



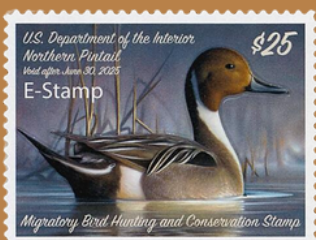
DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS

SPOTLIGHT ON THE
FEDERAL DUCK STAMP

The Federal Duck Stamp helps to protect wildlife and bird habitats around the United States and is required for waterfowl hunters of 16 years and older. The current price of a Federal Duck Stamp is \$25, and you can buy one at any post office – 98% of the price goes directly toward acquiring and conserving wetland habitat.

Every year, a competition takes place to design the new stamp. This year, the contest was held on September 19 and 20. Adam Grimm of Wallace, South Dakota was named the winner with his painting of a pair of spectacled eiders. The prior year's stamp featured a Northern Pintail.



THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE LODGE



As September winds to a close, we are gearing up for the peak of hunting season. There are just 22 more days remaining until the Opening Weekend of pheasant season. We have been spotting wild roosters left and right... it is safe to say they do not know what is coming when 10 a.m. hits on October 19th. While we await our favorite day of the year, we are ensuring everything at the Lodge is in great shape. The buses are cleaned and ready to go, the trails are mowed, and we are stocked up on ammo!

We have also been enjoying the fruits (and the vegetables) from our very productive garden! Recently, we harvested and jarred cucumbers and tomatoes. Our pumpkins are nearly ready!

DUCK HUNTING GETS BETTER EVERY DAY

Just because pheasant season is not quite here does not mean we haven't been hunting... in fact, on the contrary! We have been hosting our final few prairie dog hunting groups, who will continue joining us at the Lodge through October. Dove hunting season was at its best earlier in September, and as the doves move onward in their migratory journey, we are seeing more ducks flying overhead. Our unique location allows us to hunt both the "High Plains" and "Low Plains Middle" areas. That means our duck season is extra long and extends from September 21, 2024 until January 16, 2025. We even have an ice eater to keep the water open if temperatures drop below zero!

One of our favorite parts of duck season in South Dakota is how long we get to hunt – if you are looking for a waterfowl hunt this year, do not hesitate to reach out to us today and secure your spot at the Lodge!



4 TOP TIPS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR UPCOMING HUNT

Pheasant season is right around the corner – but before you join us in South Dakota for a week or weekend of hunting fun, make sure that you have everything you need for an enjoyable and, of course, safe hunt. By the time you head out to Kimball to stay with us, you will be ready to make memories to last a lifetime!

#1: ENSURE YOUR DOG IS IN GOOD SHAPE

If you are planning to bring your hunting dog with you when you come to the Lodge, it is important to ensure he or she is in good shape and ready to hunt. Try playing fetch regularly, practicing commands, or taking it for a daily run. Ensuring your dog has the physical fitness necessary for hunting will yield a better experience for you *and* your canine friend. At the Lodge, we welcome your four-legged friends with kennels as well as pet-friendly rooms to facilitate your preferred sleeping setup.



#2: LOCATE (AND TRY ON) ALL OF YOUR HUNTING GEAR

Whether you are wearing orange gear for hunting pheasants or you are decked out in camo for a waterfowl hunt, make sure that you know where all of your gear is. It is also always a good idea to try on your gear and make sure nothing needs to be replaced for the new season. If you forget something, we can always arrange a trip to Cabela's to restock!

#3: HEAD TO THE SHOOTING RANGE TO GET IN SOME PRACTICE

Hunting the skittish wild pheasants that run loose on our acreage is already a challenge – so make sure you are ready to excel by spending some time at the shooting range before you head out to the Lodge. Hunting is always more fun when you can make some great shots... and even better if you get the chance to brag about a great hit over prime rib at dinner. If you don't have a chance to visit the range, however, don't worry – we have plenty of clays and some long-distance targets to get some practice once you're here.



#4: BREAK IN YOUR BOOTS!

When you are walking through the field stalking wild pheasants, the last thing you want to be worried about is your feet hurting. Make sure to wear your boots a few times before you come to the Lodge (especially if they are new!) for the most comfortable fit.

PRAIRIE PUZZLE

September Question: What South Dakota City is home to the world's only remaining Corn Palace?

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| a) Burke, SD | b) Brookings, SD |
| c) Pierre, SD | d) Mitchell, SD |



Submit your answer by October 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.