

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 447

By: Boren of the Senate

and

Sterling of the House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

23 A. Any person may forage for nuts and edible plants or fungi on  
24 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           1. From crops certified by the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment  
2 Station system or the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service of the  
3 Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and  
4 Natural Resources, as provided in Section 8-33 of Title 2 of the  
5 Oklahoma Statutes; or

6           2. From plants that are threatened or endangered.

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

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

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

13           C. As used in this section:

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

18           a. state-owned or university-owned test or research  
19 farms,

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

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- 1 c. property otherwise restricted for public access by  
2 state or federal law including, but not limited to:  
3 (1) land along public roads, highways, turnpikes, and  
4 interstates,  
5 (2) areas owned or operated by a law enforcement  
6 agency or used for law enforcement training, or  
7 (3) areas surrounding correction facilities owned or  
8 operated by the Department of Corrections, a  
9 county, a municipality, or a private entity  
10 contracted by the Department of Corrections to  
11 operate in this state;

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

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

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

19 D. 1. After July 1, 2026, any person who is lawfully on a  
20 Wildlife Management Area owned or managed by the Department of  
21 Wildlife Conservation may forage along with other permitted  
22 activities as authorized by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation  
23 Commission.  
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1        2. The Commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to  
2 implement the provisions of this section.

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