

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 447

By: Boren and **McIntosh** of the
Senate

and

Sterling and **Waldron** of the
House

11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 335 of Title 61, unless there is
24 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

1 personal consumption only except when such nuts and other edible
2 plants or fungi are:

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

8 2. From plants that are threatened or endangered.

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

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

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

15 C. As used in this section:

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

20 a. state-owned or university-owned test or research
21 farms,

22 b. land leased to an individual or entity pursuant to
23 Section 1056 of Title 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who
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1 has not given permission to an individual to forage,
2 or

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

5 (1) land along public roads, highways, turnpikes, and
6 interstates,

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

9 (3) areas surrounding correction facilities owned or
10 operated by the Department of Corrections, a
11 county, a municipality, or a private entity
12 contracted by the Department of Corrections to
13 operate in this state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, dated
8 04/21/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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