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Enjoy discounted DIY stream bottom hunting with lodging on the property, deer hunting in the prime honey hole of many surrounding acres of pasture, wheat and corn or other grains. This is hunting near Chadron/ Nebraska with the largest town being Crawford Pine Ridge unit.

Upon arrival you will be able to tour the property and receive a map of the property boundaries. In addition they will point out the places that they usually see the deer during their trips to the property.

This hunt takes place in the deer's core area. The deer in the area use the stream bottom property for travel to and from bedding area and use the creek bottom as a day bedding area. Hat Creek stream winds down through the 240 prime acres broken down into three 80 acre properties all marked. There is one 80 acre property on the North side of Hat Creek Road and two 80 acre properties on the South side of Hat Creek Road. Hat Creek stream runs all through the properties on both sides. The property is marked by a new fence on the 2 adjoining 80 acre properties the land marks are easy. The properties are seamless to the person hunting the area since they are contiguous. The stream is a great choke point for deer traveling to and from bedding and feeding areas. Part of the south

side of the stream is pasture funneling the whitetail activity to the stream bottom. The numerous large trees are well suited to treestands again used with safety harnesses and at your own risk. Feel free to bring your own if they don't harm the trees.

The area is well marked by the blaze orange ties and the map that indicated where they are located. During the early season they cross the farm lane road and enter into grain fields usually corn. It is quite easy to locate their travel corridors by checking for tracks at the edge of the corn field. They will come out to bed in the stream unless they are pushed too hard where at that time they will spend more time in the corn and less time in the stream bottom. Once the corn is combined usually in late October they no longer have the tall corn cover and use it just for feeding during morning, evening and night time hours. The deer feel this is a safety preserve and are there in the beginning and increase as pressure around them presses them into this safety zone. Because of this be certain to look out the windows before going out of the house it is not uncommon to have them pass by just outside the house fenced area, you will probably see the tracks upon your arrival.

There are some tree stands on the property that you must have a safety harness and are to use at your own risk, They are not maintained so don't plan on them. They are marked on the map but I always recommend bring a couple of ground blinds in case the deer traffic has moved 50 yards or so. Whitetail being the predominant deer there are still mule deer in the area and cross the food source and creek bottom on a regular basis.

There is plenty of huntable property here but more important is that this is their core area for a larger area so if they are pushed out they will come back. In the past years we have had 100% success and it looks like for what we have seen it is an even better year this year because of the additional growth in the area.

In addition this part of the state is located with deer, turkey and pheasant hunting access land.

You will be hunting a primarily whitetail area but it is not unusual for mule deer to be seen and cross through the area when pressure from other properties in the area move them around. The area license allows you to take a buck whitetail or a buck mule deer. Also it is legal to take a doe whitetail. Be certain that you cannot under any circumstances take a mule deer doe.

The corn holds feeding deer at night after it is combined prior to that they will slip back and forth between the corn and the stream bottom of which you have the 320 acres of stream bottom and cover where they spend even more time when the crop cover is harvested. Lodging is included but you must cook for yourself.

Anticipate whitetail or mule deer 8-12 point size range. With DIY hunts the success rate changes dramatically with the knowledge and skill level of the DIY hunters, the deer are

there but whether you win or they do has a lot to do with your deer hunting experience. Deer are local so they are there during all seasons. A number of very large bucks stay in the area but a cagey and are only seen at first and last light as a rule.

Price: \$ 4,100 discounted to \$1595 for rifle, \$1295 for Muzzleloader, or Archery availability limited.

There is a 10 day season in November to work with divided as follows.

1st Rifle Hunt Beginning Rut:

3 days, 4 hunters at a time maximum for the 1st 4 days of the season.

A two day hunting break between groups planned to allow the deer to move back in from neighboring properties and get back to a patterning routine.

2nd Rifle Hunt Rut: Discounted \$300 per hunter

5 days, 4 hunters at a time maximum for the 1st 4 days of the season.

Level of Guiding: Semi-DIY: You will be given a map of the property. The property lines will be marked it is your responsibility to stay off a jointing properties. Be certain you understand the property boundaries, if not, ask. If you have any questions ask the landowner. If you are caught on a neighbor's property you may be charged with trespassing if the neighbor chooses to do so. If you shoot something and it crosses the fence you must contact the landowner before you cross the fence. He will contact the adjacent landowner and get permission to cross the fence. Most likely the landowner and the neighbor will meet with you and go on the neighbor's property together. We follow a good neighbor policy his hunters don't come on your property and we don't go on his. The area was not hit with Blue Tongue like the bulk of Nebraska and the area has a good deer population. On the back of the map is your permission slip to be on the property and the landowner contact information.

The lodging is available is a farm house on the property. It is in good condition and although it will sleep 9 we only allow 4 hunters hunting this property. There is a lot of public ground in the area but the quality isn't as good as this private and this land you will have to yourself.

The lodge is a remodeled farmhouse has bedrooms with a double bed and a big bedroom with two double beds. In the living-room it has two sleeper sofas so it can sleep five very comfortably. It also has a nice mattress type cot. Owner furnishes the towels, blankets, soap, cooking utensils and plates, cups, silverware, and so on. Hunters furnish their own

food. It has a coffee maker, can opener, toaster, two microwaves, full size fridge and electric stove, washer and dryer, shower/bath, and TV.

Application Date deadline: In the past the Internet 1st come 1st serve around July 8th 1:00 p.m. You will be hunting the Pine Ridge 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.

Deer Hunting Schedule and License pricing from the state:

Non-Resident Adult Deer license is \$209 plus \$16 Annual Habitat Stamp.

Non-Resident Youth Deer license is \$10 plus \$16 Annual Habitat Stamp.

Season dates are approximate the 2nd Saturday in November.

Firearm Deer season is approximately 11/14-11/20(There is 10 days long beginning Second Saturday in November) Muzzleloader is the month of December. December 1 – 31, Archery is mid-October to December 31st.

Licenses are available over the internet and printed off on your computer or at the local headquarters during the 8-5 M-F schedule. IMPORTANT NOTE YOU CANNOT PURCHASE LICENSES AT STORES IN TOWN, POSSIBLY USE THE TOWN LIBRARY COMPUTER BUT IT IS BEST TO GET THEM BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME! The exception is Turkey and Habitat Stamps 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 Chadron or Denver and drive to the hunting location.

A Self Contained Camping Trailer OK on the property additional to the house at a cost of \$ 50 per day. 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. Your lodging is close to the stream bottom so you want to be as quiet as possible in the area because you may see deer when you step out the front door.

Meat processing is available at several locations in Chadron.

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

Most successful hunting style is watch from cover with vantage point first thing in the morning as the deer return to day time bedding area, then spot and stalk if needed for mule deer. Whitetail on the other hand are always tree stand or hide and watch whitetail filled areas. The deer tend to eat in agricultural areas during the morning, evening and night,

then bed in the numerous location of cover during the day. You can bring your own tree stands but they must not harm the trees. Ground blind tents are very successful

Upon arrival at the farm hunters will meet with the owner and sign waivers then the owner will provide the hunters with a map of the property, with noted fence lines of the property. Commenting where he has seen deer, and how to meet to check out when the hunt is over. The back of the map is a permission slip to hunt the property and has the owner's phone number for contact if needed.

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.

DIY Turkey Hunts are \$ 295 with \$ 95 for each additional Tom per hunter. Lodging is available but is extra \$50 per hunter per night with a minimum of 2 hunters for 3 nights, or any combination that provides \$300 for the lodging.

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 winter time conserve energy mode.

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

There is no "sighting in" or additional 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 at all 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 an internet available Mule Deer License. We cannot second guess the states Mule deer plans so we won't even try to. Preference for hunting dates will be given to the hunters that have hunted here the previous year. If you book and don't get a license within 1 week and they run out you will lose your deposit.

The Nebraska License code for a whitetail buck deer licenses is "Deer Pine Ridge Firearm." You will need that when you buy a license online.

If you want to shoot two deer the second deer is an additional \$700 and of course requires a second deer license from the state.

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 \$5
- 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 purchase before turning 16.

A 17 year old must purchase 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 be in unaided verbal and visual communications at all times

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.

http://www.flickr.com/groups/biggamegallery_ngpc/pool/show/

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