



2013 SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING GUIDE



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2013 SPRING SEASON INFORMATION

Opens: April 13 – **Closes:** May 19

Restrictions: Restricted to spring season dates and unit described on license.

Areas: All open units – See back side for map with unit boundaries.

Hunting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset daily.

ELIGIBILITY

Hunter Education Requirement – Persons born after December 31, 1961 must complete a certified state or provincial hunter education course and present the certification card to the license vendor to purchase a North Dakota hunting license. Exceptions: Persons who hunt only on land they own or operate, and persons under age 12 (those under age 12 may hunt if they have appropriate license and are under direct supervision of parent or guardian). In addition, individuals who are 16 years of age and older who have not taken the hunter education course may be issued an apprentice hunter validation that enables them to hunt small game for one license year. Contact the Game and Fish Department for details.

Minimum Age – There is no minimum age requirement for spring turkey hunters. However, hunters under age 15 afield with firearms must be under direct supervision of parent, guardian or adult authorized by their parent or guardian.

LICENSES

Youth – First-time spring turkey hunters ages 15 or younger receive one spring license valid for the regular hunting season in a specific unit. The deadline for submitting applications is February 13, 2013.

Regular – Regular licenses are issued by weighted lottery after the number of gratis licenses to be issued is deducted from the total available. The deadline for submitting lottery applications is February 13, 2013.

Gratis – Gratis licenses are available to North Dakota residents who own, or lease for agricultural purposes and actively farm or ranch, at least 160 acres of land located in an open hunting unit. Gratis licenses are valid only upon land described on the application.

Other Licenses Required – Hunters, regardless of age, must also possess a 2013-14 fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate (\$1) and a general game and habitat license (\$13). In addition, hunters age 16 and older must possess a 2013-14 small game license (\$6) or a combination license (\$32) before hunting wild turkeys (gratis license holders exempt). Stamps must be affixed to the back of a fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate. Stamps and licenses must be signed in ink.

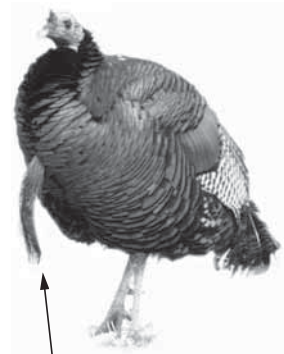
Hunting by Nontribal Members on North Dakota Indian Reservations – If an individual hunts exclusively on Indian lands within an Indian reservation, a tribal license is required and a state hunting license is not required. Hunting on nontribal lands within an Indian reservation requires a state hunting license. Game taken legally with a tribal license within an Indian reservation may be possessed and transported anywhere in North Dakota.

BAG LIMIT

Each license holder may take and possess one bearded wild turkey. **Party hunting is not allowed.**

WILD TURKEY IDENTIFICATION

Only bearded wild turkeys are legal. See the beard before you shoot. (Some hen turkeys grow beards, and these by definition may legally be taken.)



BEARD

Phone:
800-406-6409
In addition to the license fee(s) a service charge will be added. Service charge will vary depending on amount of transaction.

LICENSING BY COMPUTER OR BY PHONE
QUICK – CONVENIENT – EASY
Purchase general licenses and apply for most lottery licenses 24 hours a day — 7 days a week



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Website:
www.gf.nd.gov
Regular license fees apply with no service charge added. Applicants must print out their own license. Those without a printer will receive a confirmation number to carry.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Immediately after a turkey is taken, the hunter must indicate the date of kill by cutting out the appropriate month and day from the tag provided with the license, and attach it around the leg of the turkey in an exact manner as illustrated on back of tag to prevent its removal. It is not legal to possess or transport a turkey unless it is properly tagged. The tag shall remain with the carcass until it is packaged as food. No person may reuse or attempt to reuse any tag issued. All used tags must be kept in possession until the meat is consumed or disposed of.

FIREARMS AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

Shotguns — Only shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and capable of holding not more than three shells in the magazine and chamber are legal. Minimum barrel length is 18 inches. Fully automatic firearms are illegal.

Rifles — Only muzzleloading long guns are legal. Centerfire rifles and rimfire rifles are not legal for hunting wild turkeys.

Bows and Arrows — A bow must be pulled, held and released by hand. Any release aid may be used providing it is hand operated, the shooter supports the draw weight of the bow, and the release is not attached to any part of the bow other than at the bowstring. A compound bow used for hunting turkeys must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches or less draw length. Recurve and long bows used for hunting turkeys must have at least 35 pounds of draw at 28 inches. Arrows must be at least 24 inches long, tipped with a metal broadhead with at least two sharp cutting edges, and have a cutting diameter of at least 3/4 inch (i.e., not able to pass through a 3/4 inch ring). It is illegal to hunt turkeys with barbed arrows. Broadheads with mechanical or retractable blades are legal. Telescopic sights, range finding devices, battery powered or electronic lighted sights or other electronic devices attached to the bow, or the arrow, are not permitted, except a lighted nock is permitted. Handheld range finding devices are legal. Arrows capable of causing damage or injury in excess of that inflicted by the cutting edges of the broadhead are prohibited (e.g., explosive arrow points, arrows tipped with drugs or chemicals, and pneumatic or hydraulic shafts are illegal).

Handguns — Handguns using straight-wall cased centerfire ammunition and muzzleloading pistols are legal.

Other Firearms/Archery Restrictions

- Crossbows are not legal, except with a permit from the Game and Fish director. Contact the Department for additional information on crossbow regulations.
- It is illegal to go afield with a firearm or bow and arrow while intoxicated.
- Firearms must be unloaded and encased within the boundaries of any national park.
- It is illegal to hunt upon the premises of another within 440 yards of any occupied building without the consent of the person occupying such building. Exception: Hunting is not prohibited on land owned by neighbors (private or public) even if the land is located less than 440 yards from the occupied building.



RAP (REPORT ALL POACHERS) PROGRAM. *This program encourages people to report wildlife violations, remain anonymous if they prefer, and receive monetary rewards for convictions based on their information. Anonymous callers will be given a special code number and are not required to give their name. Rewards range from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on the nature and seriousness of the crime. Call 800-472-2121. Call this number only to report game and fish violations. Note: If calling from outside North Dakota, the number is (701) 328-9921. The reward fund is supported by private donations. If you wish to donate to the RAP program, tax deductible contributions can be sent to RAP, Box 188, Valley City, ND 58072-0188.*

POSTING AND TRESPASS

- Only the owner or tenant, or an individual authorized by the owner, may post land by placing signs alongside a public highway or boundary giving notice that no hunting is permitted on the land. The name of the person posting the land must appear on each sign in legible characters. The signs must be readable from outside the land and must be placed conspicuously and not more than 880 yards apart. On land entirely enclosed by a fence or other enclosure, posting of signs at or on all gates through the fence or enclosure constitutes a posting of all the enclosed land.
- Hunting on posted lands without permission from the owner or tenant is illegal and punishable by suspension of hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for a period of at least one year.
- Any person may enter upon legally posted land (without a firearm or bow) to recover game shot or killed on land where he/she had a lawful right to hunt.
- It is illegal to hunt in unharvested cereal and oilseed crops, including sprouted winter wheat, alfalfa, clover and other grasses grown for seed, without the landowner's consent.
- It is illegal to deface, take down or destroy posting signs.
- Failure to close gates upon exit or entry is a criminal violation punishable by forfeiture of hunting licenses.

AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING

Federal or state properties such as refuges, sanctuaries, military installations, parks and historic sites posted to trespassing or hunting are closed to hunting wild turkeys.

Exception: Portions of Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 51 and portions of J. Clark Salyer NWR in Unit 25 are open to spring wild turkey hunting. Contact refuge headquarters for details. All other NWRs are closed to spring wild turkey hunting. State school land is open to public access including hunting unless posted with State Land Department signs. Contact the State Land Department for additional information regarding state school lands. When hunting near the boundaries of closed refuges, sanctuaries, military installations, parks or historic sites, make sure you are familiar with any retrieval restrictions that may apply.

TRANSPORTATION

License holders must accompany their wild turkey during transportation, except that it may be shipped by licensed public carrier in receipt of proper bill of lading.

HUNTING OVER BAIT

Hunting over bait on Department wildlife management areas is prohibited. Hunting over bait is defined as the placement and/or use of bait(s) for attracting game to a specific location for the purpose of hunting. Baits include but are not limited to grains, minerals, salts, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other natural or manufactured foods. The designation does not apply to the use of scents and lures, water, food plots, standing crops or livestock feeds used in standard practices.

Hunting over bait is also not allowed on all U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service national wildlife refuges and waterfowl production areas; U.S. Forest Service national grasslands; and all North Dakota state school, state park and state forest service lands.

LICENSES AVAILABLE BY UNIT

UNIT	AVAILABLE	UNIT	AVAILABLE
02	400	31	150
03	100	37	675
04	75	40	150
06	60	44	100
13	300	45	140
17	100	47	150
19	325	50	450
21	CLOSED	51	350
25	750	53	30
27	300	98	350
30	750	99	225
		TOTAL	5,930

One additional spring turkey license is authorized to be raffled or auctioned by the National Wild Turkey Federation. The license is valid for any open unit. Proceeds are used for wild turkey conservation in North Dakota.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES

Sunrise and sunset at Bismarck noted below. The sun rises and sets one minute later for each 12.5 miles west of Bismarck and one minute earlier for each 12.5 miles east of Bismarck.

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET	DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
APR 13	6:59	8:29	MAY 1	6:28	8:54
APR 14	6:57	8:31	MAY 2	6:26	8:55
APR 15	6:55	8:32	MAY 3	6:24	8:56
APR 16	6:53	8:33	MAY 4	6:23	8:58
APR 17	6:51	8:35	MAY 5	6:21	8:59
APR 18	6:50	8:36	MAY 6	6:20	9:00
APR 19	6:48	8:37	MAY 7	6:19	9:01
APR 20	6:46	8:39	MAY 8	6:17	9:03
APR 21	6:44	8:40	MAY 9	6:16	9:04
APR 22	6:43	8:41	MAY 10	6:14	9:05
APR 23	6:41	8:43	MAY 11	6:13	9:07
APR 24	6:39	8:44	MAY 12	6:12	9:08
APR 25	6:37	8:45	MAY 13	6:11	9:09
APR 26	6:36	8:47	MAY 14	6:09	9:10
APR 27	6:34	8:48	MAY 15	6:08	9:12
APR 28	6:32	8:50	MAY 16	6:07	9:13
APR 29	6:31	8:51	MAY 17	6:06	9:14
APR 30	6:29	8:52	MAY 18	6:05	9:15
			MAY 19	6:03	9:16

ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY

Do not hunt on road rights of way unless you are certain they are open to public use. Most road rights of way are under the control of the adjacent landowner and are closed to hunting when the adjacent land is posted closed to hunting.

AIRCRAFT AND MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES

- Aircraft may not be used to drive, concentrate, rally, raise, stir up, spot or disturb game.
- Motor-driven vehicles may not be used to pursue game.
- It is illegal to shoot with bow and arrow or firearm while in or on a motor-driven vehicle.
- It is illegal to carry a firearm in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a shell in the chamber. The entire cylinder of a revolver is considered the chamber, requiring the revolver to be completely unloaded. It is illegal to carry any muzzleloader in or on a motor-driven vehicle with a percussion cap or primer on the nipple or powder in the flash pan.
- Motor-driven vehicles may only be used on established roads or trails. Except for persons having a special disability permit, no person may use a motor-driven vehicle while in the process of hunting turkeys or aid another in the process of hunting turkeys, including travel to and from the hunting location unless the motor-driven vehicle is on an established road or trail. Exception: a landowner or a lessee who actively farms or ranches the land, or a person having written permission from the landowner or lessee, may use a motor-driven vehicle off of an established road or trail to hunt turkeys except during the deer gun season.
- Motor-driven vehicles may not be used off established roads and trails on state wildlife management areas, federal waterfowl production areas, and any other areas where motor-driven vehicles are restricted.
- Established roads or trails do not include temporary trails made for agricultural purposes.
- No person may use motor-driven vehicles on North Dakota Game and Fish Department Conservation PLOTS (Private Land Open To Sportsmen) property without permission from the landowner. These areas have been entrusted to the public for walking access only through written agreements with private landowners. The boundaries of these properties are identified by large yellow triangular signs.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Portions of some units are located on Indian reservations. Contact reservation tribal offices for more information.

- **Fort Berthold.** Game and Fish Department, 404 Frontage Road, New Town, ND 58763, (701) 627-4760.
- **Standing Rock.** Game and Fish Department, Box D, Fort Yates, ND 58538, (701) 854-7236.
- **Turtle Mountain.** Department of Natural Resources, Box 570, Belcourt, ND 58316, (701) 477-2600.
- **Spirit Lake.** Fish and Wildlife Department, Box 359, Fort Totten, ND 58335, (701) 766-4221.



