

2023 SPRINGER PERMIT PHEASANT HUNT REGULATIONS

Refer to Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
Chapter 11, Section 5 for further details

Opens	Closes	Hunting Hours	Bag Limit Daily / Possession	
Oct. 12, 2023	Oct. 31, 2023	8 AM – 4 PM	3	Season Limit 9

- Springer permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 8 from October 12-October 31, 2023.
- In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present at the check station and in the field:

- 1) Springer permit
 - 2) Wyoming Game Bird license*
 - 3) Wyoming Conservation Stamp* (unless otherwise exempted by statute)
 - 4) Pheasant Special Management Permit* (fee \$15.50)
 - 5) Hunter safety certificate, if born on or after January 1, 1966
 - 6) "Nontoxic shot" (steel or any other federally approved nontoxic shot) shall be required when taking or attempting to take migratory game birds, small game and upland game birds on all lands in the Springer/Bump-Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area. A current list of federally approved nontoxic shot types can be viewed at: <https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/hunting/nontoxic.php>
 - 7) Pheasant hunters must wear one outer garment of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest or sweater.
- *Also available at the check station (cash, check, or credit card)

Issuance of Springer Permits: A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permits shall be issued to successful applicants in the drawing for each day of the Springer permit pheasant season. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hunters shall be allowed to hunt at any one time during the Springer permit pheasant season. When a hunter checks out of the Springer Check Station, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station. If all one hundred twenty (120) permits for a single day have not been issued by the Department, or if the check station attendants are advised that a permitted hunter will not participate, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis, not to exceed a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permitted hunters. Permitted hunters may begin hunting at 8:00 a.m. Hunters who are issued permits through the drawing must check in at the check station by 9:00 a.m. on the date their permit is valid. Permits that are unclaimed after 9:00 a.m. may be issued to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis. It is **required** that all hunters collect their shotgun hulls. Permitted hunters that have all of the necessary licenses, stamps and permits will receive a Fast Pass via email. This Fast Pass includes a QR code that allows hunters to check in quickly at the check station window.

Youth Only Hunt Days: Only youths (under the age of 18) shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 14, 22 and 28.

Springer Check Station: Located 1-1/4 miles west of U.S. Highway 85 on the south boundary of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Hours of operation shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily during the Springer permit pheasant season. Persons participating in the Springer permit pheasant season shall check in at the check station prior to hunting. Prior to leaving the Springer permit pheasant area, each hunter shall check out at the check station by 4:30 p.m. on the same day that the hunter registered and shall accurately report all harvested pheasants.

Parking Assignment: Parking lot assignments and tags shall be issued by the Department for each vehicle utilized by hunters. Parking lot tags shall be displayed in a visible manner in each vehicle. All vehicles shall be parked in assigned parking lots.

Other game species may be taken in accordance with current regulations.

Common Violations

- ⊕ Shooting from vehicles, across public roads or into closed areas.
- ⊕ Entering more than one application for the season.
- ⊕ Failing to register at the check station before entering the permit area to hunt pheasants.
- ⊕ Failing to check-out (**even if unsuccessful**) by 4:30 p.m. on the date you are registered to hunt.
- ⊕ Hunting pheasants before or after shooting hours.
- ⊕ Taking more than the allowable limit of any game species.
- ⊕ Hunting on lands outside the designated area.
- ⊕ Failing to park in assigned lot and display corresponding vehicle tag.
- ⊕ Failing to accurately report harvested game species.
- ⊕ Taking game for another person.
- ⊕ Taking or attempting to take game species while in possession of shot shells containing shot other than nontoxic shot.
- ⊕ Also refer to 1-7 above.

If desired, you may download a GeoPDF map to your GPS-enabled smartphone via the WGFD website at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/pheasantregulations>