



Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation 2025 Hunting Handbook



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2025 SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE HUNTING SEASONS

	TRIBAL MEMBER	INDIAN NON-MEM.	NON INDIAN
SMALL GAME (Rabbits,Squirrels)	09/01/2025 - 03/31/2026	09/01/2025 - 03/31/2026	09/01/2025 - 03/31/2026
YOUTH PHEASANT	09/13/2025-10/04/2025	09/20/2025-09/28/2025	09/27/2025-10/05/2025
PHEASANT	10/04/2024-01/31/2026	10/11/2025-01/31/2026	10/18/2025-01/31/2026
DOVE	09/01/2025-11/09/2025	09/01/2025-11/09/2025	09/01/2025-11/09/2025
PARTRIDGE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
GROUSE	09/06/2025-01/31/2026	09/13/2025-01/31/2026	09/20/2025-01/31/2026
MUSKRAT	10/01/2025-04/30/2026	10/01/2025-04/30/2026	10/01/2025-04/30/2026
BEAVER	Year Round	Year Round	Year Round
MINK_WEASEL	09/01/2025-01/31/2026	09/01/2025-01/31/2026	09/01/2025-01/31/2026
OTHER FURBEARER	Year Round	Year Round	Year Round
YOUTH WATERFOWL	09/13/2025-09/14/2025	09/13/2025-09/14/2025	09/13/2025-09/14/2025
DUCKS	09/27/2025-12/09/2026	09/27/2025-12/09/2026	09/27/2025-12/09/2026
CANADA GEESE	10/01/2025-12/16/2025	10/01/2025-12/16/2025	10/01/2025-12/16/2025
RIFLE DEER	11/01/2025-12/14/2025	11/08/2025-12/07/2025	11/15/2025-11/30/2025
YOUTH RIFLE	09/06/2025-01/01/2026	09/20/2025-01/01/2026	09/13/2025-01/01/2026
ARCHERY	09/06/2025-01/01/2026	09/20/2025-01/01/2026	10/04/2025-01/01/2026
BLACK POWDER	11/15/2025-01/01/2026	12/01/2025-01/01/2026	12/01/2025-01/01/2026
FALL TURKEY	10/01/2025 - 01/31/2026	10/14/2025 - 01/31/2026	11/01/2025 - 01/31/2026
MOOSE	09/06/2025 - 01/31/2026	TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY	TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

07/16/2025

2025 SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE HUNTING FEES

	TRIBAL MEMBER	INDIAN NON-MEMBER	NON-INDIAN	TRIBAL MEM. YOUTH	NON-MEM. YOUTH	AFFILIATE
SURCHARGE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
SPORTSMAN	\$25.00	N/A	N/A	FREE	N/A	N/A
SMALL GAME (Rabbits,Squirrels)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$10.00
FISHING	\$20.00	\$35.00	Resident - \$50, Non-Resident - \$100	FREE	FREE	\$25.00
PHEASANT	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$125.00	FREE	\$25.00	\$60.00
DOVE	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$5.00
GROUSE	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$105.00	FREE	\$15.00	\$50.00
FURBEARER	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$120.00	FREE	\$5.00	\$60.00
COYOTE	Included w/Furbearer	\$5.00	\$50.00	FREE	Included w/Furbearer	\$25.00
WATERFOWL	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	FREE	\$25.00	\$75.00
RIFLE DEER	Any Deer \$25.00 Antlerless \$20.00 Elder \$10.00	\$275.00	\$400.00	NA	Reg. Fees	\$200.00
YOUTH RIFLE	N/A	N/A	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	N/A
ARCHERY	\$20.00	\$195.00	\$300.00	Reg. Fees	Reg. Fees	\$150.00
BLACK POWDER	\$15.00	\$175.00	\$250.00	Reg. Fees	Reg. Fees	\$125.00
FALL TURKEY	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	Reg. Fees	Reg. Fees	\$25.00

Agers 12 - 15 yrs eligible for youth prices w/ HSC

Juveniles ages 16 yrs & up pay regular fees.

A 4% Tribal Tax Is Required Of All Non Member License Purchases Excluding Surcharge

General Laws and Regulations

Tribal permits/licenses are valid on *Tribal & Trust lands only*. They are not valid on SDGFP Game Production Areas, Walk-In Areas or Waterfowl Production Areas.

No license may be refunded or transferred after being issued.

No one may discharge firearms within 660 feet of any occupied dwelling, school or any public establishment or where livestock are present without the express written permission of owner or occupant.

No person shall scare, chase, harass, disperse, rally or otherwise disturb any wildlife by means other than by legal hunting methods and in the ordinary course of hunting.

No more than (20) twenty persons shall cooperate as a group in hunting.

Youth 12 thru 15 years of age must possess a hunter safety card or certification of completion from a hunter safety course prior to acquiring any tribal hunting permit.

No one may wantonly waste any game.

No person shall abandon edible portions of fish or wildlife at a meat processing plant. The leaving of edible portions of fish or wildlife at a processing plant of more than (90) ninety days shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation. The owner(s) or operator(s) in charge of any meat processing plant shall report the violation to the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department.

Non-Member hunting permits are issued on a first come first served basis. Applications are available upon request.

The sportsman license available to SWO Tribal Members only grants the same privileges as any other SWO license. It does not include any big game licenses (deer or turkey). Big game licenses must be purchased individually.

Big Game permits are issued through the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Office only. Fishing licenses and other permits are available at the Dakota Connection C Store or online site.

Federal Lacey Act. No person may transport or ship to another state wildlife taken unlawfully on the Lake Traverse Reservation.

INSPECTION: Any motor vehicle, camper or trailer may be stopped for such inspection and count at the request of any person authorized to enforce the game & fish laws of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. You may not refuse inspection and count of game or inspection of firearm.

No person shall deface, mutilate, shoot at, tear pull down or destroy any sign on the reservation.

No person shall cut, run through, tear out or take down, or leave down any fence. Nor leave any gates open or in any way destroy gates or fences on the reservation.

No person may intentionally interfere with another person lawfully engaged in taking or attempting to take game or fish. No person may scare or disturb game with specific intent to prevent its lawful taking

It shall be unlawful for any person to chase, drive, harass or hunt any wildlife with or from a motorized vehicle (automobile, snowmobile, ATV, etc).

No person(s) Indian or Non-Indian are allowed to hunt on the posted special management areas on Tribal Trust Land.

General Laws and Regulations

No hunting allowed on Lake Traverse Reservation trust lands on the North Dakota side unless a special permit is acquired from the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department through a separate application process. These special permits are available on a first come basis. They are limited permits exclusive for North Dakota Trust lands only.

North Dakota Trust land seasons differ from South Dakota Trust land seasons. Refer to North Dakota Trust Lands Season Fact Sheet.

Non member licensees whom were issued regular permits are not allowed to hunt Indian lands on the North Dakota side of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Non member tribally licensed waterfowl hunters are not allowed to hunt from boats on waters the State of South Dakota deems to be meandered waters. Check with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Fish & Wildlife Department prior to hunting from a boat to ensure they are allowed on that particular body of water.

It is illegal to use an auto-loading or self-loading firearm capable of holding more than six cartridges or capable of being operated as a full automatic.

Persons illegally taking, killing or possessing any species of fish or wildlife shall be liable for a civil liability to the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate.

If a person is convicted of violating any law or regulation pertaining to fishing, hunting, or possessing fish or wildlife without a license or during closed season, the court may revoke the persons hunting, trapping or fishing privileges for a period of one or more years.

Hunting or fishing violations on tribal trust lands that violate Tribal Game & Fish laws may also result in a Federal violation.

No person shall send or receive a message by radio or any other wireless means of communication while in or on a motor vehicle for the purpose of hunting any wildlife.

No person while in or on a motor vehicle or a conveyance attached to it shall discharge any firearm at any wildlife while on a public road or a field.

In the Tribal Atlas's that are available for purchase, private Indian owned properties are color coded in yellow and the Tribal owned land are color coded in red. SWO hunt/fish permits are valid on either land with the exception as follows:

No person may hunt, trap or fish any land that is posted by a private individual Indian landowner of such property without express written consent of that individual. If in doubt on a posted or non posted property please check with the SWO Fish & Wildlife Dept. or the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Sisseton Agency.

No game bird may be possessed or transported unless they have one foot, fully feathered head or fully feathered wing attached. Migratory waterfowl must have an attached fully feathered wing or attached head.

Affiliate eligibility: A nonmember employed by the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate or a nonmember employed by a local tribal government, BIA, IHS or a local federal government, which provides services to the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. Any non member who is enlisted full-time in the US Armed Forces or National Guard is also eligible for affiliate prices.

Protect Our Wildlife

Use the **POW** Hotline
To Report Violations



1 (605) 698-8413

Save the **POW** phone number in your phone
to report a violation easily and anonymously.

Pheasant (Siyo)

Season Dates:

Members	10/04/25-01/31/26	*Shooting Hours
INM	10/11/25-01/31/26	**Shooting Hours
NI	10/18/25-01/31/26	**Shooting Hours

*Sunrise-Sunset

**10:00am-Sunset

License Required:	Pheasant Upland		Sportsman
Members	n/a	X	X
INM	n/a	X	n/a
NI	X	n/a	n/a
Affiliates	n/a	X	n/a
Member Youth 12-15	n/a	X	X
INM Youth 12-15	n/a	X	n/a
NI Youth	X	n/a	n/a

Sportsman & Upland license are valid for hunting the duration of the pheasant, partridge, and dove seasons. Pheasant license are valid for pheasant hunting only for 10 consecutive days or 2 five consecutive day periods. The start dates will begin on the dates you provide and will be printed on your permit.

License Prices:	Pheasant	Upland	Sportsman
Members	n/a	\$5.00	\$18.00
INM	n/a	50.00	n/a
NI	\$125.00	n/a	n/a
Affiliates	n/a	\$60.00	n/a
Member Youth 12-17	n/a	Free	Free
INM Youth 12-17	n/a	\$10.00	n/a
NI Youth	\$25.00	n/a	n/a

A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to all hunters prior to your first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 licenses purchased will not be subject to the surcharge.
Ages 12-15 hunter safety card required. Ages 16+ pay regular fees.

Permits Available:

Members	Unlimited
INM	Unlimited
NI	Unlimited

Bag Limit:	Daily Limit
	Members, INM (3) Roosters
	Non-Indian (3) Roosters

Possession Limit:

Members:	(15) roosters, taken accordingly to daily limit
INM:	(15) roosters, taken accordingly to daily limit
NI:	(15) roosters, taken accordingly to daily limit

Hunter Orange: Hunter orange is required for all upland bird hunters.

Youth Pheasant (Siyo)

This special youth season is for youth ages 12 years to 15 years of age and they must possess a hunter safety card.

Season Dates:

Members	09/13/2025-10/04/2025	* Shooting Hours
Indian Non-member	09/20/2025-09/28/2025	** Shooting Hours
Non-Indian	09/27/2025-10/05/2025	** Shooting Hours

*Sunrise to Sunset

**10am to Sunset

License Required:

	Pheasant or	Sportsman or	Upland
Members:	N/A	X	X
Indian Non Member:	N/A	N/A	X
Non-Indian:	X	N/A	N/A

License Fees:

	Pheasant or	Sportsman or	Upland
Members:	N/A	Free	Free
Indian Non Member:	N/A	N/A	\$10.00
Non-Indian:	\$25.00	N/A	N/A

Surcharge: A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchased. Any additional 2025 licenses purchased will not be subject to the surcharge.

This Pheasant License will also validate non-Indian youth for a 10 consecutive day hunt or two 5 consecutive day periods during regular pheasant season. The start date(s) will begin on the date you provide and will be printed on your permit. Tribal member and Indian nonmember youth may hunt entire regular pheasant season with upland or sportsman license

Permits Available: Unlimited

Daily Limit: (3) Three roosters.

Possession Limit: (15) Fifteen, taken accordingly to the daily limit.

Hunter Orange: Hunter orange is required.

Other Requirements: Youth must be 12 to 15 years of age. Youth must be accompanied by an adult (18 or older). Youth must possess a valid Hunter safety card. Hunter and adult must wear hunter orange.

Dove (Tinwakiyena) & Partridge (Siyo)

Dove: *Migratory Game Bird. Federal migratory laws apply.*

Season Dates:	09/01/2025-11/09/2025
No. Permits Available	Unlimited
Daily limit:	(15) Fifteen
Possession limit:	(45) Forty-five
Shooting Hours:	½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset
License Required:	Upland or Dove only

It is illegal to shoot at a mourning dove not flying or to hunt doves with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

Note: The USFWS encourages hunters who harvest banded doves to call 1-800-327-BAND to report the band number and other important information.

Partridge:

No. Permits Available	Unlimited
Season Dates:	CLOSED
Daily limit:	5
Possession limit:	15
Shooting Hours:	½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset
License Required:	Upland or Sportsman

License Required:	Upland	Dove	Sportsman
Members	X	n/a	X
INM	X	X	n/a
NI	n/a	X	n/a
Affiliates	X	X	n/a
Member Youth 12-15	X	n/a	X
INM Youth 12-15	X	X	n/a
NI Youth 12-15	n/a	X	n/a

License Fees:	Upland	Dove	Sportsman
Members	\$5.00	n/a	\$18.00
INM	\$5.00	\$5.00	n/a
NI	n/a	\$5.00	n/a
Affiliates	\$5.00	\$5.00	n/a
Member Youth 12-15	Free	n/a	Free
INM Youth 12-15	\$5.00	\$5.00	n/a
NI Youth 12-15	n/a	\$5.00	n/a

Ages 12-15 Hunter safety card required. Ages 16+ pay regular fees.

Surcharge: A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.

Sportsman & Upland license are valid for hunting the duration of the pheasant and dove seasons. Dove license are valid for dove hunting only throughout the duration of the season

Hunter Orange: Hunter orange is required for all upland bird hunters.

Furbearer

Mink (Doksinca), Muskrat (Sinkpe), Beaver (Capa), Weasel (Hitunkasan), Raccoon (Wica), Badger (Hoka), Skunk (Mank), Fox (Sungidan), Coyote (Micaksica)

Season Dates:

Muskrat, Beaver:	10/01/2025-04/30/2025
Mink, Weasel:	09/01/2025-01/31/2026
Raccoon, Badger, Skunk, Fox, Beaver and Coyote:	Year-round

License Required:

Members
Indian Non-member
Non-Indian
Youth (Ages 12-15)
Affiliate

Furbearer License

Required
Required
Required
Required
Required

License Fees:

	<u>Furbearer License</u>	<u>Covote Only</u>
Members	\$5.00	N/A
Indian Non-Member	\$15.00	\$5.00
Non-Indian	\$120.00	\$50.00
Youth (Ages 12-15)	\$5.00	N/A
Affiliate	\$60.00	\$25.00

Ages 12-15 hunter safety card required. Ages 16+ pay regular fees.

Surcharge: A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.

Furbearer license includes coyote permit. Coyote license may be purchased separately but permits coyote hunting only.

Permits Available:

Members	Unlimited
Indian Non-Members	Unlimited
Non-Indian	(25)

Bag Limits:

Daily Limit	No limit
Possession Limit	No limit

Non Residents: Non residents are not allowed to trap furbearers but are allowed to hunt furbearers.

Trap Checking: Traps including snares must be checked at least every 48 hours, and any animal caught must be removed.

Trap Placement: No traps shall be set within (200) two hundred yards of any occupied house or dwelling, community, town, city limits, public use area, picnic area or other places where public gatherings are likely to take place.

Marking Traps: All traps must be marked with the owners name and address.

Trapping Protected Species: If protected species are trapped, the animal shall be left undisturbed, and the Fish & Wildlife department shall be contacted.

Snares: Snares must have a mechanical lock, swivel device on the anchor end, and stop devices to prohibit the restraint loop from closing to a diameter less than 2 ½ inches. Snares must be stationary and cannot be attached to a drag.

Muskrat Houses: No person may destroy a muskrat house, except that in open season a house may be opened in a manner that will not destroy or damage it as a place of habitation.

Muskrat Houses: No trapping in or on muskrat houses after March 15.

No person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife with the aid or use of artificial light, except raccoons after they have been

treed with the aid of dogs.

Duck (Magaksica)

Season Dates:	09/27/2025-12/09/2025	
Daily Limit:	Ducks: 6 and The Daily Duck (including Mergansers) limit may be Comprised of no more than: (5) Mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), (1) Scaup, (3) Wood Ducks, (2) Redheads, (3) Pintail, (2) Canvasbacks (2) Bonus blue-winged teal (first 9 days of season only) (15) Fifteen	
Coots:		
Possession Limit:	3x the daily bag, no to exceed 18 ducks in total	
Shooting Hours:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset	
Non-toxic Shot:	Hunters may not use or possess lead shot when hunting waterfowl. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth and tungsten-iron-nickel (Hevi-shot) are approved non-toxic shot.	
License Required:	Waterfowl License	Federal Stamp
Members	Required	Not Required
INM	Required	Required
NI	Required	Required
Youth 12-15	Required	Not Required
Youth 16+	Required	Required
License Fees:	Waterfowl License	
Members	\$10.00	
INM	\$25.00	
NI	\$150.00	
Affiliates	\$75.00	
Member youth 12-15 Free		
INM Youth 12-15	\$25.00	
NI Youth 12-15	\$25.00	
<i>Ages 12-15 hunter safety card required. Ages 16+ pay regular fees.</i>		
Surcharge:	5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.	
Permits Available:	Members	Unlimited
	INM	Unlimited
	NI	500

Non-Indian licenses will be valid for 10 consecutive days or two 5 day periods. The start date(s) will begin on the date you provide and will be printed on your permit. Start date may be changed by an SWO F&W licensing agent if the original selected date hasn't started.

Mechanical Decoys: Mechanical decoys are permitted. This includes wind driven or battery operated.

Peever Slough: Peever slough is a shoreline waterfowl refuge. No hunting within 100 yards of open water.

Federal Migratory Game Bird Laws Apply. For complete text of these regulations, please see Title 50, USCFR, Part 20

Regular Goose (Maga)

Canada Geese

(Includes Canada Geese & Brant)

Season Dates: 09/01/2025-12/16/2025
 Daily Limit: 8
 Possession Limit: 3x the daily limit

White-Fronted Geese

Season Dates: 09/27/2025-01/09/2026
 Daily Limit: 3
 Possession Limit: 3x the daily limit

Light Goose

(Includes: Snows, Blue, & Ross)
 Season Dates: 09/27/25-12/9/25
 Daily Limit: 50
 Possession Limit: Unlimited

Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

Nontoxic Shot: Hunters may not use or possess lead shot when hunting waterfowl. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (Hevi-Shot) are approved nontoxic shot.

License Required

	<u>Waterfowl License</u>	<u>Federal Stamp</u>
Members	Required	Not Required
Indian Non Member	Required	Required
Non-Indian	Required	Required
Youth (Ages 12-15)	Required	Not Required
Youth (Ages 16 & up)	Required	Required

License Fees:

	<u>Waterfowl License</u>
Members	\$10.00
Indian Non Member	\$25.00
Non-Indian	\$150.00
Affiliates	\$75.00
Tribal Member Youth (Ages 12 – 15)	Free
Indian Non Member Youth (Ages 12-15)	\$25.00
Non-Indian Youth (Ages 12-15)	\$25.00

A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to all hunters to your first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 licenses purchased will not be subject to the surcharge.

Ages 12-15 hunter safety card required. Ages 16+ pay regular fees.

Permits Available:	Members:	Unlimited
	Indian Non Members:	Unlimited
	Non-Indian:	(500) Five hundred

Note: Non-Indian licenses will be valid for 10 consecutive days or two 5 day periods. The start date(s) will begin on the date you provide and will be printed on your permit.

License Validation: Federal waterfowl stamp does not need to be attached to license but must be signed in ink and carried in possession at all times while hunting. The 2025 Waterfowl license must be signed and carried by licensee at all times while hunting. Also proper ID must be in the licensee's possession.

Mechanical Decoys: Mechanical decoys are permitted.

Peever Slough: Peever slough is a shoreline refuge. No hunting within 100 yards of open water.

Federal Migratory Game Bird Laws Apply. For complete text of these regulations, please see Title 50, USCFR, Part 20.

Sharp-Tail Grouse (Siyo)

Season Dates:	Members	09/06/25-01/31/26	(25) Available
	INM	09/13/25-01/31/26	(25) Available
	NI	09/20/25-1/31/26	(25) Available

License Required:	Grouse License
Shooting Hours:	Sunrise to Sunset
Bag Limit:	Daily limit 2, Possession limit 4

Fees:		
Members		\$10.00
INM		\$50.00
NI		\$105.00
Affiliates		\$50.00
Member Youth	(12-15)	Free
INM Youth	(12-15)	\$15.00
NI Youth	(12-15)	\$15.00

Ages 12-15 hunter safety card required. All juveniles ages 16 – 18 pay regular fees

Surcharge: A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.

Hunter Orange: Hunter orange is required of all upland hunters.

Note: Non Member Grouse permits are valid for trust lands in Roberts and Marshall County only.

Small Game

Cottontail (Mastincan), Jack Rabbits (Mastinska), and Squirrel (tasnaheca)

Season Dates:	09/01/25-03/31/26
Shooting Hours:	½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset
License Required:	Small Game
Members	Required
INM	Required
NI	Required
Youth 12-15	Required
Affiliate	Required

License Fees:	Small Game
Members	\$5.00
INM	\$10.00
NI	\$20.00
Affiliate	\$10.00
Youth (12-15)	\$5.00

Ages 12-15 are required to possess a hunter safety card. Ages 16+ must pay regular fees.

Surcharge: A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.

Permits Available:	
Members	Unlimited
INM	Unlimited
NI	Unlimited
Affiliates	Unlimited
Youth	Unlimited

Bag Limits:	Cottontail	Jackrabbit	Squirrel
Daily Limit	10	10	5
Possession Limit	30	20	15

Restrictions: Small Game hunters may not accompany Big Game hunters in the same hunting party

Fall Turkey

Season Dates:	Tribal Members	10/01/25-01/31/26
	Indian Non-Members	10/14/25-01/31/26
	Non-Indians	11/01/25-01/31/26

License Required:	<u>Turkey Tag or Tags</u>
Members	Required
INM	Required
NI	Required
Youth 12-15	Required
16+	Required

License Fees:	<u>Turkey Tag or Tags</u>
Members	\$10.00
INM	\$25.00
NI	\$50.00
Affiliates	\$25.00
Youth 16+	(same as above)
Ages 12-15 hunter safety card required. Ages 16+ pay regular price	

Surcharge: A \$5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.

Permits Available:	
Members	Unlimited
INM	(50) Fifty
NI	(125) One Hundred Twenty Five

Bag Limit:	
Tribal Members	(1) Any sex
INM	(1) Any sex
NI	(1) Any sex

Shooting Hours: ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset

Methods: Rifle, shotgun or archery may be used.

(Minimum Rifle Caliber-22 Mag.)

Hunter Orange: Hunter orange is optional.

Hunter Report Cards: Hunters must submit a hunter report card within fifteen (15) days after the close of the season. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 penalty. May submit in office or online at <http://wso.nagfa.net/online>.

No turkey may be shot from a tree or roost.

No electronic calls, no bait station, no use of dogs.

Tribal or Trust lands only within the original boundaries.

No one may discharge firearms within 660 feet of any occupied dwelling, school or any public establishment or where livestock are present without the express written permission of owner occupant.

Color Coded Atlases: Hunter atlases are available upon request for \$25.00

Sept. and October Sunrise and Sunset

September 2025

Sisseton, South Dakota, USA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sunrise: 6:49am Sunset: 8:07pm	2 Sunrise: 6:50am Sunset: 8:05pm	3 Sunrise: 6:52am Sunset: 8:04pm	4 Sunrise: 6:53am Sunset: 8:02pm	5 Sunrise: 6:54am Sunset: 8:00pm	6 Sunrise: 6:55am Sunset: 7:58pm
7 Sunrise: 6:57am Sunset: 7:56pm	8 Sunrise: 6:58am Sunset: 7:54pm	9 Sunrise: 6:59am Sunset: 7:52pm	10 Sunrise: 7:00am Sunset: 7:50pm	11 Sunrise: 7:01am Sunset: 7:48pm	12 Sunrise: 7:03am Sunset: 7:46pm	13 Sunrise: 7:04am Sunset: 7:44pm
14 Sunrise: 7:05am Sunset: 7:43pm	15 Sunrise: 7:06am Sunset: 7:41pm	16 Sunrise: 7:08am Sunset: 7:39pm	17 Sunrise: 7:09am Sunset: 7:37pm	18 Sunrise: 7:10am Sunset: 7:35pm	19 Sunrise: 7:11am Sunset: 7:33pm	20 Sunrise: 7:13am Sunset: 7:31pm
21 Sunrise: 7:14am Sunset: 7:29pm	22 Sunrise: 7:15am Sunset: 7:27pm	23 Sunrise: 7:16am Sunset: 7:25pm	24 Sunrise: 7:17am Sunset: 7:23pm	25 Sunrise: 7:19am Sunset: 7:21pm	26 Sunrise: 7:20am Sunset: 7:19pm	27 Sunrise: 7:21am Sunset: 7:17pm
28 Sunrise: 7:22am Sunset: 7:15pm	29 Sunrise: 7:24am Sunset: 7:13pm	30 Sunrise: 7:25am Sunset: 7:11pm				

October 2025

Sisseton, South Dakota, USA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sunrise: 7:26am Sunset: 7:10pm	2 Sunrise: 7:28am Sunset: 7:08pm	3 Sunrise: 7:29am Sunset: 7:06pm	4 Sunrise: 7:30am Sunset: 7:04pm
5 Sunrise: 7:31am Sunset: 7:02pm	6 Sunrise: 7:33am Sunset: 7:00pm	7 Sunrise: 7:34am Sunset: 6:58pm	8 Sunrise: 7:35am Sunset: 6:56pm	9 Sunrise: 7:37am Sunset: 6:54pm	10 Sunrise: 7:38am Sunset: 6:53pm	11 Sunrise: 7:39am Sunset: 6:51pm
12 Sunrise: 7:40am Sunset: 6:49pm	13 Sunrise: 7:42am Sunset: 6:47pm	14 Sunrise: 7:43am Sunset: 6:45pm	15 Sunrise: 7:44am Sunset: 6:44pm	16 Sunrise: 7:46am Sunset: 6:42pm	17 Sunrise: 7:47am Sunset: 6:40pm	18 Sunrise: 7:48am Sunset: 6:38pm
19 Sunrise: 7:50am Sunset: 6:37pm	20 Sunrise: 7:51am Sunset: 6:35pm	21 Sunrise: 7:53am Sunset: 6:33pm	22 Sunrise: 7:54am Sunset: 6:31pm	23 Sunrise: 7:55am Sunset: 6:30pm	24 Sunrise: 7:57am Sunset: 6:28pm	25 Sunrise: 7:58am Sunset: 6:27pm
26 Sunrise: 7:59am Sunset: 6:25pm	27 Sunrise: 8:01am Sunset: 6:23pm	28 Sunrise: 8:02am Sunset: 6:22pm	29 Sunrise: 8:04am Sunset: 6:20pm	30 Sunrise: 8:05am Sunset: 6:19pm	31 Sunrise: 8:06am Sunset: 6:17pm	

November and December Sunrise and Sunset

November 2025

Sisseton, South Dakota, USA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 6:16pm
2 DST Ends at 2:00am Sunrise: 7:09am Sunset: 5:14pm	3 Sunrise: 7:11am Sunset: 5:13pm	4 Sunrise: 7:12am Sunset: 5:11pm	5 Sunrise: 7:13am Sunset: 5:10pm	6 Sunrise: 7:15am Sunset: 5:09pm	7 Sunrise: 7:16am Sunset: 5:07pm	8 Sunrise: 7:18am Sunset: 5:06pm
9 Sunrise: 7:19am Sunset: 5:05pm	10 Sunrise: 7:20am Sunset: 5:04pm	11 Sunrise: 7:22am Sunset: 5:02pm	12 Sunrise: 7:23am Sunset: 5:01pm	13 Sunrise: 7:25am Sunset: 5:00pm	14 Sunrise: 7:26am Sunset: 4:59pm	15 Sunrise: 7:27am Sunset: 4:58pm
16 Sunrise: 7:29am Sunset: 4:57pm	17 Sunrise: 7:30am Sunset: 4:56pm	18 Sunrise: 7:32am Sunset: 4:55pm	19 Sunrise: 7:33am Sunset: 4:54pm	20 Sunrise: 7:34am Sunset: 4:53pm	21 Sunrise: 7:36am Sunset: 4:52pm	22 Sunrise: 7:37am Sunset: 4:52pm
23 Sunrise: 7:38am Sunset: 4:51pm	24 Sunrise: 7:40am Sunset: 4:50pm	25 Sunrise: 7:41am Sunset: 4:49pm	26 Sunrise: 7:42am Sunset: 4:49pm	27 Sunrise: 7:43am Sunset: 4:48pm	28 Sunrise: 7:45am Sunset: 4:47pm	29 Sunrise: 7:46am Sunset: 4:47pm
30 Sunrise: 7:47am Sunset: 4:46pm						

December 2025

Sisseton, South Dakota, USA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sunrise: 7:48am Sunset: 4:46pm	2 Sunrise: 7:49am Sunset: 4:46pm	3 Sunrise: 7:50am Sunset: 4:45pm	4 Sunrise: 7:52am Sunset: 4:45pm	5 Sunrise: 7:53am Sunset: 4:45pm	6 Sunrise: 7:54am Sunset: 4:44pm
7 Sunrise: 7:55am Sunset: 4:44pm	8 Sunrise: 7:56am Sunset: 4:44pm	9 Sunrise: 7:57am Sunset: 4:44pm	10 Sunrise: 7:58am Sunset: 4:44pm	11 Sunrise: 7:59am Sunset: 4:44pm	12 Sunrise: 7:59am Sunset: 4:44pm	13 Sunrise: 8:00am Sunset: 4:44pm
14 Sunrise: 8:01am Sunset: 4:44pm	15 Sunrise: 8:02am Sunset: 4:45pm	16 Sunrise: 8:03am Sunset: 4:45pm	17 Sunrise: 8:03am Sunset: 4:45pm	18 Sunrise: 8:04am Sunset: 4:45pm	19 Sunrise: 8:05am Sunset: 4:46pm	20 Sunrise: 8:05am Sunset: 4:46pm
21 Sunrise: 8:06am Sunset: 4:47pm	22 Sunrise: 8:06am Sunset: 4:47pm	23 Sunrise: 8:07am Sunset: 4:48pm	24 Sunrise: 8:07am Sunset: 4:48pm	25 Sunrise: 8:07am Sunset: 4:49pm	26 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 4:49pm	27 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 4:50pm
28 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 4:51pm	29 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 4:52pm	30 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 4:52pm	31 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 4:53pm			

Youth Waterfowl

This special youth season is for youth ages 12-17 and they must possess a hunter safety card.

Season Dates:	09/13/25-09/14/25
Daily Limit:	Ducks: 6 and comprised of no more than: (5) Mallards (which may include no more than 2 hens), (1) Scaup, (3) Wood Ducks, (2) Redheads, (1) Pintails, (2) Canvasbacks (2) Bonus blue-winged teal (first 16 days of season only) (5), which may include no more than 2 hooded merganser
Mergansers:	(15) Fifteen
Coots:	(8) Eight
Canada Geese:	Twice the daily bag limit for all species
Possession Limit:	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Shooting Hours:	Hunters may not use or possess lead shot when hunting waterfowl. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-tin-bismuth and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (Hevi-shot) are approved nontoxic shot.
Nontoxic Shot:	

License Required:	Waterfowl License	Federal Stamp
Youth 12-15	Required	Not Required
License Fees:	Waterfowl License	Sportsman
Member Youth	Free	Free
INM Youth	\$25.00	n/a
NI Youth	\$25.00	n/a

Ages 12-17 hunter safety card required

Surcharge: 5.00 surcharge is assessed to the first 2025 license purchase. Any additional 2025 license purchases will not be subject to the surcharge.

Waterfowl license will also validate Non-Indian youth for a 10 consecutive day hunt or two 5 consecutive day periods during regular waterfowl season. The start date(s) will begin on the date you provide and will be printed on your permit. Tribal members and Indian Non-members youth may hunt the entire regular waterfowl season with a waterfowl or sportsman license. Start date may be changed by an SWO F & W licensing agent if the original selected date hasn't started.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult (18+). The adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in the early Canada goose season.

Decoys: Mechanical decoys are allowed on Tribal or Trust Lands. This includes wind driven or battery operated.

Peever Slough: Peever slough is a shoreline waterfowl refuge. No hunting within 100 yards of open water.

Federal Migratory Game Bird Laws Apply. For complete text of these regulations, please see Title 50, USCFR, Part 20

Youth Rifle

Season Dates:

Members:	09/06/25-01/01/26
Indian Non Member:	09/13/25-01/01/26
Non-Indian:	09/20/25-01/01/26
Limit:	(1) One Any Deer- Members Only (1) One Antlerless- Indian Non-Member (1) One Antlerless- Non-Indian

Antler Restriction: Youth member can hunt any buck.

Shooting Hours: ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset

License Required: Youth Rifle Tag

License Fees: \$10.00 Tribal Member Youth
\$20.00 Indian Non Member
\$30.00 Non-Indian Youth

A 4% Tribal Tax will be required of all non member license purchases excluding the surcharge

License Requirements: Youth must be 12 to 17 years old and possess a valid hunter safety certificate.

Hunter Orange: Youth hunters are required to wear at least one visible exterior garment which covers the chest and back.

Special Requirements: Each hunter must be accompanied by an unarmed adult wearing the required hunter orange.

Hunter Report Cards: All hunters are required to submit a hunter report card within 10 days of the close of the season.

May submit in office or online at <https://wso.nagfa.net/online>.

Small game hunters: Small game hunters may not accompany big game hunters in the same hunting party.

Baiting: It shall be unlawful for any person to place any type of salt blocks or licks to attract big game.

Firearm Restrictions: It shall be unlawful for any person to use a shoulder held firearm that produces less than one thousand (1,000) foot pounds of energy at the muzzle. Among calibers not legal are : 17 Remington, 218 Bee, .22 Hornet, .25-20, .30 Carbine, .32-20, .38-40, and the .44-40.

Dogs Prohibited: No dogs shall be used in the hunting of big game animals.

Accompaniment Prohibited: No big game licensee while hunting in the field during a big game season shall be accompanied by any non-licensee carrying any firearm or bow and arrow. A non-licensee is a person not having a big game license for the same season.

Archery

Season Dates: 09/06/25-01/01/26 Tribal Members
09/20/25-01/01/26 Indian-Non Members
10/04/25-01/01/26 Non Indian

Limit: (1) One Any Deer

Antler Restriction: Must be at least a 3x3 if antlered

Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ after sunset.

Hunter Orange: Hunter Orange recommended during rifle season

Tagging and Transporting: The tag received with your license must be signed, dated and securely attached to the big game animal at the time it is brought to a road or into any hunting camp, farmyard, residence, or before it is placed in or on a vehicle. The licensee shall sign the tag and date it by cutting out completely the month and day of the date of kill only. The licensee shall attach the tag securely to the big game animal: (1) Around one hind leg between the hoof and ankle joint; (2) Around the hock tendon directly above the ankle joint on one hind leg; or (3) Around the base of the antler or horn.

Restrictions: A person hunting with bow and arrow may not use or possess any of the following: - Explosive, poisonous, hydraulic or pneumatic points; Crossbows and draw-lock devices that hold the bow at partial or full draw except for individuals who qualify and possess a valid crossbow/draw-lock permit; Arrow rests that have more than three inches of continuous contact with the arrow; Electronic devices mounted to the bow that aid in the taking of game. *However, cameras, video cameras, cell phones used exclusively for photographic purposes, lighted sight pins and illuminated arrow nocks may be used;* Electronic arrow or electronic string releases; Telescopic sights; An arrow without a broad head (fixed or mechanical) that has at least two metal cutting edges when hunting a big game animal, except blunt points may be possessed and used when hunting a turkey. A bow that measures less than 30 pounds pull.

Hunter Report Cards: All hunters must submit a hunter report card within 15 days of the close of the season. Year 2024 archery hunters who did not submit an archery hunter report card will be penalized a \$25.00 penalty fee, that will be assessed to the purchase of their 2025 deer license fee. May submit in office or online at <https://wso.nagfa.net/online>.

Big game decoys: Big game decoys are allowed.

Designated Hunters: Not allowable for Archery season.

Wanton Waste: No one may wantonly waste big game.

No person shall abandon edible portions of fish or wildlife at a meat processing plant. The leaving of edible portions of fish or wildlife at a processing plant of more than ninety (90) days shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation. The owner(s) or operator(s) in charge of any meat processing plant shall report the violation the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department.

Archery (continued)

Accompaniment Prohibited: No big game licensee while hunting in the field during a big game season shall be accompanied by any non-licensee carrying any firearm or bow and arrow. A non-licensee is a person not having a big game license for the same season and method.

Archers prohibited from possessing firearms: No person licensed in a season restricted to archery only shall possess any firearm in the field while hunting with a bow and arrow.

Dogs Prohibited: No dogs shall be used in the hunting of big game animals.

Federal Lacey Act: No person may transport or ship to another state wildlife taken unlawfully on the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Baiting: No one may establish, utilize or maintain a bait station to attract big game. A bait station is a location where grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, minerals (including salt) or any other natural food materials are placed or maintained as an attractant to big game animals for the purpose of hunting.

Stands: Must be tagged with ownership ID and registered with the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department. Any equipment left 30 days after the close of the season will be considered abandoned, and will be ceased by the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department.

Rifle Deer (Tahca)

Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

- * **Limit:**
- (1) Any Deer per each any deer tag or
 - (1) Antlerless Deer per each antlerless deer tag
 - (Tribal member elder tags are antlerless only)

Antler Restriction: Must be at least a 3x3 if antlered

Predator Hunting: All nonmember hunters who have been issued a rifle deer tag are permitted to hunt coyotes until their deer tag is filled.

Hunter Orange: Hunters are required to wear at least one visible exterior garment which covers the chest and back.

Tagging and Transporting: The tag received with your license must be signed, dated and securely attached to the big game animal at the time it is brought to a road or into any hunting camp, farmyard, residence, or before it is placed in or on a vehicle. The licensee shall sign the tag and date it by cutting out completely the month and day of the date of kill only. The licensee shall attach the tag securely to the big game animal: (1) Around one hind leg between the hoof and ankle joint; (2) Around the hock tendon directly above the ankle joint on one hind leg; or (3) Around the base of the antler or horn.

Tagging allows a big game animal to be transported and stored by the hunter or another person for the hunter. No person may possess in the field or transport a big game animal, including boned out meat unless it is accompanied by the animal's lawfully attached tag along with the animal's head or a hind quarter with visible external sex organs left naturally attached to it. Any person licensed to take "any deer," "any elk" or "any antelope" is exempt from transporting the animal's head or hind quarter with attached sex organs if the lawfully tagged leg accompanies the animal for such a license. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to a big game licensee who transports big game parts, including boned out meat, from the licensee's domicile to another location if the licensee possesses the big game tag or big game license entitling the licensee to the animal. If a person other than the licensee transports big game animal parts (including boned out meat) from the licensee's domicile to another location, the tagged leg or a transportation permit must accompany the items being transported.

Hunter Report Cards: All hunters are required to submit a hunter report card within 15 days of the close of the season. Year 2024 rifle hunters who did not submit a hunter report card will be penalized a \$25.00 penalty fee, which will be assessed to the purchase of their 2025 rifle deer license fee. May submit in office or online at <https://wso.nagfa.net/online>.

Designated Hunters: No Big Game Licensee may hunt for another except designated licensed *Tribal Members* who have obtained authorization by the SWO Fish and Wildlife Department. Designated hunting will only be allowed for Tribal members. Upon authorization the designees name will be printed on the designators permit which must be in possession of the authorized hunter while hunting.

Small Game Hunters: Small Game Hunters may not accompany big game hunters in the same hunting party.

Rifle Deer (Tahca) (continued)

Big game decoys: Big game decoys are allowed.

Baiting: No one may establish, utilize or maintain a bait station to attract big game. A bait station is a location where grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, minerals (including salt) or any other natural food materials are placed or maintained as an attractant to big game animals for the purpose of hunting.

Firearm Restrictions: It shall be unlawful for any person to use a shoulder held firearm that produces less than one thousand (1,000) foot pounds of energy at the muzzle. Among calibers not legal are: 17 Remington, 218 Bee, .22 Hornet, .25-20, .30 Carbine, .32-20, .38-40, and the .44-40. It is illegal to use an auto-loading or self-loading firearm capable of holding more than six cartridges or capable of being operated as a full automatic.

Wanton Waste: No one may wantonly waste big game.

No person shall abandon edible portions of fish or wildlife at a meat processing plant. The leaving of edible portions of fish or wildlife at a processing plant of more than ninety (90) days shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation. The owner(s) or operator(s) in charge of any meat processing plant shall report the violation the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department.

Party Hunting: No more than (20) persons shall cooperate as a group in hunting. When licensee has filled his or her tag they are unable to continue deer hunting with party unless unarmed.

Dogs Prohibited: No dogs shall be used in the hunting of big game animals.

Accompaniment Prohibited: No big game licensee while hunting in the field during a big game season shall be accompanied by any non-licensee carrying any firearm or bow and arrow. A non-licensee is a person not having a big game license for the same season.

Zones: Non Indian Permits are valid only for the zone printed on license.

Zone No. I – *Tribal and Trust lands within the original boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation, north of Highway 10 to the North Dakota Border.*

Zone No. II – *Tribal and Trust lands within the original boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation, south of State Highway 10 to the point at Lake Kampeska by Watertown.*

North Dakota Lands: Non Members are not allowed to hunt on Lake Traverse Reservation trust lands on the North Dakota side unless a special permit is acquired from the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department through a separate application process.

Shotguns: Must discharge a rifle slug or single ball weighing at least one-half ounce. Buckshot is prohibited.

Mentored Hunt

The mentored hunting program is designed so parents can make the decision on when their child is ready to go hunting for the first time.

MENTORED HUNTER: Any youth at least 10 years of age but less than 17 years of age, that is not required to possess a hunting license as long as accompanied by a hunting mentor while in the field hunting.

REQUIREMENTS: Tribal Members Only

At least 10 years of age and less than 17 years of age

No license required for the mentored hunter

No hunter education class required

Must be accompanied by unarmed mentor

MENTOR: Any parent/guardian or assigned competent adult that accompanies a youth.

REQUIREMENTS:

Tribal Members Only

18 years of age or older

Must be hunter education certified and carry certification in the field during the mentored hunt.

Shall possess a valid hunting license for the game being hunted

Must be in immediate contact and direct supervision of the mentored hunter

If not the parent, must possess written permission from the parent

Adult mentor cannot accompany more than one mentored hunter at any given time

Mentored Hunt (continued)

UPLAND/WATERFOWL/SMALL GAME:

- Mentored hunts involving migratory game birds will require the mentor possess all required licenses
- The combined number of animals taken or possessed by the mentored hunter and the hunting mentor may not exceed the number of animals authorized under licenses held by the adult mentor
- Game taken by a mentored hunter counts towards the mentors daily limit
- May hunt during any of the small game, waterfowl, upland established 2025 seasons
- Hunting party may not exceed six people (including mentors and mentored hunters)

BIG GAME HUNTING:

- If a mentored deer or turkey license is purchased for a mentored hunter, that mentored hunter is ineligible to purchase a license for the respective regular youth deer season
- The purchase of a big game mentored hunting license does not affect the eligibility of the parent/guardian for any other hunting license
- Mentored Deer licensees must follow date and equipment restrictions for the Youth Deer season
- Mentored Fall Turkey licensees must follow date and equipment restrictions for the Fall Turkey season

Hunting party may not exceed six people (including mentors and mentored hunters)

Black Powder

Season Dates:	Tribal Members:	11/15/25-01/02/26
	Indian Non Member:	12/01/25-01/01/26
	Non Indian:	12/01/25-01/01/26

Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Methods: Muzzle loading rifles must shoot a .44 caliber or larger bullet. Muzzle loading pistols are not legal.

Limit: (1) One Any Deer

Hunter Orange: Hunters are required to wear at least one visible exterior garment which covers the chest and back.

Tagging and Transporting: The tag received with your license must be signed, dated and securely attached to the big game animal at the time it is brought to a road or into any hunting camp, farmyard, residence, or before it is placed in or on a vehicle. The licensee shall sign the tag and date it by cutting out completely the month and day of the date of kill only. The licensee shall attach the tag securely to the big game animal: (1) Around one hind leg between the hoof and ankle joint; (2) Around the hock tendon directly above the ankle joint on one hind leg; or (3) Around the base of the antler or horn.

Tagging allows a big game animal to be transported and stored by the hunter or another person for the hunter. No person may possess in the field or transport a big game animal, including boned out meat unless it is accompanied by the animal's lawfully attached tag along with the animal's head or a hind quarter with visible external sex organs left naturally attached to it. Any person licensed to take "any deer," "any elk" or "any antelope" is exempt from transporting the animal's head or hind quarter with attached sex organs if the lawfully tagged leg accompanies the animal for such a license. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to a big game licensee who transports big game parts, including boned out meat, from the licensee's domicile to another location if the licensee possesses the big game tag or big game license entitling the licensee to the animal. If a person other than the licensee transports big game animal parts (including boned out meat) from the licensee's domicile to another location, the tagged leg or a transportation permit must accompany the items being transported.

Hunter Report Cards: All hunters are required to submit a hunter report card within 15 days of the close of the season. Year 2024 hunters who did not submit a hunter report card will be penalized a \$25.00 penalty fee, which will be assessed to the purchase of their 2025 deer license fee.

Small Game Hunters: Small Game Hunters may not accompany big game hunters in the same hunting party.

Designated Hunters: Not allowable for Muzzleloader Season

Muzzleloader (continued)

Wanton Waste: No one may wantonly waste big game.

No person shall abandon edible portions of fish or wildlife at a meat processing plant. The leaving of edible portions of fish or wildlife at a processing plant of more than ninety (90) days shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation. The owner(s) or operator(s) in charge of any meat processing plant shall report the violation the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Department.

Baiting: It shall be unlawful for any person to place any salt blocks or licks to attract big game.

Accompaniment Prohibited: No big game licensee while hunting in the field during a big game season shall be accompanied by any non-licensee carrying any firearm or bow and arrow. A non-licensee is a person not having a big game license for the same season.

Dogs prohibited: No dogs shall be used in the hunting of big game animals.

Predator Hunting: All nonmember hunters who have been issued a muzzleloader deer tag are permitted to hunt coyotes until their tag is filled. The coyote must be taken by the method the deer tag is issued for.

Baiting: No one may establish, utilize or maintain a bait station to attract big game. A bait station is a location where grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, minerals (including salt) or any other natural food materials are placed or maintained as an attractant to big game animals for the purpose of hunting.

Deer Seasons and Fees

Tribal Member:

Rifle: 11/01/25-12/14/25

Fee: \$25.00	(1) Any Deer	(350) Permits Available
Fee: \$20.00	(1) Antlerless	(100) Permits Available
Fee: \$15.00	(1) Antlerless	(200) Bonus 2 nd Permit

Elder:	11/01/25-12/14/25	Fee: \$10.00
	(1)Antlerless Only	(100) Permits Available

Muzzleloader:	11/15/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$15.00
	(1)Any Deer	(55) Permits Available

Archery:	09/06/25-1/01/26	Fee: \$20.00
	(1)Any Deer	(100) Permits Available

Indian Non-Member: (1) Any Deer

Rifle:	11/08/25-12/07/25	Fee: \$275.00 (10) Permits Available
Muzzleloader:	12/01/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$175.00 (10) Permits Available
Archery:	09/20/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$195.00 (10) Permits Available

Non-Indian: \$10.00 LOTTERY application Fee

Lottery: Opens August 9th
 1st Drawing: August 15 (2 weeks to claim)
 2nd Drawing: September 6th(for remainder of tags not claimed)

Rifle:	11/15/25-11/30/25	Fee: \$300.00 or \$150.00 for affiliates
	(1) One Any Deer	(75) Permits Available

Muzzleloader:	12/01/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$200.00 or \$100.00 for affiliates
	(1) One Any Deer	(20) Permits Available

Archery:	10/04/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$250.00 or \$125.00 for affiliates
	(1) One Any Deer	(20) Permits Available

*Affiliates	(1) One Any Deer	(20) Permits Available
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Youth Rifle: Ages 12-17 years, hunter safety card required.

Tribal Member:	(1) Any Deer 09/06/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$10.00 (35) Permits Available
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Non-Indian: (1) Antlerless	09/13/25-01/01/26	Fee: \$30.00 (25) Permits Available
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****A 4% Tribal Tax is required of all non-member license purchases, excluding the \$5 surcharge**

North Dakota Seasons

Non-members are not allowed to hunt on Lake Traverse Reservation trust lands on the North Dakota side unless a special permit is acquired from the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department through a separate application process. These special permits are available on a first come first serve basis. They are limited permits exclusive for North Dakota Trust lands only. Non-member licensees whom were issued regular permits are not allowed to hunt Indian lands on the ND side of Lake Traverse.

SWO tribal member issued licenses are valid for Lake Traverse Reservation trust lands on the ND or SD side.

Upland Gamebird Seasons:

Dove: 09/01/25-11/29/25

Pheasant: 10/12/25-01/05/26

Partridge: 09/13/25-01/04/26

Deer Season:

Rifle: 11/07/25-11/23/25

Archery: 08/30/25-01/05/26

Muzzleloader: 11/28/25-12/14/25

Fall Turkey Season:

Turkey: 10/12/25-01/05/26

Waterfowl:

Duck: 09/27/25-12/07/25

Canada Geese: 09/27/25-12/07/25

Light Geese: Resident: 09/27/25-01/04/26

Non-Resident: 10/04/25-01/04/26

TOM ROSTER'S 2016 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE[©]

Proven Nontoxic Loads For Waterfowl, Doves, & Upland Game Birds ¹ <i>Vel. Range Tested: 1,225 – 1,700 FPS</i>	Observed Hunters' Typical Shooting Range	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) at Distance (Given in Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90- 95 DPH hardness. The HEVI- Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and are harder than traditional steel pellets.
ACTIVITY							
Large Geese At Long Range Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canadas	50-65 50-70	Steel BBB to T HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
Large Geese Over Decoys	35-50 35-50	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Medium/Small Geese Long Range Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canadas	50-65 50-65	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys	35-50 35-50	Steel 2 to BB HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Light Modified, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
Large Ducks At Long Range Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	45-65 45-65	Steel 2 to 1 HEVI-Shot 4	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	Improved Modified, Full Improved Modified, Full	
Large Ducks Over Decoys	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	3/4 - 1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Medium Ducks Over Decoys Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 3 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	115-120 115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
Small Ducks Over Decoys Teal, Ruddy, Buffhead	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 4 HEVI-Shot 6	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	135-145 135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds) Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
Ring-Necked Pheasants	20-50 20-50	Steel 3 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	2-3 2-3	90-95 90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds) I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots)	20-40	Steel 4; HEVI-Shot 6	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full	
Mourning Doves	20-45 20-45	Steel 8 to 7 HEVI-Shot 7 1/2	5/8 - 3/4 3/4	1-2 1-2	200-210 200-210	IC-8"/LM-7"s (20-30 Yds); Mod-30 Yd I.C. (20-30 Yds); Light Mod (30-45 Yd)	
Northern Bobwhite Quail	20-30	Steel 8 to 7	5/8 - 3/4	1-2	200-210	Imp. Cyl., Light Modified	
Swatter Load For Wounded Birds	20-30	Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the lethality data bases for certain of the 16 U.S. steel vs lead waterfowl & dove shooting tests published between 1968 & 2014 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test (1998) plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP Org. Note: Steel #BBB (.190") & HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; steel #2 & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants; & steel 7"s (.100") the best all-around performance for taking doves. ¹These findings are derived from testing 2 1/2" 28 gauge; 3" 20 ga.; 2 1/4" 3" & 3 1/4" 12 ga. steel loads; plus 2 1/2" 28 ga.; 3" 20 ga.; & 2 1/4" & 3" 12 ga. HEVI-Shot loads. © Copyright 2016 by Tom Roster. For answers to questions on this table contact: Tom Roster, 1190 Lynnewood, Klamath Falls, OR, USA 97601. tomroster@charter.net

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Lead Based Ammunition

Biologists, doctors and researchers from the science community in 2013 released a consensus statement stating the following: Lead is one of the most well-studied of all anthropogenic toxins and there is overwhelming scientific evidence demonstrating that there is no safe level of lead exposure for children; and

Lead-based ammunition is likely the greatest, largely unregulated source of lead knowingly discharged into the environment in the United States; and

The discharge of lead-based ammunition and accumulation of spent lead-based ammunition in the environment poses significant health risks to humans and wildlife; and

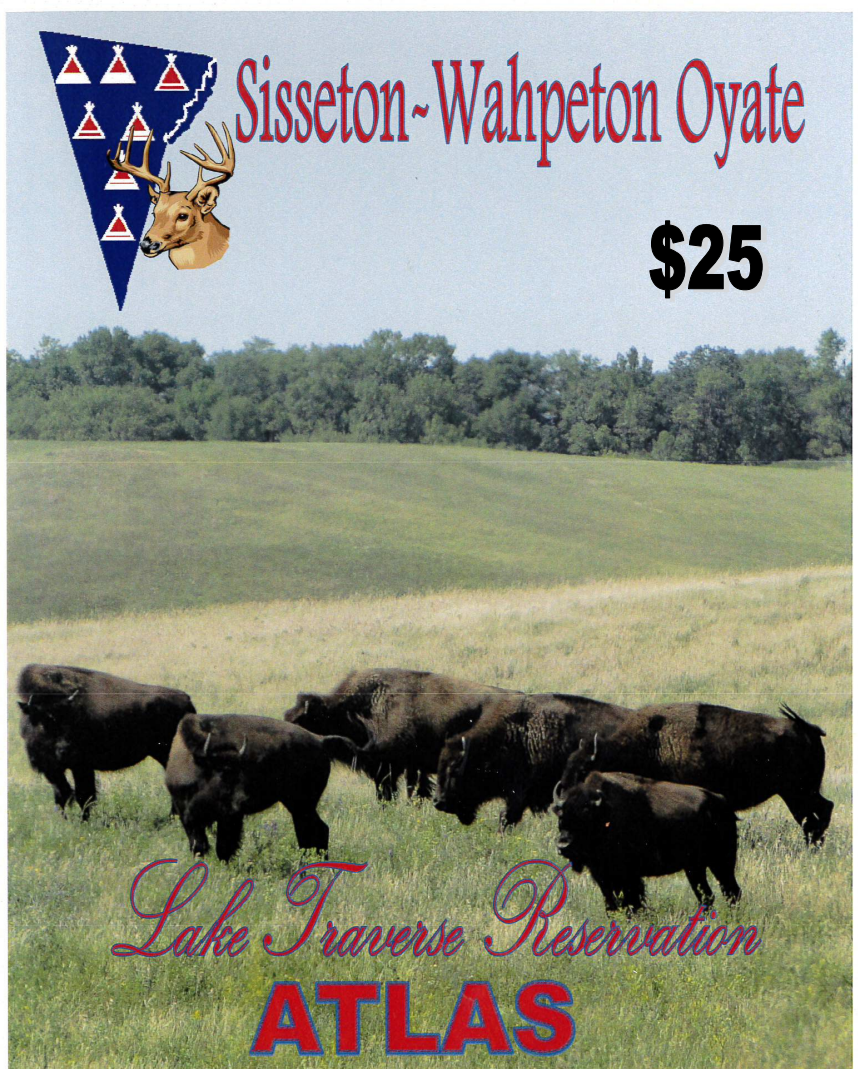
Lead-based ammunition is a significant source of lead exposure in humans that ingest wild game, and people consuming meat shot with lead-based ammunition have been shown to have lead pellets/fragments in the gastrointestinal tract; and

Lead poisoning from ingestion of spent lead-based ammunition fragments poses a serious and significant threat to wildlife, including wild scavenging species such as the bald eagle, golden eagle, ravens and turkey vultures.

Given the overwhelming evidence for the toxic effects of lead in humans and wildlife, even at very low exposure levels, convincing data that the discharge of lead-based ammunition into the environment poses significant risks of lead exposure to humans and wildlife, and the availability of non-lead alternative products for hunting, the Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation supports the efforts of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Fish and Wildlife Department (Tribal Council Resolution No.) to reduce or prohibit the use of lead-based ammunition for the take of wildlife on trust lands.

We are asking that all hunters please voluntarily use non lead products for hunting of species that are not yet required by law to be steel shot only. Inquire with the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe Fish & Wildlife Department for alternative lead shot recommendations.

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