

SPRING 2023 GROUSE VIEWING BLIND OPPORTUNITIES

- These opportunities generally run mid-March to mid-May, and are latitude, weather, ground-condition, and availability dependent.
- They are listed by state and grouse species, then mostly by nearest town, site, and host. Text in blue has links to additional information.
- Call, email, or register as indicated to reserve a morning, get instructions, and directions. Some fill quickly and far in advance, conduct a lottery, and/or have a fee.
- RESPECT ALL RULES, such as dates, and arrival and departure times from blinds to minimize disturbance to birds and maximize their mating success. Some blinds may be located on private land. It is always wise to follow the [American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics](#), prepare well, and dress accordingly.
- If you are aware of opportunities that should be added or updates, email jodie@grousepartners.org. This list is intended to be as helpful as feasible for grouse enthusiasts. We are aware it is likely not always up to date as information changes locally.

CALIFORNIA

Greater Sage-Grouse

Mono County – Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power - See Eastern Sierra Audubon Society's [Greater Sage-Grouse Guide](#) for information, guidelines, and permission.

COLORADO

Gunnison Sage-Grouse

Gunnison - [Waunita Watchable Wildlife Site](#) - [Sisk-A-Dee](#) – 970-641-3959 or [contact form](#)

KANSAS

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Manhattan - [Flint Hills Discovery Center](#) – [tours](#) – 785-587-2726

Great Bend – [Kansas Wetlands Education Center](#) - 877-243-9268

Lesser Prairie-Chicken

Oakley – [Buffalo Bill Cultural Center](#) - tours by Prairie Tours and Guide Service – 785-953-1139 or jhmillensifer@gmail.com

Greater & Lesser Prairie Chickens

Hays – [Kansas Lek Treks](#) Prairie Chicken Festival (mid-April) - [Audubon of KS](#) – 785-537-4385

MINNESOTA

Greater Prairie Chicken ([MN Prairie Chicken Society](#))

Audubon - [Hamden Slough NWR](#) – USFWS - 218-844-3406

Glyndon – [Bluestem Prairie SNA](#) – The Nature Conservancy (TNC) - swinter@tnc.org

Mentor - [Glacial Ridge NWR](#) – USFWS - 218-687-2229 x31478

Rothsay – [Fergus Falls Area Wildlife](#) - MN DNR – 218-671-7978

Sharp-tailed Grouse ([MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society](#))

Baudette – [Baudette Area Wildlife](#) - MN Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) - 218-395-6033

[Window on Wildlife](#) lek cam – MN DNR – Enjoy the birds live on-line in the morning.

MONTANA

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Great Falls – [Benton Lake NWR](#) – USFWS – email top 3 dates to bentonlake@fws.gov or call 406-727-7400 x226 before late March to enter in lottery

NEBRASKA

Greater Prairie Chicken & Sharp-tailed Grouse

Burwell – Switzer Ranch – [Calamus Outfitters](#) - 308-346-4697 or hbswitzer@nctc.net

Halsey – [Bessey Ranger District](#) – USFS – 308-533-2257

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Bassett – [Hutton Niobrara Wildlife Sanctuary](#) – [Audubon of KS](#) – 785-537-4385

Niobrara – [Niobrara State Park](#) – NE Game & Parks – 402-857-3373

NORTH DAKOTA

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Kenmare - [Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge](#) (NWR) - USFWS – paul_halko@fws.gov

Moffit - [Long Lake NWR](#) – USFWS - 701-387-4397 x14

Minot - [Upper Souris NWR](#) – USFWS – 701-468-5467 or uppersouris@fws.gov

Pingree - [Arrowwood NWR](#) – USFWS – kory_richardson@fws.gov

SOUTH DAKOTA

Greater Prairie Chicken & Sharp-tailed Grouse

Pierre – [Fort Pierre National Grassland](#) – USFS - 605-224-5517

WISCONSIN

Greater Prairie Chicken

Milladore - [Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area](#) – WI DNR & [WI Prairie Chicken Festival](#) (mid-April) – wisconsinprairiechickenfest@gmail.com

Wisconsin Rapids - [Buena Vista Wildlife Area](#) - WI DNR & UW–Stevens Point - 715-346-4681

Sharp-tailed Grouse ([WI Sharp-tailed Grouse Society](#))

Danbury - [Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area](#) – WI DNR - 715-645-0072

Grantsburg – [Crex Meadows Wildlife Area](#) – WI DNR – 715-463-2739

WYOMING

Greater Sage-Grouse

Multiple locations across WY - See WY Game & Fish Department [Sage-Grouse Lek Viewing Guide](#) for locations, instructions, and directions.