

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 447 By: Boren of the Senate  
3 and  
4 Sterling of the House  
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6 An Act relating to state property; permitting  
7 residents to forage for nuts and edible plants or  
8 fungi on state-owned or state-managed property;  
9 providing exceptions; encouraging certain apparel  
10 during foraging; defining terms; limiting foraging in  
11 certain areas managed by the Department of Wildlife  
12 Conservation; providing for promulgation of rules;  
13 providing for codification; and providing an  
14 effective date.  
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18 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Waldron  
19 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthor: McIntosh  
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21 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

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

14 2. From plants that are threatened or endangered.

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

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

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

21 C. As used in this section:

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

3 a. state-owned or university-owned test or research  
4 farms,

5 b. land leased to an individual or entity pursuant to  
6 Section 1056 of Title 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who  
7 has not given permission to an individual to forage,  
8 or

9 c. property otherwise restricted for public access by  
10 state or federal law including, but not limited to:

11 (1) land along public roads, highways, turnpikes, and  
12 interstates,

13 (2) areas owned or operated by a law enforcement  
14 agency or used for law enforcement training, or

15 (3) areas surrounding correction facilities owned or  
16 operated by the Department of Corrections, a  
17 county, a municipality, or a private entity  
18 contracted by the Department of Corrections to  
19 operate in this state;

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

23 3. "Nut" means a dry fruit that has a single seed, a hard  
24 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 House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 335 of Title 61, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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20 state-owned or state-managed property accessible to the public for  
21 personal use and not for resale except when such nuts and other  
22 edible plants or fungi are:

23 1. From crops certified by the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment  
24 Station system or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service of the  
Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and

1 Natural Resources, as provided in Section 8-33 of Title 2 of the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes; or

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6 while in the field and to recognize which nuts and edible plants or  
7 fungi are safe for human consumption.

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10 public" means property owned or managed by an agency, municipality,  
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20 state or federal law including, but not limited to:

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22 interstates,

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24 agency or used for law enforcement training, or

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2                   operated by the Department of Corrections, a  
3                   county, a municipality, or a private entity  
4                   contracted by the Department of Corrections to  
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8 entirety and may require cooking to make safe for consumption; and

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

11           D. 1. Any person foraging pursuant to this section on a  
12 Wildlife Management Area owned or managed by the Department of  
13 Wildlife Conservation shall follow all rules for foraging as  
14 authorized by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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

17           SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 27th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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6 2025.

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