



## NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) is an over half million-member grassroots, nonprofit organization with members in 50 states, Canada and 11 other foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American activity.

In 1973, the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded in Fredericksburg, Virginia. At that time, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters. Shortly after it's founding, the NWTF moved to Edgefield, South Carolina, where it is headquartered today.

Since 1996, NWTF Canada has been plotting the map with turkey releases, fundraising banquets and local chapters. With more than 6,000 members across Canada, the NWTF is making strides to fulfill its mission: the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage.

Together, NWTF's volunteers and partners have raised and spent more than \$372 million dollars since 1985 to uphold hunting traditions and conserving nearly 17 million acres of wildlife habitat.

Since 1985, more than 4,600 wild turkeys have been trapped and transferred in Canada. Along with trap and transfer, the NWTF has spent nearly \$400,000 to enhance wildlife habitat, youth education and hunter safety, among other projects.

Thanks to the work of federal, state and provincial wildlife agencies and the NWTF's many volunteers and partners, there are now over six million wild turkeys and approximately 2.6 million turkey hunters. Turkey hunting has become the second highest participated type of hunting and is the fastest growing form of hunting.

The NWTF offers a variety of membership opportunities. A regular membership costs \$30.00, memberships for "Wheelin' Sportsmen" and for women under the "Women in the Outdoors" program are \$30.00, and a "JAKES" membership (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics and Sportsmanship) at \$10.00.

To find out how to join, or for more information about NWTF Canada, call (800) THE-NWTF.

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