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The North-Eastern Nebraska hills, plains, and Sandhills, yes Sandhills all add beauty to the Aquifer diverse landscape and the habitat that it provides. One of the world's largest aquifers, it underlies an area of approximately 174,000 square mi (450,000 km²) in portions of eight states. The odd nature of Sandhills with the Ogallala Aquifer provides miles and miles of prime Mule Deer habitat with the average of 1 tree for every 5 square miles on a good day. The mixture of sand hills and valleys carved by the wind in many hundreds of years provides the thermal cover that deer require. The sun can be an asset to them when

it is cold they are on the sunny side of the bowl and move to the shady side of the bowl to be shaded from the scorching summer sun. The area does have its share of wind so the bowls block the wind from every direction to add more thermal control for the big bucks that live here. The huge whitetails frequent the high cover islands of surface moisture, seldom venturing more than a mile out is the vast sandhills.

The aquifer on the underhand provides a water source that farming can access with well filling large overhead sprinkler systems with water to spray over the quickly growing crops of corn and alfalfa. The water and the farmers crops are the other side of the infrastructure that the Mule Deer and the whitetail enjoy. There are also small stream and springs draining into lush wet meadows where the Trophy Mule Deer are replaced by trophy Whitetail with 170-180 bucks not being out of the picture.

With over 200,000 acres of private land or getting down to brass tacks over 312 one-mile squares on multiple farms and ranches in the sandhill country of Nebraska. To hunt this is not a walk from dawn to dusk to find deer type hunt. In fact, there are areas that are not even seen, let alone hunted for years. Thereby being one of the prime reasons that these bucks average so large. Most mule Deer bucks taken run between 170 and 190, not including the cull bucks that we take each ear to keep the Buck antler quality level high.

This is as hunt during the rut time for rifle and pre-rut archery or post rut and any time in-between. The whole month of December post rut and second rut for whitetails, or winter patterning for Mule Deer for Muzzleloaders, with no limit on the muzzle loader configuration if you put the bullet in from the muzzle end.

This hunt is from a 4-wheel drive truck, with a lot of glassing in areas that have been pre-scouted for big deer. The density of deer is low as it is for most quality areas but the truck easily covers many miles to make up the difference and make the success rate 100% for those wanting a reasonable wall hanger.

This hunt has a lot of glassing and spotting scope work so that you see the deer at a long distance. Then it is all about understand what he is doing so that you know where the best place to ambush the buck is, and to get there before he does. Then you work the sandhills and ridges in your favor to allow you to sneak up undetected to get that all-important shot.

Yes, we have taken Mule deer over 200 inches but they aren't behind every tree even with our tree even with the few trees that we have. The deer feed and winter well so winter losses are almost non-existent and except for elderly deer. The key here is these elderly gentlemen have been growing these rack that they stand under for 6 or 7 years and longer. Their teeth grind down due to the high amount of sand on the green vegetation that they eat. Our average rifle shot is just over 120 yards. This also comes from the benefit of very little hunting pressure on these private properties.

We scout and monitor the deer patterns to offer you only the best opportunities. We provide transportation to and from the lodge and will be with you every step of the way. We will also care for your trophy after it's down. Professionally performed caping and skinning of your game will be provided. We do our best to accommodate requests for specific guides on a first-come-first-serve basis. In these situations, an extra charge is necessary for one-on-one guiding.

RIFLE HUNTS

Our rifle season starts in the middle of November and runs for nine days through the main rut for Nebraska. This hunt is very rewarding. The hunt is for trophy bucks only. We manage the deer quality and size along with the number of hunters we take. We get our management number of hunts filled long before the deer license for the area run out. A trophy is a 4 1/2-year-old buck or older.

BOW HUNTS

Our archery season runs from September through October. The weather is usually warm with cool nights in September and October. Crossbows are legal in Nebraska. Either way, the hunting is great and done spot and stalk style.

MUZZLELOADER HUNTS

Our black powder season runs the entire month of December. The deer feed and move about most of the day. You do hunt spot and stalk so bring your optics. The temperature now of year is usually cold, so dress warm.

All mule Deer or whitetail deer hunt are \$ 7000 discounted down to only \$ 5995 for third year but we may be raising the price \$ 500 to \$1000 per hunter due to rising land lease costs. Currently hunts book 1 year in advance most years.

POLICIES

- All processing of the deer you kill is your own responsibility even if you are going to donate it. (Processing price varies by year and there is a small fee to have the deer caped)
- Opening an alcoholic beverage ends that day's hunt.
- Extra days may be added for \$1000 each day for muzzleloader and archery hunts only.
- Your deposit is non-refundable. It guarantees your spot during the season. This is the only way we must ensure that we reserve spots for paying hunters.

Rifle Deer Hunts During the Rut in Nebraska's Famous Sandhills

Imagine having access to more than 200,000 acres of prime western Nebraska Sandhills to hunt for that buck of a lifetime. Spend four days amidst herds of mule deer in the heat of the November rut. A 2:1

guide ratio is standard but you can request one on one hunting with a guide for an additional \$1000. We only shoot mature bucks 4 1/2 years and older. Spot and stalk is the name of the game so bring your optics and be prepared to hoof it 2 or 3 miles a day through the sand. We do most of our walking in the morning when the temps start out in the teens. Normally, it is 40 to 60 degrees by noon and the wind almost always blows. Mid-afternoon we look for a good spot for an evening sit and you will want to have warm clothing along because when the sun starts setting, so does the temperature. Back at camp, our comfortable ranch style lodge doesn't have a big screen or a crackling fireplace but it does offer a hot shower and a soft bed. Hot morning and evening meals, home cooked and much of it home grown, are definite high points of the day. A cooler full of sandwiches, chips, cookies and sodas rides with us in the pickup.

This 4-day hunting package is for a mule deer, whitetail, or combo (one of each). Please call for pricing. A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the hunt guarantees your spot, and the balance is due in July of the year of your hunt. Call today to book your next trophy hunt!

You can purchase a Nebraska deer hunting license with a habitat stamp. For our young hunters ages 10-29, hunter's safety is required and you will need your certificate when you check in your deer. Hunter orange is a requirement and state regulations state you must have 400 square inches of hunter orange on head, chest, and back.

Please check with us to verify prices for our taxidermist and meat processor. See you at camp!

MUZZLELOADER HUNTS

Muzzleloader hunts for trophy mule and whitetail deer in Nebraska's Sandhills.

Our muzzleloader season runs the whole month of December. With the new any scope size law, the possibilities are endless for trophy deer. The temps are usually in the 40's and the low in the teens, which makes the post rut a prime time to harvest that mature buck. The deer bed in the hills during the day and early afternoon they come into the food sources where you can hunt them from a ground blind or a natural blind. The hunting pressure is minimal and deer are very predictable that time of year. We offer a 4-day hunt that includes lodging, meals, and guide service on 200,000 acres, with the guide to client ratio being 2 to 1. One on one is possible with an extra \$1000. The Sandhills are beautiful this time of year and the hunting is great with over 90% success.

A nonrefundable deposit of 50% of the hunt holds your hunt with the balance due in July.

Our trophy room says it all, hunt where the big boys are, in Nebraska. Our lodge is not big and fancy but a clean house with a hot shower and home cooked meals is what you will get. Cell service is very limited, but you will have a very peaceful hunt in the pristine Nebraska Sandhills.

Our young hunters age 10-29 will need a Hunters Safety course completion, and please bring your certificate with you for deer check in. Hunter orange is required and has to be 400 square inches on head, chest and back. Tags are guaranteed and can be printed off in your living room.

ARCHERY HUNTS

Crossbows are legal in Nebraska during archery season.

Our archery hunts include lodging, meals, and guide service (2on1 ratio) on a 5-day hunt. You can upgrade to a 1on1 guided hunt for \$1000. We offer trophy and management archery hunts; trophy hunts are for bucks up to 180 inches and management hunts are for any mature buck up to 155 inches. We are proud of our spot and stalk style of hunting for mule deer. We can also use blinds for the clients that prefer that method of hunting. Whitetails or mulies can be taken here, and the tags are guaranteed so there are no worries about not getting drawn.

September archery hunting is warm and can be very rewarding as the bucks are in bachelor groups and patternable. October brings the pre-rut when the bucks separate and are quite often alone for easier stalking. The temps cool down and the action heats up toward the end of October so if interested in an archery hunt, call or e-mail early to save your spot. A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the hunt guarantees your spot.

For last year the Archery season we had 95% opportunity with 75% harvest averaging 170 inches on our Mule deer.

If you are between the ages of 10 and 29, you will need a BOW HUNTER safety course number to receive a permit. If you don't have bow hunter safety you will need to buy an apprentice tag when you buy your tag.

We have a processor in town that will cut and wrap your meat along with freezing it so it will survive the ride home, or you can donate the meat to a worthy cause with the cost of processing paid by the hunter. Please check with us to verify prices for our taxidermist and meat processor. Give us a call and let us set up your next trophy hunt.

BUFFALO HUNTING

Have a once-in-a-lifetime experience hunting Buffalo with us. The hunts are done in 10,000 acres of prime Sandhills country. Our guides will be with you every step of the way and after the harvest they will

transport your trophy to the local locker and/or taxidermist. The prices for processing and taxidermy vary by year. No permit is necessary and these animals can be harvested using a bow, a rifle, or a muzzle loader. There is no season, but hides are prime in October and November. This is a 3-day hunt complete with meals, lodging, and guide service on a 1-on-1 basis. A non-refundable deposit of \$3500 guarantees your spot. Full pricing depends on the size of the buffalo.

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