTRICTIONS
The following may only be used in water sets: body-gripping traps with inside jaw-spreads 8 inches or greater; and foothold traps with outside jaw-spreads greater than 7 inches. Measurements should be taken across the jaws of both trap types at a 90-degree angle.

“Water set” means any trapping device in which the gripping portion is placed at least half-submerged in flowing or impounded waters and remains in contact with the water.

SNARES
Snares are prohibited in dryland sets within 50 feet of the outside edge of a public road or within five feet of a fence bordering a public road. Landowners and tenants or their family members or agents may use snares in rights-of-way adjacent to their lands.

TRAP TAGGING & TENDING
All traps, including snares and deadfalls, must be tagged with the user’s name and address or department-issued KDWPT number. They must be tended and inspected at least once every day.

FIELD TRIALS
Coyotes, gray foxes, opossums, raccoons, and red foxes (wild or pen-raised) may be used for field trials by permit from KDWPT.

PELTL TAGGING
Bobcats, otters and swift foxes must be presented to KDWPT staff for tagging within seven days of seasons’ end. It is recommended that tags be kept with mounted specimens.

ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL
Except for spotted skunk, furbearer pelts and carcasses may be kept after damage control activities if control effort is done during trapping season and the person doing it is under the season bag limit and has a furharvester license (if required), or the person doing damage control outside established seasons has a wildlife control permit issued by KDWPT.

HABITAT PROTECTED
It is unlawful to destroy any muskrat house, beaver dam, mink run, or any hole, den, or runway of any furbearer, or to cut down or destroy any tree that is the home or refuge of any furbearer. However, owners and legal occupants of land may cut down trees or kill furbearers found in or near buildings, or animals doing damage if non-lethal efforts have failed.

DISPOSAL
A fur dealer’s license is required to buy raw pelts of furbearers or coyotes, and furharvesters may sell raw pelts only to licensed fur dealers. A furharvester’s license is required to sell furbers, even if taken on one’s own land.

Skinned carcasses and meat of furbearers may be sold or given away, and pelts, or skins of furbearers may be given away if a written notice including the seller’s or donor’s name, address, and furharvester license number accompanies the carcass, pelt, or meat. A bobcat, otter, or swift fox tag shall meet this requirement.

Live, wild-caught furbers and coyotes may not be sold or purchased in Kansas. Restrictions above apply to Internet sales.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)
Let science help guide your next trap purchase. Trapping BMPs identify traps that address the welfare of trapped animals, while allowing for the efficient, selective, safe, and practical capture of furbearers. BMPs were developed through field research on actual traplines, and exist for all furbearer species in KS. They were developed by the Furbearer Resources Technical Work Group of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and can be viewed at: furbearermanagement.com.

KDWPT wants to learn more about the occurrence of river otters outside the three easternmost tiers of Kansas counties.
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FURBEARERS AND COYOTES

SEASON/LIMITS

HUNTING & TRAPPING

Species: Badger, bobcat, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, swift fox, red fox, gray fox, striped skunk, weasel
Season Dates (statewide): Nov. 18, 2020-Feb. 15, 2021
Season Limit: No limit
NOTE: All furbearer hunting, trapping, and running seasons begin at 12:01 a.m. on opening day and close at midnight of closing day.

TRAPPING ONLY

Species: Beaver and Otter
Season Dates (statewide): Nov. 18, 2020-March 31, 2021
Season Limit: No limit on beaver. Five (5) otters per trapper; however, unit limits apply. See map for unit-specific bag limits.

Otter pelts must be tagged within seven days of the end of the trapping season. Trappers may keep up to 10 muskrats taken incidentally in beaver sets after the muskrat season has closed.

RUNNING

Species: Bobcat, opossum, raccoon, red fox, gray fox
Season Dates (statewide): March 1-Nov. 8, 2020
Legal hours for running furbearers are 24 hours daily. Furbearers cannot be killed or taken during the running season. A furharvester license is required to run furbearers.

COYOTE

Season Dates (statewide): All year, except that artificial light, scopes and equipment that amplify visible light, and thermal imaging scopes and thermal imaging equipment may be used to hunt coyotes from Jan. 1 thru March 31 only (see “Special Equipment” for restrictions).

Season Limit: There is no closed season for trapping or hunting coyotes. Motor vehicles and radios in vehicles may be used to hunt coyotes only. Furharvester license is required to trap and sell; hunting license is required to hunt and sell.

Permits Required: Night Vision Equipment Permit (if hunting coyotes at night with artificial light or thermal imaging equipment.)

BOBCAT PERMIT (NONRESIDENT) continued

Season (statewide): Nov. 18, 2020-Feb. 15, 2021
Permit Limit: One bobcat per permit
Methods Of Take: firearm (except fully automatic) and archery equipment. Trapping is not allowed with this permit.

RARE FURBEARER WATCH continued

It is unlawful for any person to display the carcass of a coyote. “Carcass” means the body of the coyote, either as part or as a whole, and either with the skin intact or removed. The skin of the coyote, when removed from the body, shall not be considered part of the coyote.

This statute does not apply to the display of the carcass of a coyote at a fur market or the use of the carcass of a coyote for educational and training purposes.

RARE FURBEARER WATCH

Gray foxes have declined in Kansas, and KD WPT is gathering information about them through cooperators. Anyone who occasionally catches gray foxes or sees their sign can help by providing carcasses, canine teeth or tissue samples, and by locating gray foxes for collaring.

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The commercial guiding of hunters is not allowed on public lands owned or managed by KDWPT, including Walk-in Hunting Access areas. Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Target shooting is allowed only at designated shooting ranges. Baiting while hunting or preparing to hunt is illegal on public lands. Only two portable blinds or stands are allowed per hunter. Portable blinds may not be left unattended overnight. Stands and portable blinds must be marked with the owner’s name and address or KDWPT number. Decoys may not be left unattended overnight.

On some wildlife areas, dove fields may be designated as non-toxic shot only by posted notice. See Page 35 for more information.

VEHICLES

Vehicles must stay on state-maintained roadways. Off-road vehicle use on public land is allowed only by special permit.

ELECTRONIC DAILY HUNT PERMITS (ISPORTSMAN)

Hunters are required to obtain free Electronic Daily Hunt Permits at the following wildlife areas: Benedictine Bottoms, Berentz/Dick, Blue Valley, Bolton, Buck Creek, Cheyenne Bottoms, Clinton, Dalby, Douglas, Elwood, Glen Elder, Hillsdale, Jamestown, Jeffery Energy Center Area No. 2, Kansas River, La Cygne, Lovewell, Lyon, Marais des Cygnes, Marion, McPherson Wetlands, Melvern, Milford, Neosho, Noe, Oak Mills, Perry, Talmo, Texas Lake, Isabel, Slate Creek Wetlands, Tuttle Creek and IWIHA properties. The electronic permits replace the paper card system. Hunters can register to create a user-account at any time by logging on to https://kdwpt.isportsman.net. Before hunting, a hunter simply checks in, providing a log-in ID online with a computer or smartphone or by phoning with a cell phone or landline. After the hunt, hunters use the same method to check-out and provide harvest information. To learn more, visit https://kdwpt.isportsman.net or call (620) 672-5911 and ask for Public Lands.

DEFINITIONS

NOVICE/YOUTH: A novice/youth hunter is anyone 16 or younger (15 or younger to hunt waterfowl), or persons who have not possessed an annual hunting license or permit in the past three years. Age restrictions subject to location; contact KDWPT staff for area-specific restrictions.

MENTOR: A mentor must be a licensed adult 18 or older and supervise a minimum of one novice or youth.

CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING: Properties so described could be open to special hunts.

REFUGE: Portions of properties may be designated as refuges during specific periods of the year or year-round. Access and activity restrictions are for refuge management and special hunts.

RES: Reservoir
SFL: State fishing lake
WA: Wildlife area
NWR: National Wildlife Refuge
NA: Not applicable, Not available

NORTHWEST

Brzon WA
Phone: (785) 753-4971.
Location: 4 mi. W, 7 N of Belleville.
Acres: 320.
Camping: No
Boating: NA
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Cedar Bluff WA
Phone: (785) 726-3212.
Location: 13 mi. S of Ogallah.
Acres: 10,800 land, 3,000 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Youth/Mentor area east of dam is shotgun and archery only. Special Hunts available for select areas.

Francis Wachs WA
Phone: (785) 425-6775.
Location: 11 mi. N, 3 E of Agra.
Acres: 800 acres.
Camping: No
Boating: NA
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Glen Elder WA
Phone: (785) 545-3345.
Location: Near Cawker City, Downs, and Glen Elder.
Acres: 12,500 land, 12,500 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Special hunts available. Refuge: visit website for details. Youth/Mentor access at Granite Creek Area, all species Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net. Handicapped hunting access by permit phone (785) 545-3345. Shooting range open daylight hours, 1 mile S of Downs.

Gove Public Domain Lands
Phone: (785) 726-3212.
Location: 23 mi. S, 1 W of Quinter.
Acres: 60.
Camping: No
Boating: NA
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Griswold WA
Phone: (785) 753-4971.
Location: 1 1/2 mi. S and 5 mi. W and 1/2 S of Haddam.
Acres: 320.
Camping: No
Boating: NA
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Refuge open by permit only Oct. 1- March 1
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Gurley Salt Marsh
Phone: (785) 545-3345.
Location: 10 1/2 mi. N of Lincoln
Acres: 160.
Camping: No.
Boating: No motor boats.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot for all shotgun hunting.
Other: Open to hunting by special hunt permit.

Jamestown WA
Phone: (785) 439-6243
Location: 1 1/2 mi. N of Jamestown.
Acres: 4,729.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas only.
Boating: Yes, motorized boats prohibited in Marsh Creek Wetland.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot for all shotgun hunting.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required. Novice/ Mentor areas: Puddler and Ringneck Marshes. Special hunts in selected areas. Refuge open by permit only, Oct.1-March 1.

Logan WA
Phone: (785) 726-3212.
Location: 9 mi. S of Winona.
Acres: 271 land, 75 (dry lake).
Camping: No.
Boating: NA.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Lovewell WA
Phone: (785) 753-4971.
Location: 5 mi. E, 9 N of Mankato.
Acres: 2,215 land, 3,000 water.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun and archery hunting only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required. Handicapped hunting access area by permit; phone (785) 753-4971. Refuge visits kysoutdoors.com for details. Special hunts available.

Norton WA
Phone: (785) 877-2953.
Location: 4 mi. W, 1 S of Norton.
Acres: 7,956.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Special hunts in selected areas. Handicapped hunting access area by permit. Refuge access by permit only Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.

Ottawa SFL
Phone: (785) 658-2465.
Location: 25 mi. NE of Salina.
Acres: 617 land, 111 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun and archery hunting only.
Other: Special hunts in selected areas. Portions of refuge may be open by special access permit; visit website for details. Cabin reservations; phone (785) 628-8614.

Rooks SFL
Phone: (785) 425-6775.
Location: 1 1/2 mi. S, 2 W of Stockton.
Acres: 313 acres.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: No alcoholic beverages allowed. Refuge closed to hunting year-round.

Saline SFL
Phone: (785) 658-2465.
Location: 1/2 mi. NW of Salina.
Acres: 39 land, 39 water.
Camping: No
Boating: Yes, fishing
Equipment Restrictions: Special waterfowl hunts only.
Other: Closed to vehicles sunset to sunrise.
Closed to all access except by special hunt permit Oct. 1- March 3. Special hunt only (waterfowl).

Sheridan SFL
Phone: (785) 877-2953.
Location: 12 mi. E and 1/2 mi. N of Hoxie.
Acres: 335.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun and archery hunting only.
Other: Portions closed to hunting year-round.

Sheridan WA
Phone: (785) 425-6775.
Location: 3 mi. E, 4 N of Quinter.
Acres: 458.
Camping: No.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Kansas Veterans WA (Formerly Sherman SFL/WA)
Phone: (785) 726-3212.
Location: 10 mi. S, 2 W of Goodland.
Acres: 2,627 land, 200 (dry lake).
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Atchison SFL
Phone: (913) 367-7811.
Location: 3 mi. N. 1/2 N of Atchison.
Acres: 139 land, 66 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited. Cabin available for reservation; phone (785) 273-6740.

Benedictine Bottoms WA
Phone: (913) 367-7811.
Location: 2 mi. NE of Atchison.
Acres: 2,109.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, limited.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required. Alcohol prohibited. Refuge closed to all activities year round. Hunting by special permit Oct. 1- March 31; application deadline July 15. Parking area restricted to daylight hours except by permit.

Open to hunting by special hunt permit. Boating: Carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot for all shotgun hunting.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required.

Vogel WA
Phone: (785) 425-6775.
Location: 9 mi. W of Stockton.
Acres: 9,709.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: NA.
Other: Handicapped hunting access area by permit; phone (785) 425-6775. Refuge open by special access permit only Nov. 1- Jan. 31.

Wilson WA
Phone: (785) 483-5615.
Location: 7 mi. N of Bunker Hill.
Acres: 9,069 land, 9,000 water.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Handicapped access area by permit; phone (785) 483-5615. Special hunts in select-ed area. Refuges open by special access permit only Sept.1- Jan. 31.

NORTHEAST

Atchison SFL
Phone: (913) 367-7811.
Location: 3 mi. N. 2 W, 1/2 N of Atchison.
Acres: 139 land, 66 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited. Cabin available for reservation; phone (785) 273-6740.

Benedictine Bottoms WA
Phone: (913) 367-7811.
Location: 2 mi. NE of Atchison.
Acres: 2,109.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, limited.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required. Alcohol prohibited. Refuge closed to all activities year round. Hunting by special permit Oct. 1- March 31; application deadline July 15. Parking area restricted to daylight hours except by permit.
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Bolton WA
Phone: (785) 539-9999.
Location: 2 mi. N, 1 1/2 W of Paxico.
Acres: 640.
Camping: No.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net.

Brown SFL
Phone: (913) 367-7811.
Location: 8 mi. E, 1/2 S of Hiawatha.
Acres: 124 land, 60 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Hunting allowed Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday Sept. 10- March 31.

Buck Creek WA
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 8 mi. NW of Lawrence, Buck Creek Rd. and 27th St.
Acres: 840
Camping: No
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: No firearm deer hunting.
Other: Dove hunting is available through iSportsman, allowing a limited number of hunters access at any give time. All other hunts are available through the Special Hunts program. Electronic daily hunt permits required.

Clinton WA
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 8 mi. SW of Lawrence.
Acres: 9,200.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Douglas SFL
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 1 mile N, 3 E of Baldwin.
Acres: 538 land, 180 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery and rim-fire only. No centerfire rifles.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Elwood WA
Phone: (913) 367-7811.
Location: Hwy. 36 exit 238 S of Elwood.
Acres: 1,090.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery and muzzleloader hunting only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net. Upland bird hunting Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays only. Alcohol prohibited.

Geary SFL
Phone: (785) 461-5402.
Location: 8 1/2 mi. S, 1 W of Junction City.
Acres: 185.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Hillsdale WA
Phone: (913) 783-4507.
Location: 6 mi. N of Paola.
Acres: 8,380.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net. Handicapped hunting access area by permit; phone (913) 783-4507. Refuge closed to all activities Oct. 1- Jan. 15.

Jeffrey Energy Center/Hanzlick WA
Phone: (785) 539-9999.
Location: 5 mi. N, 3 W of St. Marys.
Acres: 750 land, 10,461 3 lakes.
Camping: No.
Boating: No.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery, and muzzleloader hunting only Area #2
Other: Alcohol prohibited. Refuge closed to all activities year round on Area 3. Daily hunt permit required for Area 2, available at guard house.

Kansas River WA - Fitzgerald
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 1/2 mi. E of West Union Road and 4th St. in Nea.
Acres: 80
Camping: No
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: This is a youth hunting area. Dove hunting is available through iSportsman allowing a limited number of hunters access at any give time. All other hunts are available through the Special Hunts program. Electronic daily hunt permits required.

Kansas River WA - MacVicar
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: I-70 and MacVicar Rd. in Topeka.
Acres: 160
Camping: No
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun and archery hunting only. No firearm deer hunting.
Other: Dove hunting is available through iSportsman allowing a limited number of hunters access at any give time. All other hunts are available through the Special Hunts program. Electronic daily hunt permits required.

Kansas River WA - Urish
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 3 mi. N of 10th & Urish in Topeka.
Acres: 120
Camping: No
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun and archery hunting only. No firearms deer hunting.
Other: Dove hunting is available through iSportsman allowing a limited number of hunters access at any give time. Electronic daily hunt permits required.

Leavenworth SFL
Phone: (785) 867-6882.
Location: 3 mi. N, 2 W of Tonganoxie.
Acres: 341 land, 160 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery and rim-fire only. No centerfire rifles. Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Louisburg-Middle Creek SFL
Phone: (913) 783-4507.
Location: 7 mi. S of Louisburg.
Acres: 320 land, 281 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery, and muzzleloader hunting only.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Miami SFL
Phone: (785) 783-4507.
Location: 3 1/2 mi. W of Hwy. 69 on 359th St. and 4 mi. S on Somerset Rd.
Acres: 149 land, 118 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Milford WA
Phone: (785) 461-5402.
Location: 5 mi. NW of Junction City.
Acres: 19,000.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, motorized boats prohibited except Mall Creek and Peterson Bottoms areas.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Handicapped hunting access area by permit; phone (785) 461-5402. Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net. Youth/Mentor area: West Broughton area, all species all seasons. Steve Lloyd Refuge closed to all activities year-round.

Nebo SFL
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 1 mile E, 1 S of Nebo.
Acres: 75 acres.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Nemaha WA
Phone: (785) 363-7316.
Location: 1 mile E, 4 S of Seneca.
Acres: 710 acres.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Perry WA
Phone: (785) 945-6615.
Location: 1 1/2 mi. N, 1 W of Valley Falls.
Acres: 10,600 acres.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, gas-powered boats prohibited in all marshes except East & West pools of Kyle Marsh.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

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Pottawatomie SFL No. 1
Phone: (785) 539-9999.
Location: 4 1/2 mi. N of Westmoreland.
Acres: 166 land, 75 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only. No-wake speeds only.
Equipment Restrictions: NA.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Pottawatomie SFL No. 2
Phone: (785) 539-9999.
Location: 2 mi. E of Manhattan on Hwy. 24, 1 1/2 mi. N on Green Valley Rd., 1 mi. W on Junietta Rd., 1/2 mi. N on State Lake Rd.
Acres: 172 land, 75 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only. No-wake speeds only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited. Open to hunting by special permit. Closed to all other hunting.

Rutlader WA
Phone: (913) 783-4507.
Location: 7 mi. S of Louisburg.
Acres: 108.
Camping: No.
Boating: No.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery, and muzzleloader hunting only.

Shawnee SFL
Phone: (785) 887-6882.
Location: 7 1/2 mi. N of Silver Lake.
Acres: 473 land, 135 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun, archery and rim-fire only. No centerfire rifles.
Other: Alcohol prohibited. Shooting range open on specific dates; check KDWPT website.

Tuttle Creek WA
Phone: (785) 363-7316.
Location: N of Hwy. 16 along Blue River to Blue Rapids.
Acres: 12,200.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Handicapped hunting access area by permit; phone (785) 363-7316.

Washington SFL
Phone: (785) 461-5402.
Location: 7 mi. N. 3 W of Washington.
Acres: 442.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Cheyenne Bottoms WA
Phone: (620) 793-3066.
Location: 5 mi. N, 2 E of Great Bend.
Acres: 13,280.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, Boats with out-of-water propellers prohibited. Motorized boats permitted only during the waterfowl season. All boats prohibited April 15-Aug. 15.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only for all shotguns.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.ks.gov.
Youth/mentor only area: Mitigation Marsh, all seasons. Handicapped accessible hunting blind available by reservation at (620) 793-3066.
Shooting from dikes and levees prohibited. Refuge pools closed to all activities; Pools 5 and 1C maybe open for special seasons. Habitat conditions may create some additional restrictions. Trapping permit required, available at area office.

Clark SFL
Phone: (620) 369-2384.
Location: 8 1/2 mi. S. 1 W of Kingsdown.
Acres: 900 land, 300 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Concannon WA
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 15 mi. NE of Garden City.
Acres: 800.
Camping: No.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Cottonwood Flats WA
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 1 mi. S, 1/2 mi. E of Coolidge.
Acres: 80.
Camping: No.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Finney SFL
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 8 mi. N, 3 W of Kalvesta.
Acres: 863.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Lake is dry.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Goodman WA
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 5 mi. S, 2 1/2 E of Ness City.
Acres: 265.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Greeley Co. WA
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 11 mi. N, 5 E of Tribune.
Acres: 900.
Camping: No.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Closed to public access Feb 1-Aug 31. No shooting zone posted around buildings.

Hain SFL
Phone: (620) 672-0779.
Location: 5 mi. W of Spearville.
Acres: 53.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, for hunting and fishing only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Vehicles restricted to parking areas during waterfowl season.

Harrison WA
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 3 1/2 mi. N, 3 W of Syracuse.
Acres: 666.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Herron Playa
Phone: (620) 227-8609.
Location: 1 mi. S. 1/2 W. 3 S of Spearville.
Acres: 700.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only
Other: Closed to all activity Feb 1-Aug 31. Open to hunting one-half hour before sunrise to noon Sept 1-Nov 22. Open to hunting all day Nov 23-Jan 31.

Hodgeman SFL
Phone: (620) 278-8886.
Location: 4 mi. E. 2 S of Jetmore.
Acres: 254.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Lake is dry.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Handicapped-accessible hunting area.

Isabel WA
Phone: (620) 895-6446.
Location: 1 mile E, 2 N of Isabel.
Acres: 440.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net.

Kepley WA
Phone: (620) 276-8886.
Location: 5 1/2 mi. S, 6 mi. W of Ulysses.
Acres: 160.
Camping: No.
Boating: No.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Lane WA
Phone: (620) 276-8886.
Location: 3 mi. E, 6 1/2 N of Dighton.
Acres: 42.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Meade SFL & WA
Phone: (620) 369-2384.
Location: 8 mi. S, 5 W of Meade.
Acres: 420.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only
Equipment Restrictions: None
Other: Refuge closed to hunting year-round.
PUBLIC HUNTING

Pratt Sandhills WA
Phone: (620) 241-7669.
Location: 1 mile NW of Raymond.
Acres: 160.
Camping: No
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Butler SFL
Phone: (620) 876-5730.
Location: 3 miles W, 1 N of Latham.
Acres: 320.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Chase SFL
Phone: (620) 767-5900.
Location: 1 1/2 mi. W of Cottonwood Falls.
Acres: 469.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

Cheney WA
Phone: (620) 459-6922.
Location: 7 mi. E of Pretty Prairie.
Acres: 5,249.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Cowley SFL & WA
Phone: (620) 876-5730.
Location: 16 mi. E of Arkansas City.
Acres: 197.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited.

El Dorado WA
Phone: (620) 767-5900.
Location: 2 mi. E, 1 N of El Dorado.
Acres: 4,258.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Swimming (jumping) prohibited in Walnut River at NE Chelsea road bridge.

Ferris WA
Phone: (620) 241-7669.
Location: 1/2 mile W of Windom.
Acres: 160.
Camping: No.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Kaw WA
Phone: (620) 876-5730.
Location: 1 mile SE of Arkansas City.
Acres: 4,341.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Kingman SFL & Byron Walker WA
Phone: (620) 532-3242.
Location: 7 mi. W of Kingman.
Acres: 4,286.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Alcohol prohibited at the state fishing lake. Alcohol prohibited at the archery range; shooting hours posted. Portions of the SFL are closed to hunting year-round.

Marion WA
Phone: (620) 732-3946.
Location: 2 mi. S, 2 E of Durham.
Acres: 4,628.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Refuge closed to all activity Oct. 1- March 1. Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net.

McPherson SFL
Phone: (620) 628-4592.
Location: 6 mi. N, 2 W of Canton.
Acres: 280.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Archery deer/turkey hunting only.
Other: Alcohol prohibited. For cabin reservations, phone (316) 683-8069.

McPherson Wetlands WA
Phone: (620) 241-7669.
Location: Scattered tracts between Conway and Inman.
Acres: 4,550.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net.

Portions of the area closed to hunting year-round. Area has hunting units in the Low Plains Zone; know which zone you are hunting.

Sand Hills State Park
Phone: (316) 542-3664.
Location: 3 mi. NE of Hutchinson.
Acres: 800.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.
Equipment Restrictions: None.
Other: Hunting only by special permit only. Deer hunting by permit.

Slate Creek WA
Phone: (620) 876-5730.
Location: 6 mi. S, 1 1/2 W of Oxford.
Acres: 827.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net.

SOUTHCENTRAL

Binger WA
Phone: (620) 241-7669.
Location: 1 mile NW of Raymond.
Acres: 160.
Camping: No
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Sandsage Bison Range & WA
Phone: (620) 276-8886.
Location: 1/2 mile S of Garden City.
Acres: 3,700.
Camping: No.
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: North Pasture restricted to shotguns and archery hunting only.
Other: Pastures with bison are closed to public access; check with office or information kiosk for pastures open to public hunting. No shooting zone around corrals and buildings.

Scott SFL & WA
Phone: (620) 276-8886.
Location: 15 mi. N of Scott City.
Acres: 160.
Camping: No.
Boating: None
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Stein Playa
Phone: (620) 227-8609.
Location: 2 1/2 mi. W, 1/2 mi. S of Spearville.
Acres: 115.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Closed to all activity Feb.1-Aug. 31. Open to hunting one-half hour before sunrise to noon Sept.1-Nov. 22. Open to hunting all day Nov. 23-Jan.31.

Texas Lake WA
Phone: (620) 895-6446.
Location: 4 mi. W, 1 N of Cullison.
Acres: 1,200.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net.

Wild Turkey Playa
Phone: (620) 227-8609.
Location: 4 mi. S of Howell.
Acres: 160.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: Closed to all activity Feb.1-Aug. 31. Open to hunting one-half hour before sunrise to noon Sept.1-Nov. 22. Open to hunting all day Nov. 23-Jan.31.
**SOUTHEAST**

**Beresart/Dick WA**
Phone: (620) 321-0820.
Location: 2 mi. W, 2 S, & 10 1/2 W of Independence.
Acres: 1,360.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Shotgun and archery hunting only.

**Other:** Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net. Hunting allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday only.

**Big Hill WA**
Phone: (620) 432-5053.
Location: 8 mi. W, 4 mi. S of Parsons.
Acres: 1,320.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Bourbon SFL**
Phone: (620) 449-2539.
Location: 4 1/2 mi. E of Elsmore.
Acres: 107 land, 103 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Copan WA**
Phone: (620) 331-6820.
Location: 1/2 mi. W of Caney.
Acres: 2,360.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, carry-in only.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Dove Flats WA**
Phone: (620) 331-6820.
Location: 2 1/2 mi. E, 1 N of Elk City.
Acres: 206.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Duck Creek WA**
Phone: (620) 331-6820.
Location: 1 1/2 mi. E, 3 1/3 N of Elk City.
Acres: 246.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Elk City WA**
Phone: (620) 331-6820.
Location: 3 mi. W of Independence.
Acres: 8,730 land, 3,510 water.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes, motorized boats prohibited in Wigeon and Simmons marshes.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Other:** Refuge closed to all activity Sept. 1-March 1.

**Grand Osage WA**
Phone: (620) 432-5053.
Location: 2 mi. SE of Parsons.
Acres: 3,000 acres.
Camping: No.
Boating: No.

**Other:** Access requires admission through an Army installation and permitted through KDWPPT special permits only.

**Harmon WA**
Phone: (620) 231-3173.
Location: 1 mile N, 1 mi E of Chetopa.
Acres: 102 acres.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Hollister WA**
Phone: (620) 449-2539.
Location: 6 mi. W, 2 S of Fort Scott.
Acres: 2,432 acres.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: None.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Centerfire firearms prohibited.

**Other:** Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net. Alcohol prohibited.

**La Cygne WA**
Phone: (913) 352-8941.
Location: 5 mi. E of La Cygne.
Acres: 2,000 land, 2,600 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Other:** Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net. Alcohol prohibited.

**Lyon SFL**
Phone: (620) 699-3372.
Location: 5 mi. W, 1 N of Reading.
Acres: 442 land, 140 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Other:** Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net. Alcohol prohibited.

**Marais des Cygnes WA**
Phone: (913) 352-8941.
Location: 5 mi. N of Pleasanton.
Acres: 6,474 land, 1,636 wetland.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, motorized boats restricted.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Non-toxic shot only

**Other:** Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net. Aluminum only.

**Mined Land WA**
Phone: (620) 231-3173.
Location: Scattered tracts throughout Crawford, Cherokee, and Labette counties.
Acres: 14,500.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Archery only in units 1, 21, and 23.

**Other:** Alcohol prohibited in Unit 1. The bison exhibit in Unit 1 is closed to all activities. For cabin reservation, phone (620) 431-0380.

**Neosho WA**
Phone: (620) 449-2539.
Location: 1 mile E of St. Paul.
Acres: 1,458 land, 1,748 wetland.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Non-toxic shot only

**Other:** Electronic daily hunt permits required; register at https://kdwppt.isportsman.net. Alcohol prohibited.

**Osage SFL**
Phone: (620) 699-3372.
Location: 3 mi. S of Carbondale.
Acres: 366 land, 140 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Shotgun and archery hunting only.

**Otter Creek WA**
Phone: (620) 637-2748.
Location: 4 mi. W, 2 N of Burlington.
Acres: 1,472.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Non-toxic shot for all shotguns. Shotgun, archery, and muzzleloader hunting only.

**Shoal Creek WA**
Phone: (620) 231-3173.
Location: 1/2 mi. S of Galena.
Acres: 32.
Camping: No.
Boating: NA.

**Equipment Restrictions:** Shotgun and archery hunting only.

**Spring River WA**
Phone: (620) 231-3173.
Location: 3 mi. E, 1/4 N of Crestline.
Acres: 424.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: NA.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.

**Toronto WA**
Phone: (620) 583-6783.
Location: 3 mi. NW of Toronto.
Acres: 4,766 land, 2,900 water.
Camping: No.
Boating: Yes.

**Equipment Restrictions:** None.
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Wilson SFL
Phone: (620) 637-2748.
Location: 1 mile S of Buffalo.
Acres: 90.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: Shotgun/Archery Only.

Woodson SFL
Phone: (620) 637-2748.
Location: 5 mi. E of Toronto.
Acres: 2,885 land, 430 water.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: Yes, fishing and hunting only.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

FEDERAL AREAS

Cimarron National Grasslands
Phone: (620) 697-4621.
Location: N of Elkhart.
Acres: 108,000.
Camping: Yes, in designated areas.
Boating: NA.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Flint Hills NWR
Phone: (620) 392-5553.
Location: 5 mi. N of Hartford.
Acres: 18,500.
Camping: NA.
Boating: NA.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only, centerfire rifles and handguns prohibited.
Other: No fur bearer or coyote hunting or trapping. Other regulations may be in effect. Daily Hunt Permit required.

Hulah Reservoir
Phone: (918) 349-2281.
Location: Scattered tracts E and W of Elgin. (Most of area in Oklahoma.)
Acres: 844.
Camping: NA.
Boating: NA.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Kanopolis Reservoir
Phone: (785) 546-2294.
Location: 7 mi. W, 3 mi. N of Marquette.
Acres: 13,000 acres.
Camping: Primitive camping available in Riverside and Venango parks.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: All game cameras, tree stands and blinds left on the wildlife area overnight must be tagged with a free hunting equipment permit that can be obtained at the Information Center downstream of the Kanopolis Dam. Archery/shotshell hunting only on wildlife area downstream of the dam.

Kirwin NWR
Phone: (785) 543-6673.
Location: 5 mi. S, 5 mi. E of Phillipsburg.
Acres: 5,700.
Camping: NA.
Boating: NA.
Equipment Restrictions: Deer hunting restricted to archery only. Non-toxic shot only
Other: Other regulations may be in effect.

Marais des Cygnes NWR
Phone: (913) 352-8956.
Location: 7 mi. north of Pleasanton
Acres: 7,400.
Camping: NA.
Boating: Yes, motorized boats prohibited on portions of the river.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only
Other: Special Hunts drawing for archery deer and spring turkey hunting. No firearm deer hunting during firearm deer season.

Pomona Reservoir
Phone: (785) 453-2202.
Location: 20 mi. W of Ottawa.
Acres: 4,500.
Camping: NA.
Boating: Yes.
Equipment Restrictions: None.

Quivira NWR
Phone: (620) 486-2393.
Location: 13 mi. NE of Stafford.
Acres: 8,000.
Camping: NA.
Boating: NA.
Equipment Restrictions: Non-toxic shot only.
Other: No deer, turkey, or fur bearer hunting.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Hunting is more than a hobby; it’s a way of life. Yet it’s being threatened by the introduction of non-native aquatic nuisance species (ANS). Help keep your favorite hunting spots free of these harmful plants and animals by remembering to clean, drain, and dry all equipment every time you use it.

Clean
Remove all plants, animals and mud from waders, decoys, boats and blinds before leaving water access

Drain
Remove all water from decoys, boat, waders, motor and bilge before leaving water access

Dry
Allow all equipment to completely dry or wash using high pressure hot water before using again

ANS OF CONCERN

Certain ANS species can pose distinct concerns to waterfowl hunters. Waders, decoys, and boating equipment that are not clean, drained, and dried can contribute to the spread of ANS such as:

Zebra mussels
Can reach high densities, causing problems for submerged equipment. Their sharp shells can cut unprotected skin of humans or pets. Zebra mussels also concentrate toxins such as selenium and avian botulism that can harm waterfowl.

Eurasian watermilfoil
Forms a dense canopy that hinders recreational activities.

New Zealand mud snails
Disrupt the food chain by consuming algae and competing with native bottom-dwelling invertebrates. They can also reduce forage by crashing native invertebrate populations.

Purple loosestrife
Restricts native wetland plant species and reduces habitat for waterfowl. (See picture to the right).

To learn more, visit protectKSwaters.org.
These traps are designed to strike small to medium-sized animals on the neck or body and kill them quickly and humanely. Various sizes exist, but those with a jaw spread 8 inches or greater – when measured from the outer edges at a 90-degree angle – may be used only in water sets. The size 220 (7.5 x 7.5 inches) is most commonly used on land in Kansas, and is usually intended for raccoons. If your dog is captured in one of these traps, it can be saved, but you must react quickly and understand how the trap functions.

The only way to open the jaws on this trap is to first compress the springs. It is impossible to pull the jaws apart otherwise. Prior to compressing the springs, try to rotate the trap to the sides of the dog’s neck so the jaws are not pressing on its windpipe. This will buy you a lot more time to compress the springs, the first of which should be secured with the attached safety hook. Once this is accomplished, you should be able to remove the trap by compressing the second spring with one hand while squeezing the jaws together (open) with the other. If this fails, compress the second spring and attach the safety hook to it as you did the first. The springs on larger traps may be difficult or impossible to compress by hand, but by using a dog leash, belt, or rope, you can create a pulley system that will allow you to accomplish the task. Once the springs are compressed, the trap will easily open allowing you to free the dog.

ATTENTION HUNTERS
Unless otherwise posted, trapping is allowed on KDWPT managed lands open to public hunting. Walk-in Hunting Access (WIHA) lands are open only to hunting but landowners may provide individuals permission to trap. Responsible trappers take precautions to avoid capturing nontarget animals including dogs, but accidents happen. As a dog owner, you should know the basics about trapping so that if your dog does encounter a trap in the field, you’ll know how to react. There are three trap types of which you should be aware.

BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS

These traps are designed to strike small to medium-sized animals on the neck or body and kill them quickly and humanely. Various sizes exist, but those with a jaw spread 8 inches or greater – when measured from the outer edges at a 90-degree angle – may be used only in water sets. The size 220 (7.5 x 7.5 inches) is most commonly used on land in Kansas, and is usually intended for raccoons. If your dog is captured in one of these traps, it can be saved, but you must react quickly and understand how the trap functions.

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BODY-GRIPPING TRAP SETS

Body-gripping traps may be used in unbaited trail sets or baited “bucket” or “cubby” sets.

Concepts and some images in this section courtesy of the Wisconsin Trappers Association, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and the Nova Scotia Natural Resources.
HOW TO RELEASE A DOG FROM A LAND TRAP

FOOTHOLD TRAPS

These traps are designed to capture the target animal by the foot and hold it alive until the trapper arrives to remove it. It is critical to understand that these traps are designed to capture animals with minimal or no injury, and your dog is NOT in a life threatening situation if captured in one. A dog can usually be released from a foothold trap with nothing more than a little soreness and perhaps a slight temporary limp.

You must remain calm and read your dog’s temperament in order to safely release it. In most cases, you are at greater risk of getting bitten and harmed by your dog than your dog is of being harmed by the trap. Therefore, it is important to let the dog calm down for a minute prior to taking action. When the dog is calm enough to safely approach, grab it securely by the collar, jaws, or base of the head so it can’t bite at you, place one foot on either trap lever, and depress the levers to release the dog. Recognize that stepping on the trap levers may hurt the dog momentarily, so firmly control the head when you do this. Do not reach down and attempt to release the trap with your hands, potentially putting your hands, arms, and face at risk of bite, unless you are accompanied by someone who is controlling the dog’s head. If assisted, this is best accomplished by attaching a leash to the dog and stretching its head away from the trapped foot.

To release your dog from a snare, first restrain your dog or detach the snare’s anchor in order to relax the cable, then follow the cable to your dog’s neck. This is where the lock will be located. By grabbing the lock with one hand and the cable just above the lock with the other, you should be able to work the cable back through the lock, thereby enlarging the loop and releasing the dog. Or if the lock is hinged, you may need to grab the upper portion of the lock with one hand and compress the hinge with the other in order to release the cable. Pliers may be helpful for grabbing the lock, but it will probably take cable cutters or lineman’s pliers to cut the cable. Regardless, if the loop has really tightened around the dog’s neck, which it will be if the dog is in immediate danger, it will be very difficult to maneuver pliers between the cable and the dog’s neck, and time is best spent working the cable back through the lock.

CABLE SNARES

Modern snares are constructed of steel cable and a passively functioning, one-way lock that tightens only as an animal pulls against it. They can be set to live-restrain or to kill, depending on the size of the cable, the type of lock, and whether the animal can tangle around trees or brush. The animal’s reaction to the snare is also important. Most dogs that have been tied out or broke to a lead will quickly stop pulling and sit down. In this situation or if the dog is in a live-restrain snare, the dog owner will usually have plenty of time to release the dog. Conversely, if the dog pulls against a kill snare aggressively or hits it at a full run, even if broken to lead, a quick response may be necessary in order to save the dog.

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- When securing permission to hunt on private land, always ask the landowner if anyone is trapping on the property.
- Take a minute to handle and familiarize yourself with modern traps when the opportunity arises (i.e. furharvester booth at outdoor show, etc.).
- Do not tamper with lawfully set traps or captured wild animals. The law that protects hunters from harassment also protects trappers from these acts.
- If your dog is captured in a trap on an area open to public hunting, report the incident to the wildlife area manager or to the Emporia Research Office at (620) 342-0658.

Regulated trapping occurs in the fall and winter and is an important component of furbearer management in Kansas. Tens of thousands of predatory furbearers and coyotes are harvested by trappers annually. It’s difficult to measure the cumulative impact of this removal on upland birds and small game, but it’s undoubtedly very beneficial. Trapping is regulated in much the same way as hunting, and trappers who were born after July 1, 1966 must have passed a furharvester education course, where they are taught how to trap responsibly and ethically. Most traps in use today have passed international humaneness standards for injury, effectiveness, and safety, and are designed to either live-restrain without injury or quickly kill the captured animal.
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WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAMS

Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA) provides opportunities for landowners and hunters alike. Landowners who participate in the program benefit financially through short-term or long-term, seasonal leasing of a properties’ hunting rights to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT). In turn, this program provides more than one million acres of hunting opportunities annually to hunters.

WIHA areas operate much like any public wildlife area, except the properties remain in private ownership and use is restricted to hunting only. Established hunting seasons and regulations apply on all WIHA areas. Trapping is not a part of the WIHA program.

Participating landowners receive payments that vary, based on access period, location, habitat quality/diversity, and size of enrolled properties. A variety of lease period options are available to meet each landowner’s management goals. No public access is allowed outside of those dates. KDWPT posts WIHA signs and regulations on the property, and patrols the area.

Almost anyone who owns or leases land with good wildlife habitat can qualify, including resident landowners, absentee landowners, tenant farmers, estate managers, trust managers, and others who manage private land.

Hunters using WIHA areas may not cross boundaries onto neighboring properties. Interior property boundaries will be marked. Parking is limited; roads, gates and driveways must not be blocked. Farm equipment, houses, and other sensitive infrastructure will also be marked with Safety Zone signs reminding hunters to avoid these areas. If valid safety concerns exist, hunting opportunities can be limited.

An annual Kansas Hunting Atlas is available from KDWPT offices, license vendors, and online at ksoutdoors.com. Maps are continuously updated on KSOutdoors.com/Hunting/Where-to-Hunt.

Landowners: Contracts are simple and you can cancel at any time. Rates vary based on access period, location, habitat quality/diversity, and size of enrolled properties. Fall lease payments are made around December 1. Spring-only leases are paid around May 1.

**iWIHA**

iWIHA links the limited-use concept of KDWPT’s “Special Hunts” program with iSportsman, an interactive web-based service. This option helps landowners limit the number of hunters on their property on any given day, while still receiving competitive rates for participating. Hunters are required to check-in and out of each tract.

More information can be found at KSOutdoors.com/Hunting/Hunting-Programs/iWIHA-Limited-Access-Hunts

**Highlights of the program:**

- KDWPT pays you to allow fishing access on your land.
- KDWPT posts signs to inform anglers of property boundaries.
- KDWPT game wardens patrol the land.
- Access is by walk-in only – no vehicles are allowed.
- State law limits normal liability.
- A printed and online atlas shows all properties enrolled.
- Visit KSOutdoors.com/private-lands for more information.

Landowners: Similar to WIHA, the WIFA program leases ponds and streams for fishing access. Earn extra dollars from your farm or ranch land by enrolling your fishing waters in this program.

**WIHA Application**

I am interested in enrolling my property in the WIHA program. Send me more information.

Name: _________________________________
Address: _______________________________
City: __________________________________
Day Phone: _____________________________
Evening Phone: _________________________
Property is located in: ____________________ (County)
Send to:
Attn: Jesik Conley
KDWPT
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124

For additional information on the WIHA program, visit KSOutdoors.com/private-lands or email jesik.conley@ks.gov.

**WIFA Application**

I am interested in enrolling my property in the FISH program. Send me more information.

Name: _________________________________
Address: _______________________________
City: __________________________________
Day Phone: _____________________________
Evening Phone: _________________________
Property is located in: ____________________ (County)
Send to:
Attn: Wes Sowards
KDWPT
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124

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PUBLIC PROGRAMS

SPECIAL HUNTS

Special hunts offer high-quality hunting opportunities. The majority of hunts are on public areas traditionally closed to hunting. While providing excellent opportunities to introduce new hunters to the sport, special hunts have also proven popular with current hunters. Special hunts are not designed to provide a guaranteed limit but appeal to hunters wanting a quality experience afield. Persons with impaired abilities also find this program offers a chance to participate in hunting. (See “Hunt From Vehicle Permits” for those who qualify for disability permits.) Some hunts require youth or novice hunter participation.

If Special Hunts interest you, view Special Hunts at ksoutdoors.com under “Hunting” or call 785-628-8614 for assistance. Make sure you understand the type of hunt being offered before making online application. There are no application fees, but purchase of appropriate licenses, permits, tags, and stamps are required.

Apply online at ksoutdoors.com. If no Internet access is available, application can be made over the phone by calling (785) 628-8614. Ask for Special Hunts. For questions on specific hunts, contact the local area office where the hunt is offered.

There will be two application deadlines and two draws for Special Hunts: Draw 1 for hunts in September and October and Draw 2 for hunts in November, December, January and February. The application deadline for Draw 1 is 9 a.m., August 10, 2020 and the deadline for Draw 2 is 9 a.m., Sept. 28, 2020. Applicants successful in a draw will receive more information prior to the hunt. Applicants may apply for both hunt periods beginning July 6, and they will have three choices for each species per draw period.

A number of other special hunts, not managed by the Special Hunts program, are listed online. In addition to these special hunts, youth/disabled seasons offer unique hunting opportunities for qualifying hunters.

KANSAS HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (KSHFH) provides venison to needy families. Hunters can donate deer to participating processors at little or no charge. Donations from churches, clubs, businesses, and individuals cover the costs of processing, packaging, and freezing the meat. Donations may be sent to Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry, 17811 Donahoo Road, Tonganoxie, KS 66068-5309.

KSHFH is co-sponsored by the Resource Conservation and Development Councils of Kansas and KDWP. For more information, visit the organization’s website, www.ksfh.org, phone (913) 485-9622, email tonyd@ksfh.org, or write to the above address.

Game given to another person must be accompanied by the donor’s written name, address, permit, or transaction number, and signature, as well as the date of donation.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PERMITS

Anyone with a permanent physical disability that prevents him or her from hunting safely may apply for a Disability Assistance Permit. The permit allows a designated, licensed person to assist in the harvest of game while accompanying the permit holder. (This privilege also applies to fishing.) For more information or applications, contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism, Law Enforcement Division, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124, (620) 672-5911.

HUNT FROM VEHICLE PERMITS

Persons certified by a physician as having a permanent disability may be eligible for special permits allowing them to hunt from a parked vehicle or to hunt turkeys with a draw-locking device on archery equipment. For more information on these permits, contact a KDWP office. Migratory game birds cannot be hunted from a vehicle (except a boat not under way), even with a disability permit.
CONTROLLED SHOOTING AREAS

Controlled Shooting Areas (CSAs) are privately-owned hunting areas licensed by KDWPT that provide an extended upland bird hunting season. The CSA season runs from Sept. 1-April 30.

A special CSA hunting license may be purchased that is valid only on Kansas CSAs, or hunters may hunt on CSAs with a current Kansas hunting license. Hunter education certification is not required on CSAs with a CSA license.

Hunter access to CSAs is through permission of the owner/operator only. A directory of CSA services is also available at www.huntkansas.org.
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