



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS

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DAYS LEFT

IT'S ALMOST TIME! PHEASANT SEASON COUNTDOWN

Pheasant hunting season in South Dakota begins in just a couple of weeks, and we could not be more excited! Now that October is right around the corner, the countdown is officially underway. Opening day is on **Saturday, October 17**, and you will hear the first shots fired at 10 o'clock on the dot! Our small town of Kimball is preparing for the big day and anticipating an influx of hunters in orange vests and caps pouring into town.

We are fully booked for opening weekend, but there are still a few dates available this autumn for pheasant hunting at the Lodge!

Book a Hunt Now



DOVE SEASON WRAP-UP AND PHEASANT RAMP-UP



With some cool mornings lately, the doves are moving on – but we enjoyed a great dove season hunting the birds over our winter wheat. We hosted a few fantastic groups of dove hunters who had lots of fun hunting these wily fliers. Now, we are growing excited for this autumn's pheasant season to begin. Opening day is on **October 17**. We are officially just a few weeks away!

if you have not booked your pheasant hunt with us yet, call TODAY to lock in your dates before they get scooped up. You can reach Toni at (855) 735-6343 to plan your hunt for groups of any size! We can accomodate up to 40 people.

THE LATEST FROM THE LODGE: WHAT IS NEW HERE

Pheasant season might be dominating everyone's attention right now, but there are also some other exciting hunts on the horizon! Waterfowl season just started this past Saturday. We have not seen a lot of waterfowl activity yet, but as soon as Canada gets some cold weather, we expect that the ducks will be heading our way. There are also just a few more weeks of sunshine for those who are looking to squeeze in some last minute prairie dog hunting! Due to high rainfall in September, South Dakota is surprisingly green.

We have been busy with prep for pheasant season: cleaning buses, mowing trails, exercising the dogs, planning some tasty menus, and adding some new merch to the gift shop. We even scored a top-secret BBQ sauce recipe to use with our new meat smoker! You have to try it!



PREPARING FOR PHEASANT SEASON: GET READY TO HUNT!

Pheasant season is right around the corner, and many of our hunters are gearing up for opening weekend. On **October 17** at promptly 10 o'clock in the morning, you will hear the first round of shots ring out over Kimball. Hunters in orange vests and caps will flock to our small South Dakota town to enjoy some of the best wild rooster hunting in the entire country. Now, in the weeks leading up to opening day, it is the perfect time to ensure you are prepared for your upcoming hunt! Here are our tips.

CLEAN YOUR GUN: Proper gun maintenance is a crucial part of both gun safety and the long-term efficacy of your firearm. Cleaning your gun before the upcoming pheasant season is also a great opportunity to make sure everything is working properly before you arrive at the Lodge. Of course, we do have select shotguns available to rent if you run into any issues – or you simply want to try another option!

FIT IN SOME PRACTICE: Speaking of guns, it might be beneficial to visit the shooting range before you head out to the Lodge for pheasant season this fall – especially if you want to wow your group with your impeccable aim and make some great shots!

It is easy to grow a little bit rusty over the winter! Don't worry, though: If you do not get a chance to practice before you arrive, you can always warm up with our sporting clay setup. Many groups enjoy shooting clays before heading out!

BREAK IN YOUR BOOTS: Pheasant hunting involves walking through the fields and foot plots and flushing out the birds, so it is important to have comfortable footwear for your visit. Whether you just bought a new pair of boots or are fishing last year's boots out of the closet, it is always good to wear them around a little bit before your hunt. Well-fitted tall socks can help keep you comfortable, too. And we have boot dryers in every room to keep your footwear hot and ready!

PACK YOUR ORANGE ATTIRE: Do you have all of the gear you need for your upcoming pheasant hunt? Make sure you pack bright orange attire like a shooting shirt or vest, an orange cap, or other accessories. Wearing bright orange helps hunters keep track of each other in the field and is an important part of a safe hunt. If you forget your neon orange, we have many options in our gift shop to keep you safe and warm.



BRING A COOLER FOR YOUR BIRDS: One of the most often forgotten items for our hunters is a cooler to bring home your vacuum-packed birds. Each hunter will be able to take home three cleaned and vacuum-sealed pheasants per day of hunting (if they shoot well!) to enjoy later at home. If you are driving home after your stay, bringing a cooler with you will ensure that your birds stay fresh and delicious throughout the drive.



PRAIRIE PUZZLE

September Question: Per South Dakota's regulations, what is the maximum number of pintail ducks you can shoot per day?

- a) 1 pintail
- b) Unlimited pintails
- c) 6 pintails
- d) 3 pintails

Submit your answer by October 10, 2026, 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 piece of Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort merchandise.

