

CONTROLLED HUNTS

Yet More Ways to Up Your Odds

EXTRA PREFERENCE POINT NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL HUNT CATEGORIES

Additional features continue to be added to the Wildlife Department's controlled hunts program.

New for 2025, hopeful hunters will be able to buy one extra Preference Point to add to their totals for each hunt category. This feature expands on the option added last year, as it was only available in the elk and pronghorn hunt categories.

The controlled hunts application period is set

to open in early April at GoOutdoorsOklahoma.com (license.gooutdoorsoklahoma.com/Licensing/CustomLookup.aspx). The application period will close in late May 2024.

The expanded option to **add another preference point** in each hunt category (elk, pronghorn, deer and turkey) will cost an additional \$10 for residents or \$50 for nonresidents. These "extra" preference points

work just like the traditional points earned every time your application isn't drawn — they carry forward for future drawings and increase your odds of being selected even more!

Another option is the ability to **add more hunt choices** above the standard number allowed in each category. These add-on choices cost \$3 each, and there is no limit to the number of hunt choices added.

OVERALL CHANGES

This article is designed to give controlled hunts applicants some insights into how the program works, insights that might give you an edge to having your name drawn for perhaps the hunt of a lifetime.

Take some time and look into last year's statistics on controlled hunts, and you could increase the likelihood that your name will be

drawn this year for a controlled hunt permit. The numbers do reveal some application trends that you can use to your advantage.

In the 2024-25 controlled hunts drawing, one out of every 25.4 applicants had his or her name drawn.

2024-25 OVERALL ODDS OF BEING DRAWN: 1 IN 25.4

Hopeful hunters turned in 130,364 applications for one of the 5,116 individual controlled hunt permits available last year. Many of those applicants will apply again this year when the 2025-26 controlled hunts

application submission period opens online.

The most important thing a hopeful hunter can do is to apply each year. Your chances of selection only get better each year. If you've applied for the controlled hunt of your dreams for five years straight without having been selected, then you have five "tickets in the hopper" for next year's drawing, compared to a first-time applicant, who will have just one.

The online application process is straightforward, and the system is designed so that only applications completed correctly will be accepted. This assures each applicant that his or her application was successful and that the applicant's name will definitely be in the drawings.

Winners of controlled hunts are **randomly selected** through a computerized process that draws applications from the entire pool of those submitted.

Hunters will be able to apply for several hunts within each category, which increases the chances of being selected for a hunt.

Those not drawn in a hunt category will gain a preference point for the drawings held in that category in future years, as long as the application is made in the same hunt category. Not only that, but some hunt categories allow applications for an entire group of hunters, which boosts chances of being drawn.

Don't miss your chance to win one of these special hunts that often create lifelong memories.

WHY THESE HUNTS?

Controlled hunts are held in areas where unrestricted public hunting would pose safety concerns or where overharvest might occur. So, these hunts mostly take place on Wildlife Department-owned or -managed areas where hunting for the target species is normally not permitted.

Controlled hunts are offered for deer, elk, pronghorn, and turkey.

Hunters wishing to go on a controlled hunt must submit an application, which goes into the running with all other applications for that hunt. Hunters are selected through random drawings in each category.

Getting drawn for a controlled hunt is a matter of odds. Many controlled hunt choices are highly sought-after, and the number of applications for these marquee hunts greatly exceeds the number of available permits. But if you keep applying year after year, it's likely you'll get a chance sooner or later to enjoy a controlled hunt.

How do I participate? Simply submit an easy-to-complete application online through your GoOutdoorsOklahoma account. Applications are accepted online only.

You cannot submit more than one application per category. Since applications are completed and submitted online, you will



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DEER HUNTS

Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Atoka WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/22/2024	11/24/2024	3001	1,244	40	31.1
Beaver River WMA, McFarland Unit - Either Sex	Gun	11/23/2024	11/24/2024	3007	404	2	202
Beaver River WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/23/2024	11/24/2024	3008	417	2	208.5
Candy Creek WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	10/26/2024	11/3/2024	3020	301	12	25.08
Candy Creek WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/23/2024	12/8/2024	3021	476	12	39.67
Canton WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/23/2024	11/24/2024	3030	894	75	11.92
Cherokee GMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/16/2024	11/16/2024	3044	1,490	60	24.83
Cherokee GMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/17/2024	11/17/2024	3046	941	60	15.68
Cookson WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/2/2024	11/3/2024	3060	1,039	12	86.58
Cookson WMA - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	11/2/2024	11/2/2024	3061	91	23	3.96
Cookson WMA - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	11/3/2024	11/3/2024	3062	54	23	2.35
Cookson WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/9/2024	11/10/2024	3063	1,928	12	160.67
Cookson WMA - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/9/2024	11/9/2024	3064	127	18	7.06
Cookson WMA - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/10/2024	11/10/2024	3065	80	18	4.44
Deep Fork NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Muzzleloader	10/14/2024	10/20/2024	3080	828	50	16.56
Deep Fork NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/4/2024	11/30/2024	3081	733	300	2.44
Four Canyon Preserve - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	10/18/2024	10/19/2024	3090	23	4	5.75
Four Canyon Preserve - (2) Either Sex	Muzzleloader	10/18/2024	10/19/2024	3091	213	2	106.5
Four Canyon Preserve - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/8/2024	11/9/2024	3092	36	4	9
Four Canyon Preserve - (2) Either Sex	Gun	11/8/2024	11/9/2024	3093	468	2	234
Fort Gibson WRP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	10/22/2024	10/22/2024	3110	458	50	9.16
Fort Gibson WRP - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	10/23/2024	10/23/2024	3111	168	50	3.36
Fort Gibson WRP - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	3112	166	50	3.32
Fort Gibson WRP - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/13/2024	11/13/2024	3113	954	25	38.16
Fort Gibson WRP - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	11/13/2024	11/13/2024	3114	121	25	4.84
Grady County WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	10/26/2024	11/3/2024	3120	251	10	25.1
Grady County WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/23/2024	12/1/2024	3121	503	10	50.3
Lexington WMA - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/16/2024	11/16/2024	3150	702	135	5.2
Lexington WMA - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/17/2024	11/17/2024	3151	428	135	3.17
Lexington WMA - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/20/2024	11/20/2024	3152	343	135	2.54
Lexington WMA - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/21/2024	11/21/2024	3153	279	135	2.07
Little River NWR - 2 (1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex)	Gun	11/1/2024	11/3/2024	3160	665	30	22.17
Little River NWR - 2 (1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex)	Gun	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	3161	692	30	23.07
McAlester AAP Physically Challenged - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	10/11/2024	10/13/2024	3170	192	70	2.74
McAlester AAP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	10/18/2024	10/20/2024	3171	1,967	275	7.15
McAlester AAP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	10/25/2024	10/27/2024	3172	2,823	275	10.27
McAlester AAP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/1/2024	11/3/2024	3173	4,025	275	14.64
McAlester AAP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	3174	4,718	275	17.16
McAlester AAP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/15/2024	11/17/2024	3175	4,365	275	15.87
McCurtain Co. WA - Either Sex	Gun	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	3190	921	16	57.56
McGee Creek WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/22/2024	11/24/2024	3201	1,354	65	20.83
Neosho WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/9/2024	11/10/2024	3203	190	6	31.67
Oka'Yanhli Preserve - (2) Antlerless Only	Gun	10/4/2024	10/6/2024	3206	72	7	10.29
Oka'Yanhli Preserve - (2) Antlerless Only	Gun	12/13/2024	12/15/2024	3207	60	7	8.57
Okmulgee GMA - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/16/2024	11/17/2024	3210	1,185	30	39.5
Osage-Western Wall WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	10/30/2024	11/3/2024	3220	1,014	10	101.4
Pontotoc Ridge Preserve - (2) Antlerless Only	Gun	10/4/2024	10/6/2024	3223	52	6	8.67
Pontotoc Ridge Preserve - (2) Antlerless Only	Gun	10/11/2024	10/13/2024	3224	44	6	7.33
Pontotoc Ridge Preserve - (2) Antlerless Only	Gun	12/13/2024	12/15/2024	3225	44	6	7.33
Pushmataha WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/22/2024	11/24/2024	3230	1,123	50	22.46
Salt Plains NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	12/2/2024	12/5/2024	3240	388	25	15.52
Salt Plains NWR Wild. Area - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	12/2/2024	12/5/2024	3241	375	10	37.5
Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/4/2024	11/6/2024	3242	883	25	35.32
Salt Plains NWR Wild. Area - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/4/2024	11/6/2024	3243	703	10	70.3
Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/12/2024	11/14/2024	3244	2,101	25	84.04
Salt Plains NWR Wild. Area - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/12/2024	11/14/2024	3245	1,695	10	169.5
Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/18/2024	11/20/2024	3246	1,554	25	62.16
Salt Plains NWR Wild. Area - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/18/2024	11/20/2024	3247	1,159	10	115.9
Sans Bois WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	3275	350	15	23.33
Sans Bois WMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/25/2024	10/27/2024	3276	644	15	42.93
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/11/2024	11/15/2024	3280	961	30	32.03
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	10/30/2024	11/1/2024	3281	263	30	8.77

receive confirmation that your application was completed correctly. This system helps to minimize mistakes, so make sure you receive confirmation of your application. If you do have any issues, call the toll-free help line listed at the bottom of the webpage, (833) 457-7285, or send email to HelpDesk@goutdoorsoklahoma.com.

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WHAT'S THE COST?

A \$10 application fee allows multiple applications in each controlled hunt category (elk, pronghorn, deer, spring turkey) and includes the option to select **Preference Point Only** (no drawing participation). **PointGuard** insurance is available for an additional \$10 for residents or \$50 for nonresidents. Applicants may also add **extra hunt choices** beyond the standard limit for \$3 each.

New for 2025-26 is the chance to get **one additional Preference Point** in all hunt categories at a cost of \$10 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. This option began last year for the elk and pronghorn hunt categories but has now been expanded to all categories.

So, when you apply next year, it's like getting your name put into the drawing an extra time for each preference point. Your odds of being

drawn improve if you apply again year after year. This strategy now has a greater impact on your odds with the option to buy an additional preference in any or all hunt categories. Applicants who spend \$10 (for residents) or \$50 (for nonresidents) will carry forward two preference points to next year if they are not drawn this year.

Additionally, some hunt categories allow you to apply with a group of other hunters, so that if one of the group is drawn, the entire group gets to hunt.

If you are selected, you will receive your hunt instructions at the email address attached to your online GoOutdoorsOklahoma account.

HELPFUL TIPS

Applicants have the chance to buy **extra hunt choices** at \$3 apiece, which will be in addition to the basic application fee of \$10 for residents and nonresidents. This increases your overall odds of being drawn simply by putting your name into more of the drawings.

You might consider adding **PointGuard** to your application as a safety net just in case something unexpected comes up and you won't be able to attend your hunt. This "insurance" option is designed to protect your preference points in the event you are drawn but for some reason you cannot go on your hunt. PointGuard costs an additional \$10 over the basic application fee for residents, and an additional \$50 over the basic application fee for nonresidents.

Each preference point you earn acts like an extra application for the next year. But if you know you cannot hunt this year and still want to earn a preference point, you can now choose to mark your application as **Preference Point Only**. This allows you to earn a point this year that carries over to next year. As the name implies, your name will not be in the hunt drawings this year. The PPO option is available as an optional choice and is included in the applicant's \$10 basic application fee.

Although preference points increase your odds of selection, they do not guarantee that applicants with the most points will get drawn. What is guaranteed is that their odds of being drawn improve. First-time applicants with no preference points can and do get drawn for popular hunts, while hunters who have many preference points can miss out being drawn. The

DEER HUNTS (CONTINUED)							
Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	11/20/2024	11/22/2024	3282	220	30	7.33
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	12/4/2024	12/6/2024	3283	222	30	7.4
Sequoyah NWR (Refuge Islands) - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/11/2024	11/15/2024	3284	74	4	18.5
Sequoyah Resort Park - (2) 1 Either Sex, 1 Antlerless	Archery	12/7/2024	12/8/2024	3286	980	20	49
Spavinaw GMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/26/2024	10/27/2024	3290	1,218	20	60.9
Spavinaw GMA - Antlerless Only	Gun	10/26/2024	10/27/2024	3291	150	30	5
Tishomingo NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	12/12/2024	12/13/2024	3300	751	20	37.55
Washita NWR - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/5/2024	11/6/2024	3320	122	5	24.4
Wichita Mts. NWR - Antlered Only	Gun	11/19/2024	11/21/2024	3340	7,304	20	365.2
Wichita Mts. NWR - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/19/2024	11/21/2024	3341	549	40	13.73
Salt Plains State Park - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	10/14/2024	10/17/2024	3350	319	10	31.9
Salt Plains State Park - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	12/9/2024	12/12/2024	3351	338	10	33.8
Tishomingo NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/9/2024	11/17/2024	3370	551	20	27.55

DEER HUNTS (NONAMBULATORY, VEHICLE)							
Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Cherokee GMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/26/2024	10/27/2024	4001	40	40	1
Cookson WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/16/2024	11/17/2024	4010	38	12	3.17
Copan COE Parks - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	4015	31	5	6.2
Deep Fork NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Muzzleloader	10/28/2024	11/3/2024	4020	13	5	2.6
Fort Gibson WRP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Muzzleloader	12/10/2024	12/11/2024	4025	25	10	2.5
Oologah Lake COE - (2) 1 Doe, 1 Buck	Gun	11/15/2024	11/17/2024	4040	61	8	7.63
Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/4/2024	11/6/2024	4050	8	1	8
Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/12/2024	11/14/2024	4051	21	1	21
Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/18/2024	11/20/2024	4052	14	1	14
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Archery	11/11/2024	11/15/2024	4060	3	2	1.5
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader	11/20/2024	11/22/2024	4061	4	2	2
Sequoyah Resort Park - (2) 1 Either Sex, 1 Antlerless	Muzzleloader	12/21/2024	12/22/2024	4070	26	14	1.86
Tishomingo NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/7/2024	11/8/2024	4080	36	10	3.6

YOUTH DEER HUNTS							
Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Beaver River WMA, McFarland Unit - Either Sex	Gun	10/18/2024	10/20/2024	5006	150	15	10
Camp Gruber Cantonment - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/29/2024	12/1/2024	5009	116	40	2.9
Cherokee GMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/2/2024	11/3/2024	5010	146	50	2.92
Canton WRP	Gun	11/9/2024	11/17/2024	5014	79	2	39.5
Canton WRP	Gun	12/14/2024	12/22/2024	5015	43	2	21.5
Cookson WMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/26/2024	10/27/2024	5020	169	30	5.63
Cross Timbers WMA - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/23/2024	12/1/2024	5025	19	30	.63
Deep Fork NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Muzzleloader	10/21/2024	10/27/2024	5030	43	25	1.72
Eufaula Lake COE	Gun	11/1/2024	11/3/2024	5035	94	5	18.8
Fort Cobb WMA and SP - Antlerless Only	Muzzleloader/ Shotgun	10/12/2024	10/13/2024	5040	17	25	.68
Fort Gibson WRP - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Muzzleloader	11/9/2024	11/9/2024	5050	60	20	3
Heyburn COE - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	12/13/2024	12/15/2024	5053	58	2	29
Kaw Lake COE - (2) 1 Either Sex, 1 Doe	Gun	11/1/2024	11/3/2024	5055	129	6	21.5
Hugo WMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/11/2024	10/13/2024	5060	76	30	2.53
Hugo Lake COE (Kiamichi Park) - (2) Only 1 Antlered.	Gun	10/11/2024	10/13/2024	5061	112	10	11.2
Hugo Lake COE (Kiamichi Park) - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	12/13/2024	12/15/2024	5062	114	10	11.4
James Collins WMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/18/2024	10/20/2024	5070	162	40	4.05
James Collins WMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/25/2024	10/27/2024	5071	200	40	5
Keystone COE - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	12/6/2024	12/8/2024	5080	132	8	16.5
Little River NWR - 2 Deer (Only 1 Antlered)	Gun	10/25/2024	10/27/2024	5085	20	15	1.33
McAlester AAP - Doe	Shotgun	11/29/2024	12/1/2024	5090	34	25	1.36
Neosho WMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	10/12/2024	10/13/2024	5095	4	6	.67
Neosho WMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/2/2024	11/3/2024	5096	14	6	2.33
Okmulgee GMA - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/9/2024	11/10/2024	5111	85	20	4.25
Pine Creek WMA - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	5130	67	25	2.68
Pushmataha WMA - Either Sex	Gun	10/25/2024	10/27/2024	5140	108	35	3.09

pool size related to the number of hunt permits also affects one's chances of being drawn.

Continuing this year, applicants who hold **20 or more preference points** in the once-in-a-lifetime elk and pronghorn hunt categories will have a higher likelihood of winning a permit, as the drawing procedure has been enhanced for those categories. A first drawing for half of the elk hunt permits and half of the antelope hunt permits will be conducted from a pool of only those applicants with 20 or more preference points in the category. The winners of the remaining half of hunt permits in each category will be drawn from the pool of all applicants (excluding those who were selected for hunts in the first drawing).

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PREFERENCE POINTS

Controlled hunts applicants have two ways to protect their valuable preference points so they continue to count for them in future years.

The **PointGuard** and **Preference Point Only** options are available when hunters apply online for controlled hunt drawings from early April through mid-May. These options are not available after the controlled hunt application period closes.

POINTGUARD

This insurance protects a winning hunter's preference points and eligibility for controlled hunt drawings in future years in case the hunter cannot attend the hunt he or she wins. For example, a hunter submits applications for controlled hunts in the categories of deer, youth deer, and elk. The hunter pays the basic \$10 fee total to apply in all three categories. When applying, the hunter is given the chance to add PointGuard insurance (\$10 for residents; \$50 for nonresident). If the hunter is unable to attend the hunt, the insurance will preserve his preference points in that hunt category that normally would have been cleared. PointGuard allows the hunter to remain eligible for future drawings for once-in-a-lifetime controlled hunts since the hunter wasn't able to attend the current year's hunt. Each hunter applying in a group will be given the option to buy PointGuard individually.

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY (PPO)

This option is for hunters who don't want to put their name in a hunt drawing but still want to obtain an additional preference point for future drawings. It is only available during the online controlled hunt application period from April 1 to mid-May. To choose the PPO option, the hunter will begin submitting an application as he or she normally would for the standard \$10 fee. The hunter will then see an option for Preference Point Only in each category.

In lieu of the hunter's name going into the drawings, the hunter will get one additional preference point in that hunt category, and all of their preference points will carry over for next year's drawing.

In some categories, hunters may **apply in groups** of up to four people. An average of the total preference points of all hunters is used for each hunter in the group. If not drawn in that category, each applicant in the group will earn a single preference point that carries forward with the rest of their points to future drawings.

Once you are drawn for a hunt, all preference points that you have built up in that hunt category are cleared. You can begin building preference points again with your application next year in the deer and turkey categories. (Elk and pronghorn controlled hunts are once-in-a-lifetime draws, and previous winners are not allowed to apply again.)

Here are some **other tips** for increasing your chances of winning a controlled hunt:

- By designating **additional hunt choices**, you increase your overall odds of being selected for at least one of the choices, so make as many selections as a category allows (five in the deer category, for example), rather than just three, two or one. Then consider adding even more hunt choices at \$3 each, no limit.
- Consider the **ratio** of permits to applicants to help you decide which hunts might give you the best chance of selection. A selection ratio of 1-in-25 is better odds than a ratio of 1-in-80.
- You can increase your odds of being drawn when you apply for hunts that happen on **key dates** of the regular statewide seasons, such as the opening weekend of muzzleloader or gun season. Many hunters may skip those dates because of already-planned hunts.
- For those locations that offer multiple hunts in the same category, the second or third hunts (the **later hunts**) are often easier to get selected for than the earliest hunts.
- Hunts that are considered by some to be **less desirable**, such as antlerless deer hunts, may be just the right choice for a meat hunter looking to raise his chances of getting to hunt at a premier location.

2024-25 DEER HUNTS

- Total applicants (includes first, second, third, fourth, and fifth choice preferences): 65,540.
- Total permits available: 3,694.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 17.7.

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Salt Plains NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/1/2024	11/3/2024	5150	142	25	5.68
Sequoyah NWR - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Muzzleloader	10/18/2024	10/20/2024	5160	129	30	4.3
Sequoyah Resort Park - (2) 1 Either Sex, 1 Antlerless	Muzzleloader	12/14/2024	12/15/2024	5170	199	16	12.44
Skiatook COE - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/29/2024	12/1/2024	5175	104	4	26
Spavinaw GMA - Either Sex	Muzzleloader	11/2/2024	11/3/2024	5180	37	40	.93
Spavinaw GMA - Either Sex	Gun	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	5181	115	40	2.88
Tenkiller COE - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/1/2024	11/3/2024	5190	101	10	10.1
Texoma COE (Burns Run) - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/8/2024	11/10/2024	5200	116	6	19.33
Texoma COE (Lakeside) - (2) Only 1 Antlered	Gun	11/15/2024	11/17/2024	5201	113	8	14.13
Tishomingo NWR - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	10/17/2024	10/18/2024	5210	86	20	4.3
USDA Grazinglands R.L. - (2) 1st Antlerless; 2nd Either Sex	Gun	11/8/2024	11/9/2024	5220	105	20	5.25
USDA Grazinglands R.L. - (2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	Gun	12/13/2024	12/14/2024	5221	81	10	8.1
Washita NWR - Antlerless Only	Gun	10/11/2024	10/12/2024	5240	31	10	3.1
Washita NWR - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/1/2024	11/2/2024	5260	30	10	3
Waurika Lake COE - Antlerless Only	Gun	11/2/2024	11/3/2024	5270	13	5	2.6

- **NOTE:** For better odds of being drawn, avoid putting in for the most popular hunts, including those at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge buck gun hunt, the Sandy Sanders buck gun hunt, and Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge Either Sex hunts.

2024 DEER HUNTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- Total applicants (includes first, second, and third choice preferences): 320.
- Total permits available: 111.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 2.9.
- **NOTE:** Northeastern Oklahoma areas including Cherokee, Cookson Hills, Gruber, and Spavinaw WMAs generally get the most applications in this category. Try for hunts in other parts of the state to raise your chances.

2024 YOUTH DEER HUNTS

- Total applicants (includes first, second, and third choice preferences): 3,790.
- Total permits available: 811.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 4.7.
- **NOTE:** Controlled hunts held outside the regular muzzleloader and gun seasons typically draw more applications. Increase your chances by choosing hunt dates that are within those regular state-wide seasons, especially those that fall on opening weekends when most hunter already have other plans.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply?

Any resident or nonresident who possesses a valid hunting license or who is otherwise exempt may apply for controlled hunts. A list of which hunting licenses are valid is available at wildlifedepartment.com. Applicants must buy a license prior to applying for controlled hunts. Applicants who are eligible for, and possess, apprentice-designated hunting licenses may also apply (although some hunts require hunter education certification by the date of the hunt.) Check the website for more information.

Am I guaranteed a hunt if I apply long enough?

No; drawings are random from the specified pool of applicants. But your odds get better every year you submit an application because you earn (or buy) preference points for future drawings.

How do I pay my application fees?

You may pay the one-time application fee (\$10 for residents or \$50 for nonresidents) plus any additional add-on selections using a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card online at GoOutdoorsOklahoma.com. If your name is drawn, additional license and user fees may be required for specific hunt areas, such as federal refuges.

Do my preference points stay with me forever?

Points remain with you, in each category, until your name is drawn, or when you don't submit any application for five consecutive years.

What if my address changes after I applied?

Notify the Wildlife Department's License Section by calling (405) 521-3852.

I was drawn but now I can't go hunting; do I get my preference points back?

If you bought PointGuard insurance during the application period, you will regain your preference points for that hunt category. You can claim your PointGuard insurance any time before the day of your hunt. If you didn't buy PointGuard, your preference points for that hunt category will be lost.

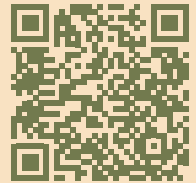


2024-25 ELK HUNTS

- Total applicants (includes first, second, and third choice preferences): 33,406.
- Total permits available: 321.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 104.
- **NOTE:** Enhanced drawings are now upping the odds for applicants with 20 or more preference points in the category. The option to buy one additional preference point to increase your odds for next year's drawing is also available.

CONTROLLED HUNTS WEBSITE

To learn more about the controlled hunts process online, scan the code:



ELK HUNTS

Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Cookson WMA - Either Sex	Gun	9/26/2024	9/27/2024	1001	3,478	1	3,478
Wichita Mts. WR - Bull	Gun	12/3/2024	12/5/2024	1020	7,870	40	196.75
Wichita Mts. WR - Cow	Gun	12/3/2024	12/5/2024	1021	959	70	13.7
Wichita Mts. WR (walk-in only) - Either Sex	Gun	12/16/2024	12/20/2024	1030	7,845	10	784.5
Wichita Mts. WR (walk-in only) - Cow	Gun	12/16/2024	12/20/2024	1031	666	60	11.1
Wichita Mts. WR (walk-in only) - Either Sex	Gun	1/6/2025	1/10/2025	1040	6,884	10	688.4
Wichita Mts. WR (walk-in only) - Cow	Gun	1/6/2025	1/10/2025	1041	503	60	8.38
Wichita Mts. WR (walk-in only) - Either Sex	Gun	1/13/2025	1/17/2025	1050	4,830	10	483
Wichita Mts. WR (walk-in only) - Cow	Gun	1/13/2025	1/17/2025	1051	371	60	6.18



2024 PRONGHORN HUNTS

- Total applicants (includes first and second choice preferences): 12,851.
- Total permits available: 40.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 321.
- **NOTE:** Applicants can buy one additional preference point to increase the odds for next year's drawing. Pronghorn controlled hunts are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

PRONGHORN HUNTS

Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Cimarron County - Either-Sex	Gun	8/29/2024	9/1/2024	2001	5,695	10	569.5
Cimarron County - Doe Only	Gun	9/2/2024	9/9/2024	2002	1,246	15	83.1
Texas County - Either-Sex	Gun	8/29/2024	9/1/2024	2010	5,223	5	1,044.6
Texas County - Doe Only	Gun	9/2/2024	9/9/2024	2011	687	10	68.7



2025 SPRING TURKEY HUNTS

- Total applicants (includes first, second, and third choice preferences): 12,113.
- Total permits available: 101.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 120.
- **NOTE:** Increase your odds of being drawn by passing on the hunts that attract the most applications, such as the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant hunts.

2025 YOUTH TURKEY HUNTS

- Total applicants (includes first, second, and third choice preferences): 1,098.
- Total permits available: 23.
- Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 48.
- **NOTE:** Choosing hunts that take place later in spring come with better odds of being selected.

SPRING TURKEY							
Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Cross Timbers WMA - Tom	Shotgun	4/16/2025	4/20/2025	6000	1,708	10	170.8
Cross Timbers WMA - Tom	Shotgun	5/10/2025	5/14/2025	6001	869	10	86.9
Deep Fork NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/21/2025	5/16/2025	6010	1,392	10	139.2
Four Canyon Preserve - Tom	Shotgun	4/4/2025	4/5/2025	6020	1,499	2	749.5
Four Canyon Preserve - Tom	Shotgun	4/11/2025	4/12/2025	6021	1,020	2	510
Little River NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/25/2025	4/27/2025	6040	809	20	40.45
McAlester AAP - Tom	Shotgun	4/11/2025	4/13/2025	6050	1,304	14	93.14
McAlester AAP - Tom	Shotgun	4/18/2025	4/20/2025	6051	1,063	14	75.93
McCurtain Co. Wild. Area - Tom	Shotgun	4/11/2025	4/13/2025	6060	1,215	16	75.94
Tishomingo NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/24/2025	4/25/2025	6080	1,234	3	411.33

YOUTH SPRING TURKEY							
Hunt Location-Permit Type	Hunt Type	Begin Date	End Date	Hunt Number	Applicants	Permits Allowed	Draw Ratio 1 in ()
Hugo COE (Kiamichi Park) - Tom	Shotgun	4/5/2025	4/6/2025	7000	253	4	63.25
Washita NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/11/2025	4/13/2025	7010	264	2	132
Deep Fork NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/12/2025	5/16/2025	7020	229	10	22.9
Little River NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/11/2025	4/13/2025	7040	205	5	41
Salt Plains NWR - Tom	Shotgun	4/11/2025	4/20/2025	7075	147	2	73.5