

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 447

By: Boren and McIntosh of the  
Senate

and

Sterling and Waldron of the  
House

An Act relating to state property; permitting residents to forage for nuts and edible plants or fungi on state-owned or state-managed property; providing exceptions; encouraging certain apparel during foraging; defining terms; limiting foraging in certain areas managed by the Department of Wildlife Conservation; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Foraging on state property

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 335 of Title 61, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person may forage for nuts and edible plants or fungi on state-owned or state-managed property accessible to the public for personal consumption only except when such nuts and other edible plants or fungi are:

1. From crops certified by the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station system or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service of the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, as provided in Section 8-33 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

2. From plants that are threatened or endangered.

B. Any person foraging pursuant to this section is encouraged to:

1. Wear an outer garment of hunter orange that is clearly visible while in the field; and

2. Recognize which nuts and edible plants or fungi are safe for human consumption.

C. As used in this section:

1. "State-owned or state-managed property accessible to the public" means property owned or managed by an agency, municipality, or political subdivision of this state designated for public use, unless the property is located on:

- a. state-owned or university-owned test or research farms,
- b. land leased to an individual or entity pursuant to Section 1056 of Title 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who has not given permission to an individual to forage, or
- c. property otherwise restricted for public access by state or federal law including, but not limited to:
  - (1) land along public roads, highways, turnpikes, and interstates,
  - (2) areas owned or operated by a law enforcement agency or used for law enforcement training, or
  - (3) areas surrounding correction facilities owned or operated by the Department of Corrections, a county, a municipality, or a private entity contracted by the Department of Corrections to operate in this state;

2. "Edible plant or fungi" means a plant or fungi commonly found in the wild, which is edible to humans in part or in its entirety and may require cooking to make safe for consumption;

3. "Nut" means a dry fruit that has a single seed, a hard shell, and a protective husk; and

4. "Personal consumption" means an amount that can be consumed in a few days by a person and not sold to another person.

D. 1. After July 1, 2026, any person who is lawfully on a Wildlife Management Area owned or managed by the Department of Wildlife Conservation may forage along with other permitted activities as authorized by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

2. The Commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

Passed the Senate the 13th day of May, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

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of Representatives

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