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OSAGE NATION WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

ANNUAL REGULATION GUIDE

HUNTING SEASON



Licensing

Fishing License

Fishing licenses are available to all persons seeking to fish in any body of water within the property of the Osage Nation. Fishing licenses must be retained on the person at all times while fishing within the property of the Osage Nation.

Hunting License

Hunting licenses are available to all persons who are Hunter Education certified, hold an Apprentice Designated License, or are exempt according to Section 3 of the Wildlife Regulations. Hunting licenses must be retained on the person at all times while hunting within the property of the Osage Nation.

Scientific Collector's License

Scientific Collector's Licenses are available to all persons sixteen (16) years of age or older who kill or capture wildlife or take nests or eggs for scientific purposes within property of the Osage Nation. At the end of each calendar year, the licensee shall report to DNR the number of species of wildlife taken or killed and any other relative collection data as may be required. The Scientific Collector's License may be renewed, but no license will be renewed before the receipt of the annual report.

ALL LICENSES ARE VALID FROM JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR.

For more information on all licenses, please visit the Department of Natural Resources website at <https://www.osagenation-nsn.gov/services/department-natural-resources>.

General Regulations

Osage Nation Permissions

Prior to engaging with a hunting activity, all person(s) must obtain a valid hunting lease or express written permission from the *Department of Natural Resources*. This permission must include a signed Release and Waiver of Liability and Claims.

Harvest Reporting

All big game taken on property of the Osage Nation must be reported by the hunter to the Department of Natural Resource within 24 hours of leaving the hunt area. Check-in shall be with the Department of Natural Resources or designee as determined by the approved permit. Once reported, a confirmation number will be issued by the Department of Natural Resources to the licensed hunter. This confirmation number must remain with the carcass to its final destination or through process and/or storage. Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the carcass until the harvest has been properly reported.

Nuisance Coyote/Feral Hog Control

Except during deer gun seasons, a licensed hunter or agricultural lessee may, with written permission from the Department of Natural Resources, control damage from coyotes or feral hogs by any means of legal take, to protect agricultural assets. In addition to written permission, all person(s) taking coyote or feral hogs must have a valid hunting license from the Department of Natural Resources. All coyotes and/or feral hogs must be reported in accordance with the Harvest Reporting section in this guide.

Protected Species

All migratory birds, which include all hawks, owls, eagles, songbirds and all other birds, except resident game birds, house sparrows, and starlings, are protected by federal law. Endangered and threatened species are protected by federal law.

Hunter Orange Required

Deer hunters participating in rifle and muzzleloader season must wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both totaling at least 400 square inches of hunter orange that are clearly visible. Camouflage hunter orange is legal as long as there are at least 400 square inches of hunter orange. Deer hunters using archery equipment in any hunting area must conspicuously wear either a head covering or an outer garment above the waistline consisting of hunter orange. All other hunters, including trappers must wear either head covering or upper garment of hunter orange while hunting during deer rifle and muzzleloader season.



Regulation Guide for Big Game

Season Dates

Deer Archery	October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025
Youth Deer Gun	October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025
Deer Primitive (Muzzleloading)	October 26, 2024 - November 3, 2024
Deer Gun	November 23, 2024 - December 8, 2024
Holiday Antlerless	December 18, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Legal Means of Taking Big Game – Deer

Means of Take During Archery Season

BOW

A compound bow of thirty (30) pounds or more draw weight; any recurve, longbow or self-bow or forty (40) pounds or more draw weight; or hand-held release bows; or devices that permit a bow to held mechanically at full partial draw.

BROADHEADS

Arrows/bolt that must be fitted with hunting type points not less than 7/8 inches wide, including mechanical broadheads meeting the width requirements when fully open.

CROSSBOWS

A bow with a minimum one-hundred (100) pound draw weight equipped with safety devices with a minimum of fourteen (14) inch length bolts; or a leverage gaining device.

FIREARMS PROHIBITED

No persons may carry or use a firearm in conjunction with archery equipment during archery season while hunting big game, with the exception of handguns strictly carried for purposes of protection.

Means of Take During Gun and Rifle Season

RIFLES

Centerfire rifles firing at least a 55-grain weight soft-nosed or hollow point bullet and having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or longer. Clips or magazines of all .22 caliber centerfire firearms may not be capable of holding more than seven rounds of ammunition.

SHOTGUNS

20-gauge or larger, firing a single rifled slug.

HANDGUNS

Handguns chambered for any center-fire rifle ammunition; chambered for any centerfire rifle ammunition using at least a 55-grain soft-nose bullet and having an overall cartridge case length of 1.25 inches or longer and a minimum barrel length of 4 inches.

ARCHERY

Equipment described in Archery section.

SUPPRESSORS

Hunters are allowed to use legally acquired and possessed suppressors

ILLEGAL DEVICES

Fully automatic firearms, laser sights (unless certified 100% disabled or legally blind) thermal tracking devices, and light enhancement devices (including night scopes) from sunset to sunrise. The following guns and or rifle are prohibited: Nine millimeter (9mm) rifles or any other type of gun or rifle not described as a legal means of taking big game.

Means of Take During Primitive (Muzzleloading) Season

MUZZLELOADING RIFLES/PISTOLS

.40 caliber or larger, firing a single ball/bullet.

MUZZLELOADING SHOTGUN

20 gauge or larger, firing a single slug.

SHOOTING HOURS

One-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.



Legal Means of Taking Big Game - Turkey

Season Dates

Youth Fall Turkey	April 12, 2024 - April 13, 2024
Turkey Fall Archery	October 1, 2024 - January 15, 2025
Turkey Fall Gun	November 2, 2024 - November 22, 2024
Youth Spring Turkey	April 12, 2024 - April 13, 2024
Spring Turkey	April 16, 2024 - May 16, 2024

Legal Means of Take

ARCHERY

Equipment described as legal for Big Game - Deer

SHOTGUN

Conventional or muzzleloading, using shot no larger than BB (.180 of an inch in diameter)

🕒 SHOOTING HOURS

One-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.

Regulation Guide for Small Game

Season Dates

Squirrel (Fox and Gray) ————— May 15, 2024 – February, 2025

Rabbit (Cottontail and Jackrabbit) ————— October 1, 2024 – May 15, 2025

Legal Means of Taking Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit

MEANS OF TAKE

Shotgun (conventional or muzzleloading), rifle (conventional or muzzleloading), handgun, archery equipment, legal raptors, hand-propelled missiles, and slingshot.

🕒 SHOOTING HOURS

One-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.



Regulation for Furbearers

Season Dates

Raccoon and Striped Skunk	—————	Open year-round
Bobcat	—————	December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025
Coyote	—————	Open year-round

Legal Means of Taking Furbearers – Firearms or Archery

DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY

Any legal firearm or archery equipment.

NIGHTTIME HOURS ONLY

A .22 caliber rimfire rifle or .22 caliber rimfire pistol and a light carried on the person while in pursuit of furbearers with hounds during the legal, open furbearer season, while possessing a valid Hunting License. The use of any artificial light, thermal or night vision equipment from a public roadway is prohibited.

LASER SIGHTS

Nothing in this section shall prevent a licensed hunter from possessing a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or pistol with a laser sighting device while hunting or taking furbearers with hounds during legal, open furbearer season, while possessing a valid Hunting License.

SHOOTING HOURS

One-half hour before official sunrise to one-half hour after official sunset.

Legal Means of Taking Furbearers – Traps

LEGAL TRAPS

Box traps and colony traps; smooth-jawed single-spring or smooth-jawed double-spring offset no less than 1/8 inch or smooth-jawed coil-spring offset no less than 1/8 inch foot-hold steel traps with an outer diameter jaw spread of no more than eight (8) inches for land sets and no more than eight and ½ (8.5) inches for water sets; enclosed trigger traps (dog-proof traps); body-gripping traps for sully submerged sets with no more than twelve (12) inches in diameter. Any trap not listed here is illegal.

SETTING TRAPS

No trap may be set in paths, roads, or runways commonly used for recreational purposes by persons, dogs, or other domestic animals.

VISITING TRAPS

Traps must be tended once each 24-hour period.

EXEMPTIONS

Nothing in this regulation prevents the killing of furbearers actually found destroying livestock or poultry.

LEGAL NUMBER OF TRAPS

No more than 20 traps may not be used at one time per licensed hunter, unless permission is granted by the DNR.

IDENTIFICATION OF TRAPS

All traps shall bear the name of the owner of the traps.

POSTING OF TRAPS

When smooth-jawed double-spring offset no less than 1/8 inch or smooth-jawed coil-spring offset no less than 1/8 inch traps are used, the posting of signs shall be required at all entrances from roadways. Signs must have minimum dimensions of five inches by eight inches and the wording "Traps" must be included and be conspicuous on the signs and printed in letters at least two inches tall.

