



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



SUPPORT A CAUSE AMERICAN HEROES IN ACTION (AHIA)

Do you want to support a worthy cause? The American Heroes in Action (AHIA) group holds a very special place in our hearts. Their mission is providing therapeutic outdoor adventures to injured American heroes. This includes veterans, firefighters, and injured members of law enforcement.

AHIA recognizes the therapeutic benefits of enjoying the great outdoors, and provides heroes with fishing trips, hunting trips, and other outdoor adventures. Consider supporting AHIA today.



THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT THE LODGE



Wondering what's new at the Lodge? You've come to the right place! Spring is a beautiful season in South Dakota, and we have enjoyed seeing the shift toward warmer weather and baby animals of all types enjoying the spring-time as well. By this time of the year, hen pheasants have begun laying eggs. We expect a strong crop of chicks hatching come June.

We have also successfully planted our new tree line! A big thank-you goes out to all of the hunters and friends of the Lodge who came out to help us with this massive project. Our tree line will be an amazing addition to our land and will support native species thriving.

SUPPORTING OUR LAND AND LEGACY

If you are a habitual reader of our newsletters, you might remember that we recently pioneered a brand-new 501(c)3 non-profit organization called Land & Legacy. As we planted our new tree line and enjoyed soaking up the fresh, spring air on our wide-open prairie, we got to thinking about the importance of preserving the unblemished spaces of the American West and Midwest. That is what Land & Legacy is all about. Our mission is promoting conservation through education and fostering a love of the land and outdoor adventures.

For many of us, cherishing the great outdoors starts with the traditions of sportsmanship, such as hunting and fishing. Love for these sports often begins in our youth as we take our first shot at a pheasant or reel in a walleye out on the Missouri. Want to help us support the next generation of sportsmen? Check out our youth rates for guests aged 12 and up!



THE JOY OF PRAIRIE DOG HUNTING

April is just about over... and if you have visited us in the summer before, you know what that means. It's almost time for prairie dog hunting to begin in May! In South Dakota, prairie dogs are classified as a "varmint," so there is not a restrictive season on taking down these little pests. However, we find that prairie dog hunting is most enjoyable when you can soak up the sun and warm weather on the wide-open prairie! Here are some of the many reasons our hunters love shooting prairie dogs:

#1: THERE'S NO LIMIT ON PRAIRIE DOGS!

Due to the animal's varmint classification, you can shoot as many prairie dogs as you want! While some hunts – like pheasant hunting, for example – come with restrictions on how many trophies you can shoot, you can keep on firing at prairie dogs all day long. In fact, we encourage it! Some of our hunters like to call prairie dog hunting "trigger therapy." If you come visit us this summer to hunt prairie dogs, you will clearly see why!



#2: PRAIRIE DOG HUNTING IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR COMMUNITY

We've said it before, and we'll say it again: Prairie dogs are pests! They are known to have fleas, and they carry the plague. (If you ever see one of our guides pick up a prairie dog using pliers, that's why.) We partner with local ranchers to help them get rid of these notorious diggers, whose underground towns and tunnels wreak havoc on farming land. These ranchers are thrilled when we can make a dent in their pesky prairie dog populations!



#3: WE ENJOY REMOTE, WILD LOCATIONS

Another reason prairie dog hunting is so popular? When we travel to the remote prairie dog towns, we get to experience the prairie as it was originally created. Many prairie dog towns are in highly remote locations – there is nothing but wild grasses and rolling hills as far as the eye can see. It is rare to find an opportunity to truly see the prairie like this, and our hunters always comment how rejuvenating it feels to be immersed in the true Wild West.

HUNT PRAIRIE DOGS AT OUR LODGE

Have we piqued your interest in prairie dog hunting? Don't hesitate to reach out to snatch up one of our few remaining prairie dog hunting dates this summer!

PRAIRIE PUZZLE

April Question: How fast can prairie dogs run for short distances?

- a) 35 mph
- b) 25 mph
- c) 45 mph
- d) 10 mph



Submit your answer by May 10, 2024, for a chance to win! Answers will be accepted via email, phone, or mail. Correct answers will be entered into the prize drawing to receive a FREE Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hat.