

OVER-THE-COUNTER ELK PERMITS

Within the elk hunt booklet this year is a new opportunity for hunters, elk permits for specific areas that are available over the counter at Department offices. We would like to provide you with additional information regarding these hunts.

To Report Violations, Call Operation Game Thief at 1-800-352-0700

General information

The areas included in these over-the-counter elk hunting locations are low density elk populations where the Department's management objectives are to have few or no resident elk. In some of these areas, elk may be present on private land. Private landowners are important partners in wildlife management and it is essential that you respect private property and treat landowners with respect. **Take the time to get permission before you hunt.** Additionally, there are several points that the Department would like you to keep in mind:

- * **PICK UP ALL LITTER** A.R.S. 17-309A.9; 13-1603
- * **USE EXISTING ROADS ONLY** A.R.S. 17-454
- * **MINIMIZE LIVESTOCK DISTURBANCE** A.R.S. 17-309A.3
- * **CLOSE GATES, UNLESS FIXED OPEN** A.R.S. 17-309A.3
- * **CAMP AT LEAST 1/4 MILE FROM WATERS** A.R.S.17-308
- * **DO NOT SHOOT WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF OCCUPIED BUILDINGS** A.R.S. 17-309
- * **OBEY ALL REGULATORY SIGNS**
- * **RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**
- * **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE WILDLIFE FROM A VEHICLE** A.R.S. 17-301B

Frequently Asked Questions:

What type of hunting license and permit do I need?

- Any valid 2008 hunting or combination license except a Three-Day Hunting (Class H) License.
- Nonpermit Elk Tag available only at Department offices:
 - Resident – \$114.00 Non-Resident – \$587.50

Is this permit valid only for one hunt area?

- You can hunt in any of the General or Archery-only nonpermit tag areas in Arizona with a single elk permit, but you must use the appropriate weapon for the season. See pages 18-24 in the 2008 Pronghorn Antelope and Elk hunt booklet for details.

What if I apply for 2008 elk hunts and harvest an elk after my application has been submitted?

- If you are lucky enough to draw a permit for 2008, you cannot hunt because you already filled your annual bag limit of one elk per calendar year. You may transfer your tag to your minor child, minor grandchild, or donate the permit to a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Several areas are open for hunting. You may hunt in any or all of these areas so long as you use the appropriate weapon for the open area and do not exceed the annual bag limit of one elk per calendar year. Open areas include:

Units 12A and 12B:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- General hunt – any weapon described in Commission Rule R12-4-304.A.6 (centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns, and archery – see rule for exact details and verbiage).

Boundary:

- Entire area within Units 12A and 12B

Other notes

- Unit 12A and 12B hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling Tom McCall at (928) 214-1248.

Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008

Weapon Types:

- General hunt – any weapon described in Commission Rule R12-4-304.A.6 (centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns, and archery – see rule for exact details and verbiage).

Boundary:

- Little Colorado River Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B - Beginning at the northwest corner of Unit 4A at the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation; south to Interstate 40 at MP 221.4; east on I-40 to Hipkoe Dr.(exit 252); south on Hipkoe Dr. to Business I-40 (3rd Street); east on Business I-40 to AZ Hwy 87; south on AZ Hwy 87 to AZ Hwy 99; southeast on AZ Hwy 99 to Territorial Road; east on Territorial Road to Chevelon Creek; south along Chevelon Creek to the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Boundary; east along the National Forest Boundary to the first major powerline; north along the powerline to Hutch Ranch Rd; east along Hutch Ranch Rd to AZ Hwy 377; north on AZ Hwy 377 to AZ Hwy 77; north on AZ Hwy 77 to I-40; east along I-40 to AZ Hwy 77 (exit 292); north on AZ Hwy 77 to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 87; southwesterly along AZ Hwy 87 to I-40 (exit 257); west on I-40 to North Park Drive (exit 253); north on North Park Dr. to McHood Rd; east on McHood Rd. to the Little Colorado River; north along the channel of the Little Colorado River to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; west along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary.

Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- Archery-only hunt area.

Boundary:

- Rincon Basin Hunt Area in Units 4A and 4B - Those portions of Units 4A and 4B beginning at the junction of I-40 (exit 257) and AZ Hwy 87; west along I-40 to North Park Drive (exit 253); north along North Park Dr. to McHood Rd.; east along McHood Rd. to the Little Colorado River; north along the Little Colorado River channel to the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary; east along the Navajo Indian Reservation boundary to AZ Hwy 87; south along AZ Hwy 87 to I-40 (exit 257).

Other Notes for Little Colorado River and Rincon Basin Hunt Areas:

The majority of elk are scattered between Hutch Ranch Road and McLaws Road. Elk densities are low in this large area encompassing thousands of acres with limited road access. Elk can quickly disappear into pinyon-juniper woodland areas. To be successful, a person will need to plan on covering many miles in remote areas.

There is a resident herd of elk along the Little Colorado River (LCR) between Holbrook and Winslow that cause private land conflicts. These elk may feed on private land adjacent to the LCR, which is comprised of irrigated pasture and alfalfa. Hunters must respect private landowner rights. Wintering elk can also be found along the LCR near the Chevelon Wildlife Area.

Unit 4A and 4B hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling Evan Lautzenheiser or Bob Birkeland at (928) 367-4281.

Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A and 21:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- Archery-only hunt area

Boundary:

- Verde Valley Hunt Area in Units 6A, 19A and 21 - Those portions of Units 6A, 19A and 21 beginning in that portion of Unit 6A at the junction of I-17 and FR 618 (Beaver Creek Road); southeasterly along FR 618 to AZ Hwy 260 (General Cook Trail); east along AZ Hwy 260 to FR 708 (Fossil Creek Road); east along FR 708 to FR 500; south along FR 500 to the Verde River; north along the Verde River to Chasm Creek; west along the bottom of Chasm Creek to FR 574 (Salt Mine Road) in the Prescott National Forest; northwesterly along FR 574 to Oasis Road; west along Oasis Road to AZ Hwy 260; west along AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 89A; north along AZ Hwy 89A to FR 119 (Cornville Road);

east along FR 119 to FR 120 (Beaverhead Flat Road); north along FR 120 to AZ Hwy 179; easterly along AZ Hwy 179 to I-17.

Other Notes:

- Elk densities are low in this area of mostly private land; hunters should be aware of the boundaries. Elk densities are concentrated throughout the year in the riparian area of the Verde River and Beaver Creek. Elk use agricultural fields at night, during the growing season, within the Camp Verde area and retreat to the riparian areas during the day. These elk may feed on private land, which is comprised of irrigated pasture and crops. Hunters must respect private landowner rights.
- Hunting is not allowed on the Yavapai-Apache Reservation or within Montezuma Castle and Montezuma Well National Monuments; hunters should be aware of these boundaries. Elk populations on public land are east of the Verde River, near the White Hills and Wikieup Mesa within the Coconino National Forest. See a Coconino National Forest map for these areas, roads and access.
- For more information, call Tom Bagley at (928) 567-2478.
- Verde Valley Hunt Area hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling the Kingman Regional Office at (928) 692-7700.

Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A:

Hunt Dates:

- January 1 to March 31, 2008
- August 1 to September 11, 2008
- December 1 to 31, 2008

Weapon Types:

- General hunt – any weapon described in Commission Rule R12-4-304.A.6 (centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and bows – see rule for exact details and verbiage)

Boundary:

- That portion of Unit 16A south of Signal road and east of the Yucca-Alamo Road; and that portion of Unit 44A north of Alamo Road and west of AZ Hwy 93.

Other Notes:

- Elk primarily live along the Santa Maria and Big Sandy rivers upstream of Alamo Lake. They are often in areas of very dense brush and trees and may be difficult to locate. There are only a few elk in this hunt area, and most hunters in the past have had poor success finding them. Much of the area is designated wilderness and vehicle access to the area is limited; some of the area that may be occupied by elk is private land. Hunters must respect private landowner rights.

Unit 16A and 44A hunters will be receiving a hunter questionnaire, but successful hunters may report their harvest by calling Bob Henry at 928-342-0091.

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