



Hunt ID: CO-ElkMDeerBear-YDE6NHA-EEADL6OLKHDGE-HA5WNS-@5063

This is the home to be found by all. This is the center of the world but more important in the elk hunting Golden triangle made up of Craig, Steamboat and Meeker Colorado. You will be hunting the high ground where the elk live during the summer and they along with other migrate slowly into the Craig Valley and some even on south to the Yampa River bottom.

The Lodge is located in Moffat County North East of Craig Colorado, directly bordering the Million acre Routt National Forest at 8800 feet of altitude providing excellent access to some of the best elk, deer and bear hunting in the Colorado. The Routt National Forest is home to the second largest elk herd in the Colorado known as the Bear's Ear herd. Archery and muzzleloader seasons provide the opportunity hunt bull elk during the height of the rut. Unguided elk hunting during bow season can also be combined to hunt mule deer and bear. Rifle season allows the hunter show off their marksmanship and opportunity to hunt elk during the winter migration.

Unguided bear hunting opportunities also exist within the Routt National Forest making it possible for a do it yourself combination hunt for elk, deer and or bear. For pack out service for your game ask for details.

This area is a Do It Yourself (DIY) Hunters Dream. You will be back in by county road and then from that road you are back in another 2.5 miles to the end of the road. Yes you are as they say "Off the Grid."

In fact there are no power lines or underground water or sewer being piped in. You are self-sufficient.

Electrical power is provided by solar and a backup batteries for lighting and light appliances. The water is from a well and the electric pump provides you with water and an instant on water heating system provides you with hot water.

The lodge has a Propane gas stove for cooking and also propane room heating. There is also a wood burn stove for heat with plenty of wood being available. The small refrigerator is propane operated.

Most of the hunting season keeping things cold is not a problem by bringing a cooler and keeping it outside in the shade,

The lodge has 2 bedrooms down on the main floor, each with a queen size bed and a twin bunk bed.

It sleeps 14 but is very comfortable with 12. This is along with the kitchen, Great room or Living room, laundry room and bathroom. In the loft there are 6 twin size beds. Don't forget the big screen HD satellite TV and bring your favorite DVD hunting videos to show in the evening when everyone is in the warm cabin at night telling hunting stories. You will need a sleeping bag for each person and you will be cozy warm. There is cleaning between seasons and a local care taker if you have questions. There is a \$100 damage and Cleaning deposit for each person that is refundable in 60 days after you exit. Please advise as soon as you leave after the hunt so that the care taker can get there and drain the water and winterize the cabin for the vacancy between tenants. The cabin is gorgeous and we would like to keep it that way for the future please respect the structure as others before you have.

The kitchen is fully stocked with pots and pans and with silverware and cooking knives.

Don't forget the game pole out in from t of the cabin to provide a location to hang and skin the deer and elk you bring in.

Hunting Season's Dates and Weapons.

The first season is the deer and elk archery season. Both require that you put in for the March Colorado Parks and Wildlife license application drawing. You will be hunting Public land GMU004 for reference.

Archery requires 1 point to draw and muzzleloader 2 points. Because of this area requiring 1 point to draw archery it is a great hunt. If you hear an elk bugle it is a real elk not just another hunter trying to do what you are doing. With the aspen quakies and water sources water holes and wallows get used every year.

Don't let the point's requirement worry you I have lived and hunted in Colorado for 50 years. You can book the hunt and I will put you in for the draw. If you don't draw your deposit is 100% refundable. I can also get you points, a hunt in another area that doesn't require points so that you can get a point and hunt all in the same year.

For the 2nd and 3rd season deer Points can also be needed for rifle hunters.

Now, as we get into the mid October until mid-November we have the gun hunting seasons. Rifles must be 243 caliber or larger although we strongly recommend a .270 or larger, an elk is a large strong animal so it is said, you can't over kill an elk. If wounded in this type of country you possibility of finding it are about 20% in most cases.

The 1st Rifle season is by draw and leftovers, so I recommend that you put in for a point and a license so that you can get both.

The 2nd season is a combination season so you can hunt deer and elk at the same time. The bull elk licenses are unlimited and over the corner but of course the deer are a draw issue.

The 3rd season is also a combination season so you can hunt deer and elk at the same time. The bull elk licenses are unlimited and over the corner but of course the deer are a draw issue. This deer season tends to provide bigger bucks as the rut is beginning to develop and even more so during the latter part of this season.

The 4th Rifle season is by draw and leftovers, so I recommend that you put in for a point and a license so that you can get both.

ATV's are allowed to the trail heads only. Sometimes one can help in packing out elk but you need an Off Road permit. Also I recommend riding them to retrieve during mid-day only, both deer and elk have no tolerance for the ATV motor sound and they will quickly leave the area if much riding is done.

There is a pack out service available if you need horses to get an elk back to cam. Just get it where a horse can get to it and the pack out service will take it from there back to the Lodge. You will be hunting in Routt National Forest if you purchase any maps.

Horse rental is available from Sombrero ranches west of Craig at approximately \$500 per horse per week.

Hunting Tips

The deer, elk and bear hunts are all hunted differently and are season dependent.

Elk

You are in an elk migration corridor for elk moving from as far to the east as steamboat springs and migrating west to the Craig Valley North of Craig. There are also some local elk in this area for most of the year.

Hunting the September rut can include calling, i.e. bugling and cow calls, to the waiting hunter or yourself. The hunting elk during the first rifle can catch the bull still sensitive to the rut but being early to mid-October they will seldom com to a call but it is quite common for them to call back and provide you their location so you can go find them.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th season for elk are a walk, spot and stalk hunt, along with sitting in an area that is a good crossing and waiting for elk to cross.

Mule Deer

Deer hunting during September archer or Muzzleloader, and the 2nd and 3rd season is like elk spot and stalk along with watching trail crossings.

Black Bear

The Rocky Mountains black bear have the highest occurrence of non-black color phase bears in the nation. Colors from a light chocolate, cinnamon and into the darker mahogany colors and of course black seem to be the color phase opportunities.

Bear is a September hunt and can be combined with archery or muzzleloader but done with a high-power rifle. In September and early October they are gorging themselves 20 hours of every day.

Their premium target is meat, as a gut pile or anything dead. They are naturally eating berries and acorns, flowers and even high moisture grasses as much as possible. Since they are eating so much they also must drink more frequently. To hunt them check water sources for fresh bear tracks along the edge. Once found you will find that a bear that has found a food source will continue to use this water source as long as the food source is close by. This will continue until the bear can no longer find food due to cooler temperatures or the snow covering his food sources. At that point they will find a hole or some place of shelter and go there to spend the winter.

Your only way to hunt them is spot and stalk but they are extremely leary so more efficient are to wait by his current water source for him to return for a drink. There is no baiting or running with dogs to pursue bear in Colorado. The Colorado bear regulations are quite complex so if you plan to hunt bear read them in detail and even call the Colorado Parks and wildlife for details.

2015 Unguided Hunting Rentals

- **ARCHERY/MUZZLELOADER SEASON:**

No Minimum, 6 Nights, \$995 per Hunter per Week

ARCHERY SEASON

08/29 - 09/5

09/5 - 09/12

09/12 - 09/19

09/19 - 09/27

- **RIFLE SEASONS:**

1st and 4th Seasons 4-Man Minimum

2nd and 3rd Seasons 6-Man Minimum Maximum Occupancy 12

—1st Season, Hunter (Bull/Cow Elk Licensing by Draw).

—2nd Season, Hunter (Over-the-Counter Bull Elk Licensing/Cow Elk, Mule Deer by Draw).

- 3rd Season, Hunter (Over-the-Counter Bull Elk Licensing/Cow Elk, Mule Deer by Draw).
- 4th Season, Hunter (Bull/Cow Elk Licensing by Draw).

2015 COLORADO BIG GAME RIFLE SEASONS

- 1st RIFLE (Elk only) October 10 - 14
- 2nd RIFLE (Elk & Deer) October 17 - 25
- 3rd RIFLE (Elk & Deer) October 31 - November 8
- 4th RIFLE (Elk & Deer) November 11 - 15

2016 COLORADO BIG GAME RIFLE SEASONS

- 1st RIFLE (Elk only) October 14 - 18
- 2nd RIFLE (Elk & Deer) October 21 - 29
- 3rd RIFLE (Elk & Deer) November 4 - 12
- 4th RIFLE (Elk & Deer) November 15 - 19

Drawing and Preference Point deadlines are usually the first week of April of each year so you want to apply in early March. I do assist my clients in applying for licenses if requested.

* Minimum Number of Preference Points Required to draw is Subject to Change based on Number of Applicants and the states elk, deer and bear license allotment.

GMU004 & GMU441 hunting opportunities/Dates are approximate

Muzzleloader is grouped with 3 for GMU004 & 441

Archery is grouped with 3 for GMU004 & 441

Deer Seasons and Preference Points to Draw

Archery PL	Either sex	0 points	
Muzzleloader	Buck	2 points	0 points
1st Rifle	Buck	X	No deer Hunting
2nd Rifle	Buck	0 points	0 points
2nd Rifle PL	Either sex	0 points	0 points
3rd Rifle PL	Either sex	0 points	0 points
3rd Rifle	Buck	0 points	1 points
4th Rifle	Buck	X	No deer hunting

Possible left over licenses in some categories announced in July and sold first come first serve in August

Elk

Archery	Bull, Cow or either	1 Points
Muzzleloader	Either Sex	0 points or Cow 0 points
Early Season	Cow	1 point
1ST Season	Cow	0 Points
1st Rifle	Cow	0 Points either sex 0 Points
2nd Rifle	Cow	0 points Bull Over the counter
3rd Rifle	Cow	0 Points Bull over the Counter
4th Rifle	Cow	0 points 0 Points

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Historical Leftover licenses after the License Application Draw but are not guaranteed.

ELK
EF00302R
EF00303R
EM00304R
EM00404R
EF004P1M

Also 2nd and 3rd season Bull Elk Licenses are available over the counter but I recommend if you are going to hunt 2nd or 3rd elk season to put in during the application period in March so that you can build a point.

* Indicate the seasons that can be hunted on this property.

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Booking Prices and Details

The lodge will sleeps 10 and is comfortable with 8 and because of this we are able to book to family and other groups but there is a minimum size group except for September hunters. During the 1st and 4th season the minimal group is 4 and during the 2nd and 3rd season the minimum is 6 people hunters or not. Any people after those minimums are at 1/2 price. This makes it excellent to bring non-hunting guests with you on your hunt. There is no extra fee if you have two licenses as an elk and deer or an elk and bear.

In addition a camp cook can be hired to spend the season with you for only \$350 including food.

Archery	1 st week	6 day	\$ 995 per hunter	No Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price
Archery	2 st week	6 day	\$ 995 per hunter	No Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price
Archery	3 st week	6 day	\$ 995 per hunter*	No Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price
Archery	4 st week	6 day	\$ 995 per hunter	No Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price

Muzzleloader Mid-September 6 day \$ 995 per hunter* No Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price

* The 3rd week in September is usually muzzleloader season which has priority over archers

1st Rifle	Mid-October	5 day	\$ 995 per hunter	4 Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price
2nd Rifle	Late-October	7 day	\$ 1095 per hunter	6 Minimum over 6 additional are 1/2 Price
3rd Rifle	Early-November	7 day	\$ 1095 per hunter	6 Minimum over 6 additional are 1/2 price
4th Rifle	Mid-November	5 day	\$ 995 per hunter	4 Minimum over 4 additional are 1/2 price

\$ 100 Refundable Security/Damage Deposit

The 4th season can be snowed out or it can be the best thing ever depending on the previous snow fall and the current weather. Because of this possibly being a snowed out hunt we provide it at an extremely low rate. The cabin can be accessed but sometimes the bulk of the elk have migrated down

due to deep snows. With this price if you book it is up to you weather you hunt or not. If we deem that you can't get in to hunt we will roll your 4th season hunt over to the next year.

** Rifle season includes arrival the afternoon prior to opening day and departure the morning after the last day of the season. Additional nights for early arrivals are \$ 85 per Hunter.

*** Repeat Clients *** Receive 15% Discount off of Regular Season Rates!

50% Deposit is required for booking and holding your date. Credit card payment with no surcharge is available.

Non-Hunting guests count the same as a hunter except for during September when they are ½ price.

Would you like to bring the family out to the Colorado Mountains, stay in the cabin and use it to your launching pay to activities for Northwest Colorado!

Summer special is \$1495 unlimited number of people for 1 week.

Big Game Season Dates and Fees

2016 Big Game Season Dates - [Check the regulation brochures for specifics and variations](#)

Archery	
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Aug. 27–Sept. 25*
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1–28*
	Nov. 9–30
	Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 10–25
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15–Sept. 20
Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)	
Deer/elk/moose	Sept. 10–18
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 8–16

Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose	
Moose	Oct. 1–14
Separate limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 15–19
Combined (deer/elk) (2nd season)	Oct. 22–30
(3rd season)	Nov. 5–13
Combined limited (deer/elk) (4th season)	Nov. 16–20
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 29–Nov. 8
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)	
Pronghorn	Oct. 1–7*
Black Bear	
Rifle limited (by draw)	Sept. 2–30
Archery (over-the-counter with caps)	Sept. 2–30
Muzzleloading (over-the-counter with caps)	Sept. 10–18
Rifle (over-the-counter with caps)	concurrent with deer/elk rifle seasons

**unless otherwise noted in the brochure tables*

License Fees

Important Note: Anyone ages 18-64 MUST purchase a Habitat Stamp in order to buy or apply for a preference point or for a hunting or fishing license. For more information, see [Habitat Stamp Basics](#).

	Resident	Nonresident
Elk, Cow	\$ 49	\$ 469
Elk, Bull or Either Sex	\$ 49	\$ 629
Deer	\$ 34	\$ 379

Moose	\$ 254	\$ 2,084
Pronghorn, Buck or Doe	\$ 34	\$ 379
Bear	\$ 44	\$ 354

*All prices include a 25-cent search-and-rescue fee, a 75-cent surcharge for the Wildlife Management Education Fund and a \$3 application fee for limited licenses applied for in the draw.
 *Nonresident fishing licenses are good through March 31.

Habitat Stamps (non-refundable)	Resident	Nonresident
Habitat Stamp (valid 4/1–3/31)	\$ 10	\$ 10
Lifetime Habitat Stamp	\$ 300.25	\$ 300.25

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