









Hunt ID: CO-5037

Drop me in the back country surrounded by elk and I will shoot myself out of the herd! If you don't need a guide but you need to be put back in the back country, with a tent to stay in and pack out my elk that is all I need, then this is a hunt for you in the San Juan National Forest hunt elk in Southwest Colorado.

This is the traditional elk hunting trip. It is a 7 day trip with 5 days of hunting in the center of the trip. The first day of the trip will be a horse pack in and riding about 3 hours into the heart of some of the greatest elk hunting country, away from the roads, crowds and blaze orange.

This is an enjoyable hunt but does have physical requirements. From the 3 hour pack in trip, hunting at 9,000 feet and altitude, get your dead elk to where a horse can get to it and the elk is packed out on a different horse then packing you out to the ranch where you started.

Elk hunting on your own in Southwest Colorado may not be for everyone, but for those who can locate, track, call, and hunt elk this drop camp will be very rewarding. Your Colorado elk hunt will begin when we pack the horses at our trailhead, and get you suited with a good trail horse for the ride to camp. Your Colorado drop camp is well equipped with everything you'll need, so your quest for Colorado elk and mule deer can begin as soon as we get to camp.

Colorado mule deer numbers and quality have been on the increase in recent years, so you'll want to apply for a Colorado Mule deer tag. Then you'll be ready for whichever crosses your sites first.

Colorado elk rifle drop camps are an affordable elk drop camp, and very productive for putting meat in the freezer. Many of our rifle elk are taken at distances of less than 200 yards, but the hunter who can shoot well may enjoy the chance of shooting their Colorado bull elk at 400 to 600 yards.

Don't worry about where you shoot your Colorado elk or Colorado mule deer, we'll pack it from the kill site, and haul it to the processor for custom meat processing or hang it in their coolers for you to take home and process yourself.

Hunt our pre-set up camps that traditionally are in the summer to rut areas and the migration corridors.

The First Rifle Season starts around Mid-October and is a limited draw season. Apply in early March so you have the best chances for a license. This is a fantastic time to hunt since the elk haven't seen much pressure from hunters.

The Second Rifle Season begins near the end of October, when snowfalls a probable occurrence. The snow that falls in the High Country gets the elk moving. Seeing large herds moving about becomes more likely. Second Rifle Season tags are unlimited and available over the counter at numerous retailers.

The Third Rifle Season is a great season because snow is very likely to fall in substantial quantities. This really gets the elk and mule deer moving and makes them easier to track.

The Fourth Season is limited draw only in some units 75 & 751. During Fourth rifle Season elk are moving through our area from higher elevations for a reprieve from the snow and to find more abundant food sources. This is a productive Season in early November. Dress Warm.

If you are looking for a muzzleloading hunt for Colorado elk or Colorado mule deer we offer a hunt in the San Juan National Forest in game units GMU075 and GMU751. Both elk and mule deer muzzleloading tags are limited and available only by drawing. Apply Early.

Muzzleloading is an effective way to take BIG GAME, and the season is at the most beautiful time in the Colorado High Country. The elk go into full rut at this time and their bugling can be heard day and night.

Muzzleloading is a nine day season, plenty of time to find the elk or mule deer you have dreamed of.

Your Colorado elk and mule deer hunt will begin with your party meeting us at our trailhead which originates on private property during the San Juan National Forest. We'll ride approximately two hours to arrive in good elk and mule deer habitat where you'll be hunting right out of the camp.

Your Colorado drop camp will be well equipped with everything you need. You'll need to bring your food, clothes, and personal gear, and everything else is already in camp.

The weather can often have a big effect on a hunt, and usually, the nastier uglier the weather the better the elk movement. Snow in the Colorado high country get the elk moving and bring elk out of higher elevations increasing the concentration of animals.

Traditional Elk Hunting Camp

Our Camps are in game abundant areas, and range in elevation from 8500' to 10,000' feet. The hunting area is vast and ranges up to nearly 12,000' feet.

We will provide you with a recommended gear list when you book your hunting adventure.

Drop Camps are equipped with:

large canvas sleeping tent lanterns/fuel cooking pots and pans

large canvas cook tent plates and utensils dining table

sturdy cots cut firewood prep table

drinking water wash basin latrine

wood stove

gas cook stove/fuel shovel axe

Drop Camp Rates

Archery week 1 and 2 and Muzzleloader in September:

\$ 1700 reduced down to only \$1195 per hunter 7 day hunt, 4 or more hunters.

\$ 1800 reduced down to only \$1395 per hunter 7 day hunt for 3 hunter camp

\$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1595 per hunter 7 day hunt for 2 hunter camp

Archery week 3 and 4 September

\$ 1800 reduced down to only \$1395 per hunter 7 day hunt, 4 or more hunter camp

\$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1595 per hunter 7 day hunt, 3 hunter camp

\$ 2200 reduced down to only \$1795 per hunter 7 day hunt, 2 hunter camp

Rifle: 1st-(limited draw), 2nd and 3rd seasons

\$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1495 per hunter 5 day hunt, 4 or more hunter camp

\$ 2200 reduced down to only \$1695 per hunter 5 day hunt, 3 hunter camp

\$ 2400 reduced down to only \$1895 per hunter 5 day hunt, 2 hunter camp

Rifle 4th season draw only

\$ 1800 reduced down to only \$1395 per hunter 5 day hunt, 4 or more hunter camp

\$ 2000 reduced down to only \$1595 per hunter 5 day hunt, 3 hunter camp

\$ 2200 reduced down to only \$1795 per hunter 5 day hunt, 2 hunter camp

Note: Hunter Safety card required for anyone born after January 1, 1949. If you need assistance applying for a license feel free to ask for our assistance. Application date is in March so make preparations early so you have the best opportunity get the license you require.

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