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Great Mule Deer and Whitetail hunting, Rifle, Bow or Muzzleloader

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Animal size expected: Mule Deer 4x4 to 5x5 & Whitetail or Mule Deer 8-12 point

Opportunity/success: 99% opportunity 99% success

Once you draw the Prestigious MULE DEER license in Nebraska's Frenchman Unit, you have done all the work and with luck like that you should put some money in your favorite Lottery. You are the, "Chosen one."

Watchdog® Can provide you with a Mule Deer point, as required to draw a license for a Mule Deer, but no points can be purchased without the correct unique process that is only in this are of the whole state of Nebraska, then get you a rut rifle Whitetail license, (11-12-11/12) a any deer archery license

(9/1-12/31), or a Muzzleloader and Mule Deer or Whitetail license, (12/1-12/31) automatically in the same year. Yes, a point and a license all in the same year. Watchdog also has a 50% success rate of getting a Mule Deer License with 0 Point in the Frenchman Unit. This area is the number 1 trophy Mule Deer and Whitetail area in the whole state of Nebraska. The state only lots 7% of the licenses to Non-Residents. Since the residents do not get into this, Pearl on the Plains", hunting access is very limited, and the landowner only provides access to very few hunters. Watchdog has ways to get you licenses even through a extremely unique and complicated process. This is the only place not only in the state of Nebraska but in the whole US that does this, and has to do it, because of the demand for the Mule Deer in this region. I am sorry that Nebraska has made this so difficult for non-residents but Watchdog can cove this license acquiring nightmare for you while you sleep at home durring the night without a care in the world, then receive you license and point update in your email. This is what most hunters lack, the ability to get licenses that are out of everyone else's reach.

Currently it is requiring 2-3 points to draw the Frenchman Unit that has McCook as a Reference Town because all of the other towns are so small they are not on all maps, but it makes the population of the area very low, and the Mule Deer population the highest in the state. You are hunting in a place that Nebraska calls its "Mule Deer Jewel." There are 3 units in Nebraska that the licenses draw out every year and they are in what is called the Mule Deer Conservation Area (MDCA). Three Units make up this prestigious area. The Frenchman Unit, The Platte Unit and the Buffalo Unit all sandwiched in the South West Corner of the state of Nebraska. These 3 units have more deer hunting rules than all oo the units in the rest of the state put together. The larges part is differentiating between Mule Deer Rules. For example, shoot a Mule Deer Doe, and you would have been better off shooting your neighbor. Shoot a whitetail doe, is acceptable, they give you a free whitetail doe license with your Mule Deer license.

Bucks of 170 plus have been taken on this prime ranch holding just less than 3000 acres of corn, river bottom, untouched habitat and winter wheat. To keep the hunt price down we have just supplied a guided hunt of the well managed deer concentrated land. The Outfitter and guide are the farmer himself with many years under his belt from living, farming, ranching, hunting, guiding and outfitting on this precious Mule Deer Mecca.

The two hunts are completely different.

Guided Mule Deer Hunt

The Mule Deer hunt is a guided hunt with no meals or lodging. They can be found about 30 minutes away from the hunt. The outfitter will assist you with phone numbers for reservations. Book the hunt early and make your reservations early because motels and restaurants are as rare as hen's teeth in this country.

The hunt is a 2 on 1 three-day hunt, if you wish more days, they can be purchased at \$250 per day per person.

Recommended is a 25-caliber rifle or larger that is flat shooting. The land is restively open so it may be a 50-yard shot or a 300-yard shot at the buck of your choice. Plan on wind in the afternoon and possibly in the morning as well. Temperatures can be as high as 70 and as low as 0 degrees durring a 2 or 3 day stretch. This is a "Low Impact Hunt so you don't need to plan on an all-day walking session. Most of it is drive, glass, spot then get out of the vehicle and stalk in for a shot.

Your guide will aid you with the range and after a good shot and field dress the buck for you. He will aid you in locations for you to take your buck to be processed.

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Semi-Guided Whitetail Deer Hunt

It has been said that in the Mule Deer Conservation area the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) treat the whitetail deer as the ugly red headed stepchild. This area is the last strong hold for the mule deer to survive and thrive with antlers to show their old age. Because of this the Mule Deer license is difficult to draw, while the whitetail license is easy to draw, and doesn't require any points. In fact, in Nebraska in the Frenchman unit you can have a Mule Deer Buck License and a whitetails Buck license as well. This allows you to take advantage of the situation and go home with 2 deer instead of just one.

You will be on a semi-Guided whitetail hunt. The guide will provide you with all the intel that he has from living and hunting on this 2000 acres of corn, river bottoms and wheat. The whitetail generally spends their daytime hours in the river bottom cover but move in and out of it to feed in the morning and evenings, they have specific trails that they follow unless spooked for they travel. Of course, the river bottom has live water so there is no reason for them to ever leaves the area. They will go around you without you even seeing them though.

On a Semi-Guided hunt, we give our best estimate of the size of the deer you will take home. This calculation has 1 missing factor, which is you. Some hunters have years of experience and others hunt once per year. The land is the same but of course the experienced hunters will average better when it comes to the deer, he takes home, on the average.

With that said there is one thing that we can't estimate on is your skills. If you are an average hunter you will take home an 8-point whitetail. If you are better than average, then a 10 point could be in your sights. 160-180 whitetails are available to the ones that are talented in their hunting skills.

To keep the hunt price down we have just provided this hunt as at a DIY or Trespass fee hunt price but have increased the landowner's requirements. He is required to take you on the land, show you his property fences, show you where the whitetail deer feed, bed and water, as well as tell you where he sees them the most. With this he also provides you with his cell phone number so you can call with any questions that you may have later. Remember though come Saturday morning you are hunting alone. One person makes less noise than two people, so it works out well if you are just quiet.

Like the Mule Deer there are no meals or lodging. They can be found about 30 minutes away from the hunt. The outfitter will aid you with phone numbers for reservations. Book the hunt early and make your reservations early because motels and restaurants are as rare as hen's teeth in this country.

The hunt is a 2 on 1 three-day hunt, if you wish more days, they can be purchased at \$250 per day per person.

Recommended is a 25-caliber rifle or larger that is flat shooting. The land is restively open so it may be a 50-yard shot or a 300-yard shot at the buck of your choice, in the river bottom or across the corn field. Plan on wind in the afternoon and possibly in the morning as well. Temperatures can be as high as 70 and as low as 0 Degrees durring a 2 or 3 day stretch. This is a "Low Impact Hunt so you don't need to plan on an all-day walking session. Most of it is setting up watching a crossing or feeding area. Whitetail hunting is 10x more successful if you sit hidden and let the whitetail deer come to you then to travel and try to walk to the whitetail deer.

Your guide will aid you with as to the places that are good to quietly sit and watch.

You will need to field dress your own deer, but the landowner will aid you in finding a place to have you deer processed or a taxidermist. Most would be in McCook or North Platte.

The Semi-guided Hunt is \$ 2795 reduced to only \$ 1795. This year he is going to only allow 6 whitetail deer hunters but will allow 4 of them to shoot a second whitetail Buck each instead of just 1. The extra whitetail will require a second \$ 239 license from the state and \$ 1000 to the outfitter. This is only for a total of 4 slots for the opener durring the run in Mid-November.

The licenses are easy to get over the internet if you start early before they sell out.

Enjoy Nebraska's 1 or 2 buck deer harvest! Nebraska and Texas are the only states that allow a hunter to take 2 buck deer per year.

Hunt Costs

Nebraska Rifle MULE DEER Private Land Guided Hunt 3 days of Rifle Season Extra Days can be bought for \$ 250 per day for this guided hunt

These are 2 separate 2 on 1 Guided Mule Deer Hunts.

1 Hunter by himself is 1 on 1 type of a hunt has an uplift charge of \$500 Guided or Semi-Guided hunts.

Two hunters for the first 3 days of the
season is \$3900 discounted down to only\$ 2995
Two hunters Mule Deer for the Last 3 days of the
season is \$3800 discounted down to only\$ 2895
Nebraska Rifle Whitetail Deer Private Land
S-Guided Hunt 1st 4 days of Rifle Season
\$ 2600 discounted for the first 4 bookings only
Nebraska Rifle Whitetail Deer Private Land
S-Guided Hunt the last 4 days of Rifle Season
\$ 2500 discounted for the first 4 bookings only
Nebraska Muzzleloader or Bow Whitetail <u>Deer</u> Private Land
S-Guided Hunt last 4 days of Rifle Season
\$ 2400 discounted for the first 4 bookings only
Second Deer, of 2 deer, whitetail only \$2400, Discounted Down to only\$ 1500



Crossbows are Legal in Nebraska During the Archery Season. Along with electronic sights

Extra Days can be bought for \$ 250 per day for this guided hunt. Semi guided hunt is only \$150 if season allows and no schedule conflicts.

Licensing

Nebraska Frenchman Unit Whitetail License & Stamp 1 st Deer Pay to the State of Nebraska\$	263
Nebraska Frenchman Unit Whitetail License & Stamp 2 st Deer Pay to the State of Nebraska\$ 2	230
•Youth Deer Permits are now just	8

You will be hunting the famous south Nebraska Republican River bottom, its tributaries and its fertile soils surrounding ground producing corn, alfalfa, wheat, rye and CRP fields.

For a center point you will be hunting outside of McCook Nebraska in the / Frenchman Unit. Nebraska Hunting license unit ID is "Deer Frenchman Whitetail Firearm"

There is a 9-day season in November to work with divided as follows.

Lodging but no meals may or may not be available this can be detailed later. If it is it will be \$50 per night per person. In town it runs between \$50 and \$100 per night. Campers are ok parked in a specific location on the property. The area must be clean when you leave.

The area is lightly hunted with 4 hunters for the first rifle hunt and 4 hunters for the second season hunt usually for the Maximum.

The lodging if available in the town of Hayes Center or McCook usually.

Application Date deadline: In the past the Mule Deer License Application deadline on the May 1st 1:00 p.m. They have leftover Internet 1st come 1st serve around in early July about July 7th You will be hunting the Frenchman unit which draws out extremely fast so if you want to get a license you must be ready on the Nebraska Game & Parks Nebraska web site as soon as it opens at 1 pm, they will be gone by the end of the day. If you need a license in this unit for Mule Deer or Whitetail, Muzzleloader, Rifle or Archery, use Watchdog® to get the best option for getting a license to hunt this hunt or any Nebraska location. The license is emailed to you.

Deer Hunting Schedule and License pricing from the state: Non-Resident Adult Deer license is \$245 plus \$20 Annual Habitat Stamp. Non-Resident 2nd Adult Deer license is \$245 only. 2nd Deer hunt is only \$1495.

Non-Resident Youth Deer license is \$10 plus \$20 Annual Habitat Stamp. Non-Resident Statewide Mule Deer license is \$521 plus \$20 Annual Habitat Stamp. Season dates are approximate.

Firearm Deer season is usually around 11/12-11/21 (There is 9 days long beginning Third Saturday in November, usually around the 12^{th} beginning on a Saturday.) Muzzleloader is December. December 1-31, Archery is mid-October to December 31^{st} . No archery deer hunting during the rifle season for safety reasons. You will be hunting in the Frenchman unit which is difficult to get a license for Mule Deer. Muzzle loader is whitetail only. In all cases a doe mule deer is highly protected as the state battles the encroachment of whitetail deer in an area that was predominately Mule deer in the past. The river bottom area you will be hunting is 90% whitetail anyway, so it all works out for licensing. The Highlands property is 90% Mule Deer.

Licenses are available over the internet and printed off on your home computer or at the local headquarters during the 8-5 M-F schedule. IMPORTANT NOTE YOU CANNOT PURCHASE LICENSES AT STORES IN TOWN, SO IT IS BEST TO GET THEM BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME ON THE INTERNET OR A CALL TO THE NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS THEY WILL SEND IT TO YOU VIA EMAIL AND YOU PRINT IT OFF ON YOUR HOME COMPUTER.! The exception is Turkey and Habitat Stamps you can get at Walmart in McCook but not Deer Licenses.

Tags: Licenses are available over the counter from Nebraska Game & Parks 2200 N. 33rd St. Lincoln, NE 68503 • (402) 471-0641 http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/ Local District Office is 301 E. State Farm Road, North Platte, NE., 69101-0430, (308)-535-8025

HUNTERS can fly into North Platte or Denver and drive to the hunting location

A Self-Contained Camping Trailer is OK on the property or a tent. November can have beautiful warm weather or cold and snowy. ATV are allowed but should be used at a minimum because it spooks the deer. Best transportation vehicle for hunting is a 4 wheel drive pickup truck.

Meat processing is available at several locations in McCook. Contact, estimates and prior

Deer are local so they are there during all seasons.

DEGREE OF PHYSCIAL EXERTION: The property is flat farmland to sound hills with roads through the farmland. Minimal exertion as a rule unless walking the sand hills.

Most successful hunting style for whitetail is to watch from cover with vantage point first thing in the morning as the deer return to daytime bedding area, then spot and stalk if needed for mule deer. Whitetail on the other had are always tree stand or hide and watch whitetail filled areas. The deer tend to eat is agricultural areas during the morning, evening and night, then bed in the many locations of cover during the day. You can bring your own tree stands but they must not harm the trees. Ground blind tents are extraordinarily successful.

Primarily you will be hunting about 3000 acres for Mule Deer or 2000 acres for Whitetail Deer of densely populated deer on private land. If you can shoot you will take a deer home.

It is recommended to bring binoculars and even a spotting scope if available.

The deer are local, so they are always in the area. They do tend to change feeding areas as crops ripen and different feed is available. This provides good hunting during all seasons.

There is no "sighting in" or added shooting on the property. The deer come to the area because of what is available to them and safety. We don't want to spook them from this

area if possible. Respect everyone's hunting. The farmer will be on the property during most of the hunts as needed for farming and taking care of details.

Booking process, a deposit of 50% put into escrow will hold your reservations to allow you to get licenses. You must put in for a whitetail if the state is not going to provide you with a internet available Mule Deer License. We cannot second guess the states Mule deer plans so we won't even try to, just say it requires 1-3 points to draw a Mule Deer license. Preference for hunting dates will be given to the hunters that have hunted here the previous year.

Muzzle loader rifle requirements/restrictions, 44 caliber or larger rifle for deer, either sex whitetail, with scopes ok if not lighted inside, sabots and any powder along with electronic triggers ok. As for rifles we approve 25.06 or larger with at least a 117-bullet including the 6.5 Creedmoor caliber. These are big deer and when you shoot one you want them down at the shot. It can be extremely difficult to track one due to the number of deer tracks and trails in the area. We do not require you to shoot a buck over a specific size, you own the trigger and handle what you shoot. Choose your caliber carefully. Draw blood and it is your deer weather you find him or not.

DIY Turkey Hunts are \$ 595 with \$ 95 for each l Tom per hunter for a total of \$690

A second Tom is only an added \$95.

•Youth Deer Permits are now just.......\$8

Many deer from the other properties come and in and winter during the December Muzzleloader season on this property. Many of your larger deer show themselves then because there is less cover available and they are in a wintertime conserve energy mode.

Stores for shopping and supplies are in McCook, 20 miles away is a full service town with Wal-Mart and even gun shops and gunsmiths available.

Nebraska is making it easier than ever to pass on the gift of hunting to our young people.

With your leadership and knowledge, bonds will be strengthened, and a first-time hunter will become a lifetime hunter. Make a connection like nowhere else on earth. Take a youth hunting. Nebraska provides youth the opportunity to purchase up to two youth permits valid for the harvesting of either sex deer in any unit of the state using the appropriate harvest method for that season.

- •Youth Deer Permits are now just......\$ 8
- •Youth age 10 or older may hunt deer in Nebraska

•Youth ages 15 or younger must hunt with a licensed adult

Application Age: Youth age 16 may get a youth permit if they buy before turning 16.

A 17-year-old must buy an adult license and Conservation stamp.

Youth may apply before reaching legal age if legal age is reached before season opens

Habitat Stamp: Required of nonresident youth only.

Hunter's ages 12 through 29 must have completed firearm hunter education when hunting ANYTHING with a firearm or crossbow.

• Firearm or crossbow hunters under age 12 and those using the exemption certificate can never hunt alone and must be accompanied when hunting anything with a firearm or crossbow. The accompanying person must be age 19 or older, a licensed hunter and if age 19-29, must be certified in hunter education. Accompanied means you must always be in unaided verbal and visual communications

Minimum Age

•No minimum age

License Requirement

- •Resident (15 years old or younger) •Do not need any license or habitat stamp
- Hunter Education (if age 12 or older)
- •Nonresident (15 years old or younger) •Hunt permit
- Habitat Stamp=
 •Hunter Education (if age 12 or older)
- Any hunter born after 1984 must have a Hunter Safety Card from any state
- All hunters age 16 or older must have valid Nebraska hunting license and habitat stamp Hunter Orange -- Any persons hunting deer under the authority of a firearm permit during an authorized Forearm season must display on his or her head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material.

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Or the Local District office in North Platte, 301 East State Farm Road, 308-535-8025 Note for meat donation Nebraska has a great program on their web site. They list givers of deer and Receivers of deer so you can select who you want and the closest location. In addition Nebraska has a "Road Kill" program where you can get a \$5 license to put on a road killed deer to make it legal to take with you, if you hit or find 1 already hit but is fresh.

Always check the Nebraska Game and fish for the Regulations and Regulation changes that occur each year. This information is supplied only to supply you first guidance and is not a legal Nebraska Game and Parks publication.

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