

What Lower Brule Has To Offer

The Lower Brule Indian Reservation is located in central South Dakota along the west bank of the Missouri River. The topography of the Reservation is characterized by rugged breaks adjacent to the Missouri River that gradually give way to gently undulating prairie. Grasslands dominate the landscape but agriculture is prevalent in areas that are conducive. This diversity of habitat is ideal for many species of wildlife.

The hunting opportunities that exist on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation are second to none. Prairie-chickens and sharp-tailed grouse are abundant. Exceptional mule deer and white-tailed deer are harvested annually. Pheasant hunting is world class. The Reservation is located within the Central Flyway and at times holds over one hundred thousand ducks and geese are staging in the area. Wild turkeys, which were extinct for decades, have been successfully re-introduced and are flourishing. Buffalo and elk have also been successfully re-introduced and provide a unique hunting experience.

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation has been actively managing the wildlife resources and improving habitat on the Reservation for over 30 years. Population surveys are conducted annually on all game species. At the end of the hunting seasons, all hunters are sent questionnaires and asked to provide information that helps biologists determine harvest rates of game species. This information is used to develop recommendations for the following hunting season. Thousands of trees and hundreds of acres of food plots are planted annually. In addition, thousands of acres of marginal cropland have been restored to prairie in the last decade. Few agencies are managing wildlife at the level of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. Ask us about our two new rustic fully accommodated cabins overlooking the Missouri River. Included are a full kitchen, two bedrooms, deck, dog kennel, fish and bird cleaning table – this is a great way to maximize your experience at Lower Brule while fishing or hunting.

Lower Brule is hunting at its best. For more information, please contact the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation at (605) 473-5666 or visit our website, www.lowerbrulewildlife.com.



Cabins

Two new cabins are available to rent - check them out on our website www.lowerbrulewildlife.com

Package Hunts

Package hunts are available for elk and buffalo.

Big Game Unit/Huston Unit/Cherry Ranch

Three thousand acres of rolling river breaks in the Big Game Unit are the home for the Tribe's buffalo and elk herds. In addition the 1,600-acre Huston Unit and 1,300-acre Cherry Ranch also have buffalo herds. Special hunts consist of your choice of hunting dates, stalking by foot and a guaranteed shot at a buffalo or elk you can be proud of. All hunts are conducted in a sportsman-like manner.

Our Package Hunts Include:

- Guide service, field dressing of your trophy, licenses and transportation tags.
- Your choice of hunting dates.
- The buffalo hunts are one day and the elk hunts are one or two days.
- Accommodations are your responsibility; the new wildlife cabins and the Golden Buffalo Resort are recommended.

Grassrope Special Hunting Unit

This unique 7,000-acre river bend area is intensively managed for crop and wildlife production. Approximately 5,000 acres of irrigated corn and bean fields provide ample surplus food for wildlife. The rest of the area is managed as wildlife habitat including shelterbelts, upland bird nesting cover and food plots. The area abounds with mule deer, white-tailed deer, prairie-chickens, sharp-tailed grouse, geese, ducks, and of course, pheasants. The Tribal Wildlife Department takes great pride in this area and manages it as a special game bird and waterfowl unit. Special seasons, bag limits, and hunting fees apply. A special daily permit is required to hunt pheasants and to hunt waterfowl in the flooded corn pit blinds on the two Little Bend Ponds. Beginning in 2019, deer hunting in the Grassrope Unit is allowed only with archery and/or muzzleloader.

Mni Sho Sho Goose Camp & Little Bend Ponds

The Mni Sho Sho Goose Camp is no longer operated as a goose camp. This area will be open as a walk-in area for all types of hunting.

The Little Bend Ponds feature two deluxe steel pit blinds over flooded corn. Blinds must be reserved and the cost for each person, per day, is \$100 unguided or \$50 if guided by Tribal Member. Decoys and heaters are provided - up to 8 hunters per blind.

Licensed Guides

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Department of Wildlife, Fish and Recreation offers a workshop for tribal member guides and outfitters. The guiding license fee is waived for those individuals that complete the workshop and are recommended to hunters who request guiding services. Tribal member guides and outfitters offer services for sharp-tailed grouse, prairie-chicken, pheasant, ducks, geese, mule deer, white-tailed deer, prairie dog, and turkey. Please contact the Wildlife Department for a list of licensed guides or check our website at www.lowerbrulewildlife.com. Guides are not required.

Missouri River Recreation Areas


Two recreation areas are on the Missouri River. From Lower Brule, Iron Nation Recreation Area is 7 miles west and Little Bend Recreation Area is 9 miles north. Both have a boat ramp, dock, fish cleaning table, lighted parking, picnicking areas, and playground equipment. In addition Cedar Creek has a primitive boat ramp and The Narrows has a scenic hiking trail and interpretive earth lodge. A Recreation Permit is required at all recreation areas and for shore fishing on the Missouri River.

Paddlefish Season

Tribal Members only: May 1-31, 2019

Please call or check the website for more information.

Hunting on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation



2018 Season Guide Regulations and Map

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