



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



SHOW SEASON IS HERE! VIEW OUR SCHEDULE

Show season is right around the corner! Stop by the Lodge booth at these five events that we will attend in January and February. We can't wait to see you there!



Dallas Safari Club

January 9-11
Atlanta, Georgia



Safari Club International

January 22-25
Nashville, Tennessee



Great American Outdoor Show

February 1-9
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



Southeastern Wildlife Expo

February 14-16
Charleston, South Carolina



Dixie Deer Classic

February 28 - March 2
Raleigh, North Carolina



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



With our 2024 hunting weekends winding to a close, it is time to take a moment to rest and relax with the people that we love. With the holiday spirit in mind, we would like to extend sincere and heartfelt well wishes to all of our hunters, staff, and their families. The holidays provide a chance to reflect on the year behind us and plan for the one ahead. We are looking forward to 2025, and we are hoping for a year full of outdoor adventures and amazing hunts.

Weather here in South Dakota has remained lovely. We have received less than an inch of snow, although we are still hoping for a White Christmas! To our hunters, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT THE LODGE

There is no doubt that the holiday season is exciting... but another one of our favorite seasons right around the corner. That's right: Show season! We have solidified our schedule of shows for the first quarter of 2025, and you can find the complete list on our website [right here](#). In January, we will be attending Dallas Safari Club and Safari Club International. Come February, you can find us at the Great American Outdoor Show, Southeastern Wildlife Expo, and the Dixie Deer Classic. In March, we will have a booth at Ohio's Open Season Sportsman's Expo. We always love seeing our hunters at these shows. Make sure to stop by if you plan to attend!

One final reminder for the new year: If you are thinking about prairie dog hunting with us in 2025, move fast to reserve your spot. We hunt these varmints from May through October. Weekends are already filling up, so lock in your trip and don't miss out!



NEW ADDITION: SNOW GOOSE HUNTING

We are thrilled to announce a new addition to our repertoire of outdoor adventures: snow goose hunting. This exhilarating experience is available at our Lodge between February 19 and April 19, 2025... and the best news? We're offering **one-time introductory special pricing!** You can save \$100 per person per day on our snow goose hunting packages when you book for 2025. So what are you waiting for? Call us now to reserve your spot!

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SNOW GOOSE HUNTER

It's a crisp spring morning in Kimball, South Dakota, and you're lying in wait beside a field of winter wheat. You spot the flock coming in from afar – a vortex of white birds filling the sky, ready to descend on the field full of decoys. Their sharp eyes scan the field for signs of human intruders, but all they see is what looks like thousands of other birds having a morning snack... in reality, they are clocking the windsock decoys, strategically placed by our expert guides to mimic the dispersal of a real flock.

Snow geese are smart, but we're smarter. Unbothered by the 2,000 unexpected breakfast companions, the first few groups of geese land on the field, ready to eat corn and other seeds. You are eager to fire on your first bird of the day, but you hold back, patiently waiting for the perfect moment. Dressed in a white suit as a camouflage and hidden behind a blind, you observe quietly as more and more white birds alight on the field. The exhilaration of bird hunting has your heart thumping steadily in your chest. It's almost time. The geese overhead begin to plummet downward, and all you can hear is their beating wings, tipped with black, growing closer and closer.



As the migrators barrel toward the field, you feel it in your bones – it's time. The first bang! rings out through the cool morning air, and a goose falls from the sky. The honks and flapping wings of the geese are replaced by the sound of 12-gauge shotguns firing and the tang of gunpowder floating through the air. The geese that have already landed now startle, rising back up from the field, joining forces with the swirling masses of the flock in the air. Shots ring out again and again as birds splatter the field.

By the time it's over, countless feathered bodies will litter the ground. On a good day, the numbers might approach fifty birds per hunter. When it comes to hunting snow geese, no bird limits stand in your way... [Read more on our website.](#)

PRAIRIE PUZZLE

December Question: How many eggs does the lesser snow (Ross) goose lay on average?

- a) 4 eggs
- b) 2 eggs
- c) 6 eggs
- d) 8 eggs



Submit your answer by January 10, 2025, 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.