



Siksika Nation Tribal Administration

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Hunting on Siksika Nation Reserve Lands

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Siksika Nation citizens have a constitutionally protected right Treaty right to **hunt for food** on Siksika Nation reserve lands. All hunting must follow the Siksika Nation's laws and by-laws, and any applicable provincial or federal laws.

Applicable Laws

Siksika Nation Laws

- **Game Preservation By-Law:** A Siksika Nation by-law that governs hunting permits and species protection on Siksika Nation reserve lands.
- **Trespass By-law:** A Siksika Nation by-law that prohibits hunting or land use without lawful authority and provides for removal or penalties.

Federal Laws

- **Species At Risk Act:** A federal law that protects endangered or threatened species.
- **Migratory Birds Convention Act:** A federal law that regulates hunting of migratory species ducks and geese.

Provincial Laws

- **Wildlife Act:** A provincial law that regulates seasons, limits, and protection of endangered species.



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Requirements for Siksika Nation Citizens

- Hunt only for food and personal use, not for sale or commercial purposes.
- Follow all seasons, limits, and species restrictions under Siksika Nation, federal and provincial law.
- Ensure safe firearm handling and respect for Siksika Nation reserve land and other citizens.

Requirements for non-Siksika Nation Citizens

- A non-Siksika Nation citizen means anyone who is not listed on the Siksika Nation Membership list.
- Non-citizens do not have a general right to enter, hunt, fish, or trap on Siksika Nation lands. They may only do so with a valid permit under the *Game Preservation By-law*.

Mandatory Requirements for Non-Siksika Nation Citizens

Permit Required: Under the Game Preservation By-law, a permit is required to hunt within the reserve if the individual is not a Siksika Nation citizen.

Species Limited: A permit authorizes hunting of ducks and geese only, during open seasons and in designated areas. Hunting of any other species by non-Siksika Nation citizens is prohibited.

Provincial Licence Required: No permit will be issued unless the applicant holds a valid Alberta provincial hunting licence.

Compliance with all provincial and federal hunting laws.



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Rules for Guiding and Commercial Hunting

Provincial Guiding Licence Required

- Unlike hunting for food, commercial hunting and guiding are business activities. Anyone offering guiding services, including Siksika Nation citizens, must have a valid provincial guide licence under Alberta's *Wildlife Act*.
- A valid provincial guide licence is required, even if the guiding takes place on Siksika Nation's reserve lands.

When Guiding Non-Siksika Nation Clients

- Clients who are not Siksika Nation citizens **must have a permit before** they enter Siksika Nation's reserve lands.
- Clients who are not Siksika Nation citizens must follow the *Game Preservation By-law* and follow species limits.

Non-Siksika Nation Guides

- Non-Siksika Nation citizens **cannot act as guides** on Siksika Nation reserve lands, even if they have a provincial guide licence.

Definitions

Guide: A Siksika Nation citizen who holds a valid Alberta provincial guide licence and a permit to guide non-Nation clients.

Permit: A written authorization issued under the Game Preservation By-law that allows hunting on Siksika Nation reserve lands.



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ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Prohibited Purposes: A non-Siksika Nation citizen who is hunting, fishing, trapping or who is not following any Siksika Nation, provincial, or federal law, is considered to be on the reserve for a prohibited purpose and is trespassing.

Orders to Leave and Removal: Officers may order a person who is trespassing or acting unlawfully to leave immediately. If they do not leave, officers may take reasonable measures to remove them from Siksika Nation's reserve lands.

Offences and Penalties: Any person (citizen or non-citizen) who hunts illegally or provides unauthorized guiding services, may face fines or imprisonment under the applicable provisions of the Game Preservation By-law, the Siksika Nation Trespass By-Law, or applicable provincial or federal law, including the Wildlife Act.

Siksika Nation Public Safety and Land Management Service areas will monitor hunting activity on reserve to ensure compliance with Nation by-laws and applicable laws.

Please report suspected unlawful hunting or trespass to Siksika Nation Tribal Administration via the Public Safety Service Area at (403) 734-3815.

If there is an emergency or a safety concern, please call 911.

UPCOMING REVIEW OF THE GAME PRESERVATION BY- LAW

Siksika Nation Tribal Administration is reviewing the Game Preservation By-law to enhance and modernize it.

The review will consider updates needed to better reflect community practices, wildlife management standards, and current laws.

Siksika Nation citizens who hunt, or who operate or plan to operate a hunting-related business, are encouraged to participate in the community engagement process for this update.

More information and community engagement schedules to follow soon.



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