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WHAT’S NEW?

Changes to trail camera regulations:
The Utah Wildlife Board approved changes to the state’s trail camera rules that will affect the 2022 big game hunting season. You may not use any trail camera (or non-handheld device) in the take of big game from July 31–Dec. 31. The rule also prohibits the sale or purchase of trail camera footage used to take—or aid in the take of—big game July 31–Dec. 31. The rule applies to public and private property. For details, see the information box on page 19.

Night-vision devices: The board also clarified rules that prohibit the use of night-vision devices to locate or attempt to locate a big game animal from 48 hours before any big game hunt in the area through 48 hours after any big game hunt ends in the area. For details, see the information box on page 19, and find definitions on page 64.

Research antlerless hunts online: Starting May 19, 2022, visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks to find all of the information you’ll need to research Utah’s antlerless hunts. This information includes application dates, rules, hunt tables, and maps. The antlerless application period runs from May 26–June 16, 2022.

Same-species hunts in 2022: You can apply for and hunt the following species in the same year: doe and buck pronghorn, cow and bull moose, and ewe and ram bighorn sheep. See the guidelines beginning on page 30 for details.

2023 big game application timeline: In response to public feedback, the DWR is changing the big game application timeline for 2023, which will allow hunters time to evaluate proposed big game permit numbers before the application period closes. See the information box on page 9 for an overview of the new timeline. More details will be available at wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in January 2023.
Required bison shot placement education: Bison hunters must review educational information about shot placement for bison prior to their hunt. See page 31 for details.

CWD regulations and surveillance: The Division will continue surveillance for chronic wasting disease and may be conducting randomized checks at various locations. To learn more, see page 18 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwd.

Find updated maps, boundaries and permit numbers: Use the Utah Hunt Planner to find unit permit numbers, maps, boundaries and information for your hunts this year. Note: Some unit hunt boundaries, names and permit numbers have changed this year, including boundaries for bison units. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner or see the information box on page 13.

Season date changes: Season dates change every year, so please check them carefully before you head out on your hunt. You can find season dates listed on your permit or at wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner.

Download and use DWR maps on your mobile device: Know where you are hunting—even without an internet connection—using the Avenza Maps app. See the information box on page 31 for details.

And keep in mind

No baiting allowed: It is unlawful statewide to bait big game, take big game in a baited area or take big game that has been lured to or is traveling from a baited area. See page 50.

Permit sales dates in July: Any permits remaining after the big game drawing—and all general-season elk permits—will go on sale during different days in July. For all of the permit sales dates, see page 12.

Child support law: There are restrictions on fishing and hunting license purchasers for nonpayment of child support. For additional information—or to arrange a payment schedule—please contact the Office of Recovery Services at 801-536-8500.

Ways to report poachers: Use the UDWR law enforcement app or text 847411 to report poachers. For more about these and other reporting options, see page 30 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/report.

Unlimited any-bull elk permits for youth: In 2022, there will be an unlimited number of general-season any bull elk permits (any legal weapon, muzzleloader and multi-season) available to youth hunters. Those permits will be available for purchase starting July 14, 2022. For more information, see page 17.

Trial hunting program: People who haven’t hunted big game may be able to try it for the first time without taking Hunter Education. See page 10 for more information.

Hunter Mentoring program: The Hunter Mentoring program allows a young person to share a mentor’s permit. To learn more, see the Hunter Mentoring program info box on page 37 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/mentoring.

Hunting in Salt Lake County: Before you hunt deer or elk in Salt Lake County, learn about special restrictions. See page 48 for more information.

Mandatory reporting: Many big game hunters must report hunting information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season (even if they did not harvest an animal). See page 32 for more information or visit wildlife.utah.gov/harvestreporting.

Check for closures: There may be late-season road closures on federal and state lands. Before heading into the field, please check with the managing agency for the area you plan to hunt.

Options for military members: Active military personnel may be eligible to purchase a bonus or preference point if they were deployed during the 2022 big game application period. For details, see page 33 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/military.

Stay informed: We will communicate changes that may affect you and your hunt via email and social media. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/stay-connected.html to sign up for email updates and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Discounted licenses for disabled veterans: The Division offers discounted hunting and combination licenses to Utah veterans who were disabled in the line of duty. For details, see page 8.

Change to permit surrender processes: If you want to surrender your big game permit, you are strongly encouraged to do so at least 30 days before the season opens to avoid losing previously-accrued bonus or preference points. For details, see page 39 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/refund.

Forfeit preference points for purchase of remaining general buck deer permit: If you purchase a general-season buck deer permit that’s available after the big game drawing in 2022, you will lose any preference points you’ve accrued for general-season buck deer. To learn more about purchasing these permits, see page 39.

Flexibility in using antlerless elk permits: If you obtain two antlerless elk permits for the same area, but the permits are for different seasons, you may harvest both elk during the same season. See page 36 for more information.

National parks closed to hunting: All of Utah’s national parks and monuments—except the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments—are closed to hunting.

Review application guidebook: If you have questions about the 2022 big game application period, hunt drawing or limited-entry season dates, please see the 2022 Utah Big Game Application Guidebook at wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks. That guidebook was printed in December 2021 and is a companion to this book.

Guidebook corrections: If errors are found in this guidebook after it is printed, the Division will correct them in the online copy. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks to view digital versions of all the Division’s guidebooks.

Protection from discrimination: The Division receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, or if you desire further information, please visit www.do.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights.cfm.

Private lands: The Division cannot guarantee access to any private land. Under certain circumstances, you must obtain written permission from the landowner or the landowner’s authorized representative before hunting on private lands. For more information, please see Trespassing on page 49.

Division funding: The Division is mostly funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and through federal aid made possible by an excise tax on the sale of firearms and other hunting- and fishing-related equipment.
**General-season dates**

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**CWMU season dates**

The Utah Wildlife Board has established timeframes for hunting on Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs). Hunters should expect to hunt at least five days for bucks/bulls and three days for antlerless big game within these timeframes.

To see the timeframes and learn more about the CWMU program, see the article on page 41 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

**Extended archery season dates**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-23

You do not need to apply for an additional permit to hunt during the extended archery seasons. As long as you obtain an archery deer or elk permit in 2022—and you complete the required extended archery ethics course—you may also hunt any of Utah’s extended archery areas during the seasons listed below.

Limited-entry deer and elk archery hunters who don’t harvest during the limited-entry season will also be allowed to hunt extended archery areas.

**Note:** Handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun (HAMS) permits are not valid on extended archery hunts.

The online archery ethics course is an annual requirement for all archers who want to hunt the extended areas and seasons. To take the course, visit wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery before the extended seasons begin. After you successfully complete the course, print your completion certificate and keep it with you while hunting.

**Reminder:** If you are hunting in an extended archery elk area during the extended archery elk season (Aug. 20–Dec. 15), you may harvest any bull elk or antlerless elk. (This applies even if the extended archery area overlaps a spike bull elk unit.)

**Hunt**

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**Hunt**

Extended archery deer (either sex) in the following extended archery areas:

- Nine Mile, Green River Valley
- Pine Valley, New Harmony
- Sanpete Valley
- South Wasatch
- Southwest Desert, Cedar Valley

**Hunt**

Extended archery elk (either sex) in the following extended archery areas:

- Uintah Basin
- Wasatch Front
- West Cache

**Hunt**

Extended archery elk (either sex) in the following extended archery areas:

- Uintah Basin
- Wasatch Front
- West Cache

**Hunt**

Turkey on any open unit

Dates

Sept. 17–Nov. 30

**Hunt**

Black bear on any open unit

Dates

April 1–May 31, 2022

**Hunt**

Cougar on any open unit or any harvest-objective unit that has been closed after meeting its objective

Dates

During the season dates listed in the 2022 Utah Black Bear Guidebook for that unit

**Sportsman and statewide conservation permit season dates**

For more information about sportsman permits, see the information box on page 12.

**Hunt**

Deer, elk and pronghorn on any open unit with archery equipment*‡

Dates

Aug. 20–31, 2022

**Hunt**

Deer and elk on any open unit with any legal weapon*‡

Dates

Sept. 1, 2022–Jan. 15, 2023

**Hunt**

Pronghorn and moose on any open unit with any legal weapon‡

Dates

Sept. 1–Nov. 15, 2022

**Hunt**

Bighorn sheep and mountain goat on any open unit with any legal weapon*‡

Dates

Sept. 1–Dec. 31, 2022

**Hunt**

Bison on any open unit with any legal weapon‡

Dates


**License fees**

**Resident license fees**

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<td>365-day hunting license for disabled veterans (see the box on page 8)</td>
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<td>Multi-year hunting license (age 18 and older) (see the box on page 8)</td>
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<td>365-day combination* license (ages 14–17)</td>
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* You may not take an elk or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on the Box Elder, Pilot Mtn hunting unit.
‡ Antelope Island is not an open unit for statewide permits.
**Permit fees**

For a complete list of Utah’s license and permit fees, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/fees.html](http://wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/fees.html).

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* A combination license allows you to hunt or fish in Utah. It also allows you to fish with a second pole.

**Discounted licenses for disabled veterans**

The Division offers discounted hunting and combination licenses to Utah servicemembers disabled in the line of duty.

The discounted hunting license is $25.50, instead of the $34 full price; the discounted combination license is $28.50, instead of the $38 full price. Either license is good for 365 days from the day you buy it.

You must be a Utah resident and have a qualifying service-connected disability of at least 20 percent.

Apply for your discounted license at [wildlife.utah.gov/disabledvet](http://wildlife.utah.gov/disabledvet) and complete the online form, or visit any Division office listed on page 2. If you need assistance, please call the nearest Division office.

If you choose to visit a Division office to purchase your license, simply bring the verification of service-connected disability documentation that the Department of Veterans Affairs issued to you.

Find additional resources for hunters and anglers with disabilities at [wildlife.utah.gov/disabled-access](http://wildlife.utah.gov/disabled-access).

**Changes to the big game application timeline in 2023**

In response to public feedback, the DWR is planning to change the big game application timeline for 2023.

The new timeline will address hunters’ concerns about applying for hunts without knowing exact permit numbers, and hunters will be able to evaluate the proposed big game permit numbers before the application period closes.

**The timing and dates will look like this:**

- The application period will open for hunts, bonus points or preference points March 23–April 27, 2023.
- Big game drawing results will be posted on May 31, 2023.
- Points-only applications for big game will open later (during the antlerless application period in June).

**Impacts of this change:**

- This will allow four weeks from the time the application closes to the drawing post date.
- Hunters will have access to the proposed permit numbers during the application period.
- Hunters will be able to edit their applications during the entire application period.

These changes will apply to the 2023 application period and will be fully outlined in the 2023 Utah Big Game Application Guidebook.

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**Don’t lose your hunting and fishing privileges**

If you commit a wildlife violation, you could lose the privilege of hunting and fishing in Utah.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources can suspend the license of anyone who knowingly, intentionally or recklessly violates wildlife laws. Your license can be suspended for a wildlife violation if:

- You are convicted.
- You plead guilty or no contest.
- You enter a plea in abeyance or diversion agreement.
- You are convicted.

**Suspension proceedings** are separate and independent from criminal prosecution. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources may suspend your license privileges whether or not the court considers suspension in your criminal case. You will be notified of any action against your privilege after criminal proceedings conclude. And remember, if your license is suspended in Utah, you may not be permitted to hunt or fish in most other states. (Visit [wildlife.utah.gov/know-the-consequences.html](http://wildlife.utah.gov/know-the-consequences.html) to see a map of participating states.)
**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

Are you planning to hunt big game in Utah this year? Before you apply for or obtain a permit, make sure you meet Utah’s age, hunter education, license and permit requirements.

**Are you old enough?**

*Utah Code § 23-19-22*

To hunt big game in Utah, you must be at least 12 years old.

If you are at least 11 years old, you can apply for or obtain any big game permits for which you are eligible, including limited-entry and once-in-a-lifetime permits. Any 11-year-olds who apply must be 12 by Dec. 31, 2022.

*Remember: You cannot hunt until you are 12 years old.*

If you’re younger than 18, you can apply to participate in the Utah Hunter Mentoring Program. For details on the program, see the box on page 37 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/mentoring.

If you’re 12 years old or older, you can also participate in the Trial Hunting Program. For details, see the box below.

**Utah’s Trial Hunting Program**

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-68*

Have you ever wanted to bring your spouse, child or friend along on a hunt and give them a chance to try hunting? Now, they can join you on your next big game hunt.

Utah’s Trial Hunting Program allows anyone age 12 or older to try hunting for a few years—while accompanied by a licensed hunter age 21 or older—before taking a Hunter Education course.

The program applies to hunts for many different species, including general-season deer and elk. To sign up for the program or to learn more about it, visit wildlife.utah.gov/trial.

**Adults must accompany young hunters**

*Utah Code § 23-20-20*

While hunting big game, a person under 16 years must be accompanied by her or her parent, legal guardian or other responsible person who is 21 years of age or older and who has been approved by the parent or guardian.

The Division encourages adults to be familiar with hunter education guidelines or to complete the hunter education course before accompanying youth into the field.

While in the field, the youth and the adult must remain close enough for the adult to see and provide verbal assistance to the young hunter. Using electronic devices, such as walkie-talkies or cell phones, does not meet this requirement.

**Have you passed hunter education?**


If you were born after Dec. 31, 1965, you must provide proof that you’ve passed a hunter education course approved by the Division before you can apply for or obtain a hunting license or a big game permit.

The only exception to this law is for individuals who are participating in the Division’s Trial Hunting Program. You can find details about the program in the information box to the left or by visiting wildlife.utah.gov/trial.

**Proof of hunter education**

You can prove that you’ve completed hunter education by obtaining a hunter education card (called a “blue card” in Utah) or if you have a verified hunter education number on file with the Division. The number is assigned when you complete hunter education and your blue card is issued.

**Keep your license on your phone or tablet**

*Utah Code § 23-20-21*

We’ve made it easier for you to keep track of your hunting or combination license and know when it’s about to expire.

With our convenient mobile app, you can now download your license to a smartphone or tablet.

If a conservation officer asks to see your license, you can produce the digital copy, which is just as valid as a paper license.

If you use the app, you will be able to easily see when your license expires.

The app is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can download it at wildlife.utah.gov/mobileapp.

Please remember that licenses are different from permits. If you have a permit for a big game or antlerless hunt, you must carry it with you while hunting.

**How to take hunter education**

To get started, you should visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation. You’ll see links to various traditional and online hunter education course options. Follow the instructions on the website to obtain a hunter education registration certificate (required) and to register for a course online.

If you need assistance, please contact your local Division office or call 801-538-4727.

When you finish the course, your instructor will verify your course completion in the online hunter education system. At that point, you will be able to apply for or obtain permits in the Division’s hunt drawing, and your hunter education registration certificate will become your hunting license.

**Do you have a license?**

*Utah Code §§ 23-19-1, 23-19-22 and 23-20-3*

You must have a current Utah hunting or combination (hunting and fishing) license before you can apply for any big game permits, bonus points or preference points. Licenses are available at wildlife.utah.gov and from license agents and Division offices.

As long as your license was valid on the date you submitted your big game permit application, the license will become valid if approved. The only exceptions are where you have a permit for a big game or antlerless hunt, the number of animals you can take, and the days and areas you can hunt.

**Residency**


Before you apply for a big game hunt, it’s important to know whether you are a legal resident of the state of Utah. See the definition of Resident on page 66 to determine whether you are a resident or a nonresident.
Do you have a permit?

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-18

To participate in any of Utah’s big game or antlerless hunts, you need to obtain a hunting permit.

Most of the big game permits have already been issued through the big game drawing, but some will be available for over-the-counter purchase in July 2022:

- **July 12:** General-season archery elk permits (adults and youth)
- **July 12:** Remaining limited-entry big game permits, if available
- **July 12:** Over-the-counter bison permits for the Nine Mile unit (see page 32 for details)
- **July 14:** General-season any bull elk permits (adults and unlimited permits for youth)
- **July 19:** Remaining general-season deer permits, if available (also youth archery deer permits)
- **July 21:** All antlerless permits, if available
- **July 26:** General-season spike bull elk permits (adults and youth)

For more information about July permit sales, see the article on page 14.

Many of Utah’s antlerless permits will be issued through the antlerless drawing. You can apply for those permits from May 26–June 16, 2022. For more information about application deadlines and how to apply for antlerless permits, see page 13.

For details about license, permit and application fees, see page 7 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/fees.html.

### Apply for an Antlerless Permit

**Looking for Utah’s antlerless field regulations? You’ll find them in this guidebook (see page 35).**

If you’re looking for the information you need in order to apply for antlerless hunts, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks, starting May 19, 2022. There, you’ll find application dates, rules, hunt tables, maps, boundaries and other essential information.

If you are planning to apply for a 2022 antlerless permit, please be aware of the following dates and deadlines.

#### May 19: Review online antlerless hunt resources

Beginning May 19, 2022, you can visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks to review all of the application rules, hunt tables, season dates, maps, boundaries and other information you’ll need in order to apply for an antlerless permit.

The antlerless application information will be available online only—there will not be a separate printed Antlerless guidebook.

If you do not have access to the internet, please visit or call a Division office.

#### May 26: Apply online for an antlerless permit

Starting May 26, 2022, you can visit wildlife.utah.gov to apply for the following items:

- Antlerless hunting permits
- An antlerless moose permit or bonus point
- A ewe bighorn sheep permit or bonus point
- Antlerless preference points

You can also apply by calling any Division office.

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**Boundary descriptions only available online**

You’ll find detailed maps and boundary descriptions online for all hunting units.

Visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner to download and print your boundaries today.

You also have the option of using the Utah Hunting and Fishing app to view the boundaries of any permits you’ve drawn. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/mobileapp to download the app.

DWR maps are also viewable on your mobile device using the Avenza Maps™ app. See the box on page 31 for more details.

**June 16: Deadline for antlerless permit applications**

You must apply online or by phone no later than June 16, 2022. There’s an 11 p.m. MDT deadline for online applications and a 5 p.m. MDT deadline for phone applications. To apply, simply visit wildlife.utah.gov or call any Division office.

**July 7: Antlerless drawing results available**

You’ll be notified of your drawing results by email on or before July 7, 2022. You can also learn your drawing results by visiting wildlife.utah.gov or by calling 1-800-221-0659.
WHEN PERMITS GO ON SALE

Some big game permits for the 2022 season will be available in July. You can find the sales dates listed below.

- Please keep in mind that you may only have one buck deer permit and one bull elk permit per year.

See the table on page 8 for a partial list of permit fees or visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/fees.html for a complete list.

A list of remaining big game permits will be posted at wildlife.utah.gov/remaining-permits.html by May 31 at the latest.

You must have a valid hunting license or a combination license to buy one of these permits. A license agent list is available at wildlife.utah.gov/licenseagents. Before you visit any of the agents, contact them to verify their hours of operation.

July 12: General-season archery elk permits (adults and youth)

All general-season archery elk permits will be available beginning July 12, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see purchase times and locations.

General-season archery elk permits—for both adults and youth—are unlimited. You must have a valid hunting license or a combination license to buy one of these permits.

July 12: Remaining limited-entry permits (if available) and bison permits

Any limited-entry permits remaining after the big game drawing will be available beginning July 12, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see a list of remaining permits as well as purchase times and locations.

All remaining permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must have a valid hunting license or a combination license to buy one of these permits.

July 14: General-season any bull elk permits (adults and youth)

All general-season any bull elk permits—including the multi-season general any bull elk permits—will be available beginning July 14, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see purchase times and locations.

All general-season any bull elk permits (muzzleloader and any legal weapon) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information on multi-season general elk permits, see page 27.

You must have a valid hunting license or a combination license to buy a general-season bull elk permit of any kind.

Note: General-season any bull elk permits are unlimited for youth.

July 19: Remaining general-season buck deer permits, if available (also youth archery deer permits)

Any general-season buck deer permits remaining after the drawing—as well as youth archery deer permits—will be available beginning July 19, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see purchase times and locations.

All permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must have a valid hunting license or a combination license to buy one of these permits.

Reminder: If you obtain a general-season buck deer permit over the counter (after the big game drawing), you will lose any preference points you’ve previously accrued for buck deer. However, a youth who purchases a youth archery deer permit will not lose any preference points they’ve accrued for general-season buck deer.

July 21: Remaining antlerless elk permits and all other antlerless elk permits

Any antlerless permits remaining after the drawing—as well as private-lands-only and antlerless elk-control permits—will be available beginning July 21, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see purchase times and locations.

Remaining antlerless permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must have a valid hunting license or a combination license to buy one of these permits.

Under certain circumstances, you must obtain written permission before you can use a private-lands-only antlerless elk permit. For details, see wildlife.utah.gov/private-lands-only-permits.html.

For detailed information about how antlerless elk-control permits work and when you may use one, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/antlerless-elk-control.html. To learn more about Utah’s antlerless elk-control units, see the map on page 62 and visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntplan.

Reminder: If you obtain a general-season antlerless elk permit over the counter (after the antlerless drawing) or a private-lands-only permit, you will lose any preference points you’ve previously accrued for antlerless elk. However, if you purchase an antlerless elk-control permit, you will not lose any preference points you’ve accrued for antlerless elk.

July 26: General-season spike bull elk permits (adults and youth)

All general-season spike bull elk permits—including the multi-season general spike bull elk permits—will be available beginning July 26, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/antlerless-elk-control.html.
**Definition of youth**
For the purposes of big game hunting, a youth is someone who is 17 years old or younger on July 31 of any given year.

This year, you will be considered a youth if you are 17 years old or younger on July 31, 2022.

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**MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG HUNTERS**
If you are 17 years old or younger on July 31, 2022, you may have more opportunities to hunt this fall. It all depends on what type of permit you obtain.

**Any legal weapon deer permits**
If you are a youth and you obtain a general-season any legal weapon deer permit, you may hunt buck deer during the general deer seasons—in the unit listed on your permit—until you either harvest an animal or the season ends.

First, you may use archery tackle to archery hunt the unit listed on your permit from Aug. 20–Sept. 16, 2022.

If you haven’t harvested a deer by the time the archery season ends, you may hunt the same unit during the general muzzleloader and general any legal weapon deer seasons—including the early-season hunt, if it’s offered on your unit—using the appropriate equipment. (See the table on page 16 for details.)

You also have the option of hunting in the extended archery areas, starting Sept. 17, 2022. To do so, you must complete the archery ethics course available at [wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery](http://wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery), carry your course-completion certificate in the field and use the appropriate archery tackle. For more information on the extended archery hunt, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery](http://wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery).

Muzzleloader deer permits
If you obtain a general-season muzzleloader deer permit, you may hunt only during the general muzzleloader season, which runs from Sept. 28–Oct. 6, 2022. You must use muzzleloader equipment and hunt the unit listed on your permit. You may not hunt during the general archery or any legal weapon seasons.

Archery deer permits
If you obtain a general-season archery deer permit, you may hunt only during the general archery deer season and the extended archery deer season.

During the general archery deer season—which runs from Aug. 20–Sept. 16, 2022—you may hunt in the unit printed on your permit.

During the extended archery deer season, you may hunt in any of the extended archery areas after completing the online archery ethics course. For more information on the extended archery hunt, or to take the course, visit [wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery](http://wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery).

Additional youth archery deer permits will be available beginning July 19, 2022. Visit [wildlife.utah.gov/biggame](http://wildlife.utah.gov/biggame) in early June to see purchase times and locations.

**Important:** Youth who purchase these additional youth archery deer permits will not lose any preference points they’ve accrued for general-season buck deer.

The Utah Wildlife Board approved an additional 20 percent of the archery quota for each unit to provide additional permits and opportunity for young archers.

For more information, please call the nearest Division office.

**General-season elk permits**
In 2022, there will be an unlimited number of general-season any bull elk permits (any legal weapon, muzzleloader or multi-season) available for youth who will be 17 years of age or younger on July 31, 2022.

These permits are not for the youth any bull elk hunt that runs from Sept. 17–27, 2022. (Youth had to draw a permit in the big game drawing for that hunt.)

Visit [wildlife.utah.gov/biggame](http://wildlife.utah.gov/biggame) in early June to see purchase times and locations.
CHECKING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a serious—but relatively rare—disease that attacks the nervous system and brain of infected deer, elk and moose.

The Division has been monitoring for CWD since 1998. In that time, 152 mule deer and three elk have tested positive for CWD in Utah.

The Division conducts CWD surveillance in Utah’s deer hunt units on a rotational basis. This fall, the Division will be conducting CWD surveil-

lance in the following units:
- Chalk Creek
- East Canyon
- Kamas
- La Sal
- Morgan-South Rich
- Nine Mile
- North Slope
- Panquitch Lake
- Paunsaugunt
- Pine Valley
- San Juan
- South Slope
- Wasatch Mountains
- Zion

If you harvest a deer in one of the above units this fall, please take a few minutes to stop by a Division check station. (The exact locations of the CWD check stations will be posted at wildlife.utah.gov/cwd closer to the 2022 hunting season.)

At the check station, we will assess the age of your deer, collect some biological information and take a small tissue sample to test for CWD.

You can find the results online within six to eight weeks at wildlife.utah.gov/cwdtesting. If your animal tests positive for CWD, we will contact you directly.

To learn more about CWD, the testing process and precautions you can take, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwd.

Poaching-reported reward permits
Utah Admin. Rule R657-51

It pays to report big game poachers in Utah.

If you provide information that leads to the successful prosecution of another person for the wanton destruction (poaching) of any big game species, you may receive a permit to hunt the same species on the same area where the violation occurred.

This program applies to once-in-a-lifetime animals as well as limited-entry and general-season buck deer and bull elk.

To turn in a poacher, you can use any of the methods listed at wildlife.utah.gov/utip:
- Call our hotline: 1-800-662-3337
- Submit a tip through the UTDWR law enforcement app
- Text DWR conservation officers at 847411
- Submit an online report at wildlife.utah.gov/utip

For details about this reward permit program, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/earn-a-reward.html or see Utah Admin. Rule R657-51 at wildlife.utah.gov/rules.

Random, mandatory testing
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-43

Random, mandatory testing for deer harvested on certain hunting units will continue during the 2022 hunting season.

We will use email and our social media channels to share more information about this process closer to hunting season. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/ stay-connected.html to sign up for email updates and to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

New changes to trail camera and night-vision device rules for 2022 hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-7

At the direction of the Utah Legislature, the Utah Wildlife Board approved changes to the state’s trail camera rules, which will be in effect from July 31 to Dec. 31.

What are the trail camera regulations in Utah?

- You may not use any trail camera (or non-handheld device) in the take of big game, cougars or bears—or to aid in the take of big game, cougars or bears—between July 31 and Dec. 31.
- The rule applies to public and private property.
- The rule prohibits the sale or purchase of footage or data from any trail camera (or non-handheld device) that could be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game, cougars or bears.
- That includes images or video, location information, time and date of the footage and any other data that could aid in the harvest or attempted take of big game, cougars or bears.
- This rule applies to transmitting and non-transmitting trail cameras.

The seasonal restrictions on trail camera use do not apply to:
- Private landowners who are monitoring their property for trespass
- Private landowners monitoring active agricultural operations
- Agricultural producers harvesting bears or cougars that have killed livestock
- Government or educational organizations gathering wildlife information
- Cities involved in the Urban Deer Program
- Cameras used purely for recreational activities that are not associated with hunting in any way

What should I do if I see a trail camera in use during the seasonal closure?

Leave it alone and contact our conservation officers with the camera coordinates if you have concerns that someone is using it for hunting purposes. Do not attempt to remove or damage the camera—it’s someone else’s property and may be in use legally.

Visit wildlife.utah.gov/trailcams for more details about these rules.

Learn more about these and other prohibited hunting methods on pages 50-52, and see page 64 of this guidebook for technology definitions.

What are the rules for night-vision devices?

- The rule prohibits the use of any night-vision device to locate or attempt to locate a big game animal from 48 hours before any big game hunt in the area through 48 hours after any big game hunt ends in the area.
- A night-vision device is defined as anything that enhances visible and non-visible light and includes the use of night-vision devices, thermal-imaging devices, infrared-imaged devices and other electronic devices that enhance the visible and non-visible light spectrum.
- A trail camera is not a night-vision device.
**BIG GAME HUNTS**

Utah offers several different big game hunts each year. Depending on the permit you obtain, you could hunt deer, elk, pronghorn, bison, bighorn sheep, moose or mountain goat. The following section describes the species you can hunt, the weapons you can use and the types of permits that are available.

### Buck deer hunting

**General-season buck deer hunts**

Utah has four general-season buck deer hunts:
- Archery hunt
- Muzzleloader hunt
- Early any legal weapon (rifle) hunt
- Any legal weapon (rifle) hunt

Please see [wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner](wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner) for all hunt boundaries.

**General-season archery buck deer hunt**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-23

Utah’s general-season archery buck deer hunt runs from Aug. 20–Sept. 16, 2022.

If you obtained a general-season archery buck deer permit, you may use archery equipment to take one buck deer within the hunting unit and season dates listed on your permit.

**Extended archery deer hunts**

If you haven’t taken a deer by the time your archery buck hunt ends, you can continue your archery hunting in the state’s extended archery areas.

- In the Nine Mile, Green River Valley; Pine Valley, New Harmony; Sanpete Valley and South Wasatch extended archery areas, you may use archery equipment to take a deer of either sex (hunter’s choice) from Sept. 17–Oct. 15, 2022.
- In the Box Elder, West Bear River (new); Herriman South Valley; Ogden; Southwest Desert, Cedar Valley; Uintah Basin; Utah Lake; Wasatch Front and West Cache extended archery areas, you may use archery equipment to take a deer of either sex (hunter’s choice) from Sept. 17–Nov. 30, 2022.

### Hunter orange

*Utah Code § 23-20-31*

You are required to obey Utah’s hunter orange laws, unless your hunt is among the exceptions. For example, archery and muzzleloader general-season deer hunters are not required to wear hunter orange unless the other hunts occurring in the area are for general-season any legal weapon buck deer or bull elk. For additional details, see page 43.

### Special restrictions

If you participate in Utah’s buck deer hunt, please keep in mind that some areas are closed to hunting or have special restrictions. For a list of those areas, see page 48.

### Obtaining other deer permits

If you obtained a buck deer permit of any kind, the only other deer permit you can obtain is an antlerless deer permit. Please see page 35 for more information on antlerless deer hunts.

Before hunting any of the extended archery areas, you must complete the Division’s archery ethics course. For more information, see page 6 or visit [wildlife.utah.gov/extend-edarchery](wildlife.utah.gov/extend-edarchery).

**General-season muzzleloader buck deer hunt**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-25

Utah’s general-season muzzleloader buck deer hunt runs from Sept. 28–Oct. 6, 2022.

If you obtained a general-season muzzleloader buck deer permit, you may use a muzzleloader to take one buck deer in the hunting unit listed on your permit.

**Early general-season buck deer hunts**

For 2022, the Utah Wildlife Board approved early general-season any weapon buck deer hunts on the following general-season buck deer units:
- Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich
- Fillmore
- Kamas
- Nibley/Myton
- Pine Valley
- Plateau, Fishlake
- Plateau, Desert
- Plateau, Wasatch
- Zion

These hunts will run from Oct. 12–16, 2022. The goal of these hunts is to reduce crowding and give hunters the opportunity to hunt deer and general-season elk at the same time.

**General-season any legal weapon (rifle) buck deer hunt**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-24


If you obtained a general-season any legal weapon buck permit, you may use any legal weapon to take one buck deer in the hunting unit listed on your permit. You may also choose to use a crossbow, an airgun, a draw lock or a muzzleloader.

### Mandatory reporting

If you obtained a premium limited-entry, limited-entry, management buck deer, cactus buck deer, CWMU, conservation, sportsman, expo or once-in-a-lifetime permit, you must complete a harvest survey questionnaire within 30 days after your hunt ends. This information is required even if you didn’t harvest an animal.

**Attention limited-entry archers:**

Although you do not need to submit a survey for the extended archery season, you must submit your limited-entry harvest survey within 30 days of the final day of your limited-entry season.

If you harvested an animal, this is also an ideal time to return your tooth packet. Returning your tooth packet does not fulfill the harvest survey requirement.

You can report information about your hunt at [wildlife.utah.gov/harvest](wildlife.utah.gov/harvest) or by calling 1-800-221-0659.

Reporting your hunt information is important. If you don’t report your hunt information within 30 days of the end of the hunt, you won’t be allowed to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited-entry, limited-entry, management buck deer or CWMU permits, or bonus points in 2023.
**Premium limited-entry and limited-entry buck deer hunts**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-26

Utah’s premium limited-entry and limited-entry deer units are managed for older, bigger bucks.

A premium limited-entry buck deer permit allows you to hunt on one of the best limited-entry buck deer units in Utah—the Henry Mtns unit or the Paunsaugunt unit.

A limited-entry buck deer permit allows you to hunt on a high-quality unit that is managed for a higher buck-to-doe ratio than general-season units are managed for.

If you obtained a premium limited-entry or limited-entry buck deer permit, you may use the weapon listed on your permit to take one buck deer within the area and the season specified on your permit.

**Late-season muzzleloader deer hunts**

For 2022, the Utah Wildlife Board approved late-season, limited-entry muzzleloader deer hunts on all general-season buck deer units. These hunts will occur at the same time as the general muzzleloader elk hunt, running from Nov. 2–10, 2022.

**Important:** If you are successful in obtaining a permit for one of these hunts, you will lose your bonus points and incur a waiting period of five years.

**New this year:** A new late-season, limited-entry muzzleloader deer hunt was approved in the South Slope, Myton unit from Nov. 12–27, 2022 and are considered limited-entry hunts.

If you obtained a permit for one of these hunts, you may take one buck deer during the season and unit identified on your permit.

The 2022 HAMS hunts will take place in the following units:

- Book Cliffs, Floy Canyon
- Kaiparowits HAMS
- Morgan-South Rich

**Note:** HAMS permits are not valid on extended archery hunts.

**Important:** You may not use scopes or other optics on any weapons during this hunt. You may only use the following weapons on a handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only hunt:

**Handgun**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-9 & R657-5-48

- The handgun you use must be legal for buck deer, with no attached scope. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)
- The handgun must also:
  - Have no more than a single barrel 15 inches or less in length, including the chamber
  - Have a single rear handgrip without any form of any of the following:
    - A fixed, detachable or collapsible buttstock

**Muzzleloader**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-10

- The muzzleloader you use must be legal for buck deer, with no attached scope. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)

**Shotgun**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-8

- The shotgun you use must be legal for buck deer, with no attached scope. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)

**More opportunity for archers**

Limited-entry archery deer hunters who don’t harvest during the limited-entry season will be allowed to hunt the extended archery areas after completing the online extended archery course. For details, see page 6 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery.

**And don’t forget:** You must submit your harvest survey within 30 days of the final day of your limited-entry season. You do not need to submit a survey for the extended archery season.

**Management and cactus buck deer hunts**

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-46

A “management buck” is a buck deer with 3 points or less on at least one antler, above and including the first fork, but not including the eye guard. The eye guard does not count as a point. A point is a projection that’s longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip, including damaged or broken antlers.

**Obtaining and using a management buck deer permit**

Management buck deer permits are distributed through the big game drawing process. If you were successful in drawing a management buck deer permit, you must complete an online orientation course before you will receive your permit. This course is also open to anyone who wants to learn more about what a management buck looks like. To take the online course, visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame.

A management buck deer permit allows you to take one management buck deer. You must use the weapon listed on your permit to hunt within the unit and season specified on your permit.

After taking your buck deer, you must bring its head and antlers to a Division office for inspection no later than 72 hours after the date of kill.

Please keep in mind that bringing your deer to a Division office does not meet your plan on sharing the mountain

As much as you’d like to have Utah’s backcountry to yourself, you share it with campers, hikers, photographers and other hunters. Some of those hunters are after big game—just like you—while others are pursuing black bear, forest grouse and other species.

Everyone shares the landscape, so please be patient and considerate when encountering others on public land.
CWMU buck deer hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-37

Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) are private lands that the landowners have opened to a limited number of public and private hunters. You may not hunt buck deer on a CWMU unless you obtain a buck deer permit for that CWMU.

To learn more about hunting buck deer on CWMUs, read the article on page 41 and visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

Bull elk hunting

A “bull elk” is an elk with antlers that are longer than five inches (R657-5-2(2)(g)).

A “spike bull” means a bull elk which has at least one antler beam with no branching above the ears. Branched means a projection on an antler longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip (R657-5-2(2)(f)).

Utah has four general-season elk hunts:
- Archery hunt
- Any legal weapon hunt
- Muzzleloader hunt
- Multi-season hunt

These hunts are held on two types of units: any elk units and spike elk units.

If you obtain an archery permit, you can hunt on all the open any bull and spike bull units in the state.

If you obtain a general-season any legal weapon or muzzleloader permit, you must hunt on the type of unit specified on your permit. For example, if you obtain an any bull elk permit, you may hunt only on any bull elk units. If you obtain a spike bull permit, you may hunt only on spike bull units.

If you obtain a multi-season permit, you may hunt during the archery, any legal weapon and muzzleloader seasons, but you must hunt on the type of unit specified on your permit—either spike or any bull—and you must use the appropriate weapon type for the season.

Permits for the general-season elk hunts will be available on different days in July 2022. See the article on page 43 for the exact sales dates and visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see purchase times and locations.

Regulations for all bull elk hunts

The following regulations apply to all of Utah’s bull elk hunts.

Hunter orange
Utah Code § 23-20-31

You are required to obey the state’s hunter orange laws, unless your hunt is among the exceptions. For example, archery and muzzleloader hunters are not required to wear hunter orange unless the other hunts occurring in the area are for general-season any legal weapon buck deer or bull elk. For details, see page 43.

New this year: Hunter orange is not required during the general-season any bull archery hunt that overlaps with the general-season any bull youth hunt. Youth are still required to wear hunter orange during their hunt.

CWMU buck elk hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-37

Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) are private lands that the landowners have opened to a limited number of public and private hunters. You may not hunt bull elk on a CWMU unless you obtain a bull elk permit for that CWMU.
To learn more about hunting bull elk on CWMUs, read the article on page 41 and visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

Special restrictions
If you participate in Utah’s bull elk hunt, please keep in mind that some areas are closed to hunting or have special restrictions. For a list of those areas, see page 48.

Obtaining other elk permits
If you obtained a bull elk permit of any kind, the only other elk permits you can obtain are antlerless elk permits. Please see page 35 for more information on antlerless elk hunts.

General-season archery elk hunt
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-28
Utah’s general-season archery spike elk hunt runs from Aug. 20–Sept. 9, 2022. The general-season archery any bull elk hunt runs from Aug. 20–Sept. 21, 2022, except on the state’s extended archery areas, where the season runs later into the year.

If you obtain a general-season archery elk permit, you may use archery equipment to take only one of the following animals:
• One elk of either sex on a general-season any bull elk unit
• An antlerless elk or a spike bull elk on a general-season spike bull elk unit
• Only a spike bull on the Book Cliffs unit
• One elk of either sex on the extended archery elk areas

Extended archery elk hunts
If you haven’t taken an elk by the time your archery hunt ends, you may continue hunting in the Uintah Basin, Wasatch Front and West Cache extended archery areas during the extended archery elk season, which runs from Aug. 20–Dec. 15, 2022.

To hunt any of the extended archery areas, you must complete the Division’s archery ethics course and carry your archery ethics course certificate of completion with you while you’re hunting. For more information, see page 6 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery.

General-season any legal weapon (rifle) bull elk hunt
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-29
Utah’s general-season any legal weapon elk hunt consists of the any bull elk hunt and the spike bull elk hunt. These hunts run from Oct. 8–20, 2022.

To hunt during the general-season elk hunt, you must obtain either a spike bull permit or an any bull permit.

If you obtain a general-season any legal weapon elk permit, you may use any legal weapon to take your bull elk.

You may use a crossbow, an airgun, a draw lock or a muzzleloader.

If you obtain a spike bull elk permit, you may take a spike bull elk on a general-season spike bull elk unit. You may not hunt on the any bull elk units. Please keep in mind that some limited-entry bull elk hunts overlap the general-season spike bull elk hunt.

If you obtain an any bull elk permit, you may take a bull elk of any size, including a spike bull, on a general-season any bull elk unit. You may not hunt on spike bull elk units.

In 2022, there will be an unlimited number of general-season any bull elk permits (any legal weapon, muzzleloader or multi-season) available for youth who will be 17 years of age or younger on July 31, 2021. These permits are not for the youth any bull elk hunt that runs from Sept. 17–27, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/big-game in early June to see purchase times and locations.

See the general-season bull elk hunt reference map on page 60, and the boundary descriptions at wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner, to learn where spike bull units and any bull elk units are located in the state.

General-season muzzleloader elk hunt
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-30
The general-season muzzleloader elk hunt runs from Nov. 2–10, 2022 within the general-season elk units.

To hunt during the general season for muzzleloader elk, you must obtain either a muzzleloader spike bull elk permit or a muzzleloader any bull elk permit.

If you obtain a muzzleloader any bull elk permit, you may use a muzzleloader to take a bull elk of any size, including a spike bull, on a general-season any bull elk unit. You may not hunt on spike bull elk units.

If you obtain a muzzleloader spike bull elk permit, you may use a muzzleloader to take a spike bull elk on a general-season spike bull elk unit. You may not hunt on the any bull elk units.

Please see the general-season bull elk hunt reference map on page 60 and the boundary descriptions at wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner to learn where spike bull units and any bull elk units are located in the state.

Multi-season general bull elk hunt
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-29
The Utah Wildlife Board approved a multi-season general bull elk hunt for the 2022 hunting season.

Your hunting season dates and hunt areas depend on whether you choose a multi-season spike bull elk permit or a multi-season any bull elk permit. For details, see the table at the bottom of this page.

Extended archery elk hunts
If you haven’t taken an elk by the time your multi-season hunt ends, you may continue hunting in the Uintah Basin, Wasatch Front and West Cache extended archery elk areas during the extended archery elk season, which runs from Aug. 20–Dec. 15, 2022.

To hunt any of the extended archery areas, you must complete the Division’s archery ethics course and carry your archery ethics course certificate of completion with you while you’re hunting. For more information, see page 6 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery.

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* You may only take a spike bull on the Book Cliffs unit.
Reminder: If you are hunting in an extended archery elk area during the extended archery elk season, you may harvest any bull elk or antlerless elk. (This applies even if the extended archery area overlaps a spike bull elk unit.)

Obtaining a multi-season bull elk permit

Multi-season general bull elk permits will be available on different days in July 2022. See the article on page 14 for the exact sales dates and visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see purchase times and locations.

Permits will come out of the same permit quota as the general-season any legal weapon and muzzleloader bull elk permits.

Avoid harvesting collared wildlife

The Division has placed radio and GPS collars on bighorn sheep, bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats and pronghorn in various areas across the state. The Division is monitoring these animals in a handful of ongoing studies about migration and survival.

If possible, please avoid harvesting a collared animal. It is an expensive and time-consuming process to capture and collar replacement animals.

If you harvest a collared animal, please remove the collar without cutting it, pull the front two incisors (for aging purposes) and contact your local Division office for information on how to return the collar.

To learn more about collared wildlife studies and the Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative, visit wildlifemigration.utah.gov.

Bull elk hunt opportunities for youth
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-31

In 2022, there will be an unlimited number of general-season any bull elk permits (any legal weapon, muzzleloader or multi-season) available for youth who will be 17 years of age or younger on July 31, 2022. Remember, you cannot hunt until you are at least 12 years old.

The general-season any bull elk permits go on sale July 12, 2022. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/biggame in early June to see permit purchase times and locations.

The general-season any bull permits referenced above are not for the youth any bull elk hunt that runs from Sept. 17–27, 2022. Permits for that hunt were only available through the big game drawing.

If you drew a permit for the youth general-season any bull elk hunt—which runs from Sept. 17–27, 2022—you may use any legal weapon to take a bull elk or antlerless elk of any size on any general-season any bull elk unit in Utah.

Important: A permit for the youth any bull elk hunt is not valid during the general-season any bull elk hunts.

Please remember that although you may take a spike bull elk during this hunt, you may not hunt on a spike bull elk unit.

You may obtain only one youth any bull elk permit in your lifetime.

Limited-entry bull elk hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-32

A limited-entry bull elk permit allows you to use the weapon listed on your permit to take one bull elk of any size within the area and season specified on your permit.

Multi-season hunts

There are multi-season hunts that allow the permit holder to hunt bull elk during all three seasons (archery, muzzleloader and any legal weapon) on select limited-entry units.

If you have obtained a permit for one of these hunts, you must use the appropriate weapon type for the season.

Handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only (HAMS) bull elk hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-48

For 2022, the Utah Wildlife Board approved handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only (HAMS) hunts (Oct. 1–Nov. 15, 2022) on these seven limited-entry elk units:

- Box Elder, Sawtooth
- Cache, North
- Nine Mile, Anthro
- Oquirrh-Stansbury
- Plateau, Barney Top/Kaiparowits
- Southwest Desert, North
- West Desert, Deep Creek

Note: HAMS permits are not valid on extended archery hunts.

Important: You may not use scopes or other optics on any weapons during this hunt. You may only use the following weapons on a handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only hunt:

Handgun
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-9 & R657-5-48

The handgun you use must be legal for bull elk, with no attached scope. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)

Archery equipment
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-11

The archery equipment you use must be legal for bull elk. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)

Muzzleloader
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-10

The muzzleloader you use must be legal for bull elk, with no attached scope. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)

Shotgun
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-8

The shotgun you use must be legal for bull elk, with no attached scope. (See the Firearms and archery equipment section that begins on page 43.)

More opportunity for archers

Limited-entry archery elk hunters who don’t harvest during the limited-entry season will be allowed to hunt the extended archery areas after completing the online extended archery course. For details, please see page 6 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/extendedarchery.

And don’t forget: You must submit your harvest survey within 30 days of the final day of your limited-entry season. You do not need to submit a survey for the extended archery season.
Buck pronghorn hunting
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-34

“Buck pronghorn” means a pronghorn with horns that are longer than five inches (R657-5-2(2)(f)).

To hunt buck pronghorn, you must possess a buck pronghorn permit.

New this year: You may apply for and hunt a doe and buck pronghorn in the same year.

If you obtained a buck pronghorn permit, you may use the weapon listed on your permit to take one buck pronghorn within the area and season specified on your permit.

You may use a crossbow, an airgun, a drawlock or a muzzleloader with a magnifying scope during the any legal weapon general-season buck deer or bull elk.

CWMU buck pronghorn hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-37

Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) are private lands that the landowners have opened to a small number of public and private hunters. You may not hunt buck pronghorn on a CWMU unless you obtain a buck pronghorn permit for that CWMU.

To learn more about hunting buck pronghorn on CWMUs, read the article on page 41 and visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

Note: Only archery equipment may be used during the buck pronghorn archery hunt. If you’d like to hunt from a blind, please contact the public agency that manages the land you’ll be hunting on to learn about any regulations you must follow to construct a blind.

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HUNTS
All of Utah’s bison, bull moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat permits are considered once-in-a-lifetime permits. That’s because you can draw a permit for each of these species only once in your lifetime.

Bison hunting
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-38

To hunt bison, you must possess a bison permit. You may obtain a bison permit through the big game drawing only once in your lifetime.

If you obtained a hunter’s choice bison permit, you may use the weapon type listed on your permit to take one bison of either sex within the area and the season listed on your permit.

If you obtained a cow bison permit, you may use the weapon type listed on your permit to take only a cow bison within the area and the season listed on your permit.

New this year: All bison hunters must review educational information about shot placement prior to the hunt. Details about this requirement will accompany your permit; see wildlife.utah.gov/bisonhunting for more information about shot placement.

Online orientation course
If you drew a cow bison permit, you must complete the online orientation course located at go.usa.gov/xunKe. You’ll receive your permit after you successfully complete the course.

Ways to report poachers
Utah Admin. Rule R657-51

If you witness an in-progress wildlife violation—or you’re aware of a previously committed wildlife crime—you have several ways to contact our conservation officers. These options make it much easier to report wildlife crimes, and you can do so anonymously, if needed.

Visit wildlife.utah.gov/utip to learn more about your four contact options, which are listed below in order of urgency:

1. Call our hotline at 1-800-662-3337
2. Submit a tip through the UTDWR law enforcement app
3. Text a conservation officer at 847411 utah.gov/utip
4. Submit an online report at wildlife.utah.gov/utip

When you visit wildlife.utah.gov/utip, you can access the Apple and Android download links for the new UTDWR app and see which regional office code you should include in a text to officers. (The codes ensure that texts get to the regions and officers who are in the best position to respond.)

We encourage you to report any poaching activities immediately and truly appreciate your help in protecting Utah’s wildlife.

Interact with our maps using the Avenza Maps™ app
You can now interact with DWR maps on your mobile device using the Avenza Maps™ app.

Avenza Maps gives you the ability to download and use DWR maps on your mobile devices, even without the internet or a network connection. Know where you are hunting, even in the most remote areas of Utah.

To access these maps on your mobile devices:

• Turn to the maps on pages 56-63 and use your smartphone to scan the QR code on the map you want to view.
• If you do not have Avenza Maps installed on your device, you will be directed to the App Store or Google Play to download and install the app on your device.
• If you already have Avenza Maps on your device, you can scan the map QR code using the reader in Avenza Maps (or your device’s QR reader) and the map will load.
• Find additional DWR maps by searching “UDWR” in the Avenza Map Store.
Report your harvest
If you obtain an antlerless permit this year, don’t forget to complete a harvest report after your hunt ends.
Visit wildlife.utah.gov/harvest and click the Report Your Harvest button near the top of the page. Then, you can log in and complete your harvest report.
If you prefer to complete your harvest report over the phone, call 1-800-221-0659.

Antelope Island
If you drew an Antelope Island bison permit, the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (Utah State Parks) may require you to complete a course before you can hunt.
Before the hunt begins, Utah State Parks will notify you about the date, time and location of the course. You’ll receive your permit after you successfully complete the course.
Because the Antelope Island hunt is administered by Utah State Parks, your hunt will include some extra park-related fees. For more information, please call 801-725-9263.

Nine Mile bison opportunity
In 2020, the Utah Wildlife Board approved a bison hunting opportunity for the Nine Mile unit. This unit is extraordinarily rugged and difficult to access. The odds of a successful hunt are fairly low.
See wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner for detailed boundary information.

CWMU bull moose hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-37

Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) are private lands that the landowners have opened to a limited number of public and private hunters. You may not hunt on a bull moose CWMU unless you obtain a bull moose permit for that CWMU.

Permits will be available for purchase starting July 12, 2022. You can buy the permits at wildlife.utah.gov and at license agent locations and Division offices.

Important: If you purchase a permit for this hunt, you will forfeit any future opportunities to apply for a bison permit in the big game drawing. You can, however, continue to purchase this permit annually as long as the permit is offered.

Bull moose hunting
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-37

A “bull moose” is a moose that has antlers that are longer than its ears (R657-5-2(2)(h)).
To hunt bull moose, you must possess a bull moose permit. You may obtain a bull moose permit through the big game drawing only once in your lifetime.
Your bull moose permit allows you to use the weapon type listed on your permit to take one bull moose within the hunting unit and season specified on your permit.

New this year: You may apply for and hunt cow and bull moose in the same year.

CWMU bull moose hunts
Utah Admin. Rule R657-37

Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) are private lands that the landowners have opened to a limited number of public and private hunters. You may not hunt on a bull moose CWMU unless you obtain a bull moose permit for that CWMU.

To learn more about hunting bull moose on CWMUs, read the article on page 41 and visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

Ram desert bighorn and ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunting
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-39

A “ram” is a male desert bighorn sheep or a male Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep (R657-5-2(2)(q)).
To hunt a ram desert bighorn sheep or a ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, you must possess a permit for the species you wish to hunt (i.e., a ram desert bighorn sheep permit to hunt desert bighorn sheep, or a ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep).

Ram desert bighorn sheep hunts and ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunts are considered separate one-in-a-lifetime hunts. For example, if you obtain a ram desert bighorn sheep permit, and you’ve never obtained a ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit before, you can continue applying for a ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit.

A hunter may obtain a maximum of one ram Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit and one ram desert bighorn sheep permit in the same year, but both permits may not be obtained through the big game drawing.
A ram bighorn sheep permit allows you to use the weapon type listed on your permit to take one ram within the area and the season specified on your permit.

New this year: You may apply for and hunt ewe and ram bighorn sheep in the same year.

After taking your ram, you must bring its horns to a Division office within 72 hours of leaving your hunting area. When you come to the office, a Division staff person will permanently affix a numbered plug to the horn. This plug certifies that the sheep was taken legally.

Points options for active, deployed military personnel
If you are an active, deployed member of the military, you can now purchase a bonus or preference point, even if you missed an application period while deployed. The Division will also waive the required combination or hunting license fee when you make that point purchase. To qualify for these exemptions, a military member must:
• Be a resident of Utah
• Be deployed for 90 days or longer outside of Utah on federal orders from military command
• Not have previously received a bonus or preference point for the species and hunt type in the same year
• Otherwise be eligible to receive a bonus or preference point
• Pay a $10 application fee per point received
• Submit an application for the exemption to the Division no later than Dec. 31 of the qualifying year of being deployed
For additional information and the application form, visit wildlife.utah.gov/military.
Mountain goat hunting
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-40

To hunt a mountain goat, you must possess a mountain goat permit.

You may use the weapon listed on your permit to take one mountain goat within the area and the season specified on your permit.

You may obtain a mountain goat permit through the big game drawing only once in your lifetime.

If you obtained a hunter’s choice mountain goat permit, you may use the weapon type listed on your permit to take one goat of either sex within the area and the season listed on your permit.

If you obtained a female mountain goat permit, you may use the weapon type listed on your permit to take only a female goat within the area and the season listed on your permit.

Note: You may obtain only one mountain goat permit—of any kind—during the 2022 season.

Online orientation course
If you obtained a mountain goat permit, you must complete the online orientation course located at wildlife.utah.gov/biggame.
You’ll receive your permit after you successfully complete the course.

Possible habitat work in your hunt area
Throughout the year, the Division works with other government agencies—including the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management—to complete thousands of acres of habitat-improvement work on Utah’s public lands.

Those projects range from plant removal to prescribed burns and from helicopter reseeding to large-scale planting projects. They help restore habitat for mule deer, elk, sage-grouse and other species, giving them the food and cover they need to thrive on the landscape.

Please be aware that projects occur across the state, year round. This means that sometimes a project may occur in a portion of your hunt area, during the hunt.

If this is something you’re concerned about, you may want to contact the land-management agency for your hunt area this summer. They may be able to give you a tentative list of projects for 2022, which will give you more information in planning your hunt.

You can also see a list of past, current and proposed restoration projects at watershed.utah.gov.

ANTLERLESS HUNTS
Utah offers antlerless hunts each year. These hunts help ensure that populations remain at sustainable, manageable levels, and they remove animals that pose depredation problems. Depending on the permit you obtain, you could hunt antlerless deer, elk or moose, doe pronghorn or ewe bighorn sheep. This section describes the species you can hunt, the weapons you can use and the types of permits that are available.

Antlerless deer hunting
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-27

An “antlerless deer” is a deer without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter (R657-5-2(2)(a)).

To hunt antlerless deer, you must possess an antlerless deer permit. A person may obtain only one antlerless deer permit or one two-doe antlerless deer permit through the antlerless drawing.

An antlerless deer permit allows you to use the legal weapon listed on your permit to take one antlerless deer in the area and season specified on your permit.

A two-doe antlerless deer permit allows you to use the legal weapon listed on your permit to take two antlerless deer in the area and season specified on your permit.

If you harvest a buck deer, bull elk or antlerless elk—and you have an unfilled antlerless deer permit—you may continue hunting antlerless deer during the buck deer, bull elk or antlerless elk season listed on your other permit. However, you may not use a permit for a buck deer or bull elk during the antlerless season, unless it’s during the timeframe when the two seasons overlap.

Additional opportunity
There is some flexibility if you are an antlerless permit holder who also possesses a permit to hunt any one of the following seasons:

- General-season buck deer (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or dedicated hunter)
- General-season bull elk (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)
- Premium limited-entry buck deer (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)
- Limited-entry buck deer (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)
- Limited entry bull elk (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)
- Antlerless elk

If your antlerless deer permit is for the same area as one of the permits listed above—and you use the appropriate weapon type specified for your current hunting season—you may use your antlerless deer permit during the season listed on your other permit.

If you harvest a buck deer, bull elk or antlerless elk—and you have an unfilled antlerless deer permit—you may continue hunting antlerless deer during the buck deer, bull elk or antlerless elk season listed on your other permit. However, you may not use a permit for a buck deer or bull elk during the antlerless season, unless it’s during the timeframe when the two seasons overlap.
Antlerless elk hunting
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-33

You can obtain up to three elk permits in Utah each year.
• A maximum of one permit can be for a bull elk.
• A maximum of one antlerless elk permit can be obtained through the antlerless drawing.
• A maximum of two antlerless elk permits can be obtained over the counter.

An “antlerless elk” is an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter (R657-5-2(2)(b)).

Obtain three elk permits

An “antlerless elk” is an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter (R657-5-2(2)(b)).

To hunt antlerless elk, you must possess an antlerless elk permit. This permit allows you to use the legal weapon listed on your permit to take one antlerless elk in the area and season specified on your permit.

If you have an any legal weapon (rifle) permit, you may use a crossbow, an airgun, a draw lock or a muzzleloader with a magnifying scope during the rifle hunt.

You may not hunt antlerless elk on a Co-operative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) unless you obtain an antlerless elk permit for that CWMU.

Antlerless season dates online

To review the 2022 antlerless season dates—as well as information about antlerless hunting options, permit numbers, application dates, maps and hunt boundaries—visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks. These tools and resources will be available online by May 19, one week before the antlerless application period begins.

You can apply for antlerless permits from May 26 to June 16, 2022.

For more information on the antlerless application period, see page 13.

Hunter Mentoring program

The Utah Hunter Mentoring program allows any qualifying adult to share their hunting permits with resident youth.

Permits that are eligible for sharing under the Hunter Mentoring program include all big game permits as well as black bear, cougar, turkey, greater sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse permits. Only swan and sandhill crane permits may not be shared because they are subject to conflicting federal regulations.

To learn more about program eligibility and requirements and to download the application form, visit wildlife.utah.gov/mentoring.

The units where you can use these permits may change every year. See the map on page 61 to view all of the antlerless elk-control permits.

Note: Antlerless elk-control permits must be used on an antlerless elk-control hunting unit and cannot be used on a CWMU.

Additional opportunity

There is some flexibility if you are an antlerless elk permit holder who also possesses a permit to hunt any one of the following seasons:
• General-season buck deer (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or dedicated hunter)
• General-season bull elk (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)
• Premium limited-entry buck deer (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)
• Limited-entry buck deer (archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon or multi-season)

Doe pronghorn hunting


You may hunt a doe pronghorn during the season dates listed on your buck or bull permit, even after you have harvested your buck or bull. However, you may not use a permit for a buck deer or bull elk during the antlerless season, unless it’s during the timeframe when the two seasons overlap.

If you obtain two antlerless elk permits for the same area—but the permits are for different seasons—you may harvest both elk during the same season.

A “doe pronghorn” is a pronghorn without horns or with horns five inches or shorter (R657-5-2(2)(j)).

To hunt a doe pronghorn, you must possess either a doe pronghorn permit or a two-doe pronghorn permit. A person may obtain only one doe pronghorn permit or one two-doe pronghorn permit through the antlerless drawing.
A doe pronghorn permit allows you to use the legal weapon listed on your permit to take one doe pronghorn in the area and season specified on your permit.

A two-doe pronghorn permit allows you to use the legal weapon listed on your permit to take two doe pronghorn in the area and season specified on your permit.

If you have an any legal weapon (rifle) permit, you may use a crossbow, an airgun, a drawlock or a muzzleloader with a magnifying scope during the rifle hunt.

You may not hunt doe pronghorn on a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) unless you obtain a doe pronghorn permit for that CWMU.

**New this year:** You may apply for and hunt doe and buck pronghorn in the same year.

### Antlerless moose hunting

*Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-36*

An “antlerless” moose is a moose without antlers or with antlers shorter than its ears (R657-5-2(2)(c)).

To hunt either a ewe desert bighorn sheep or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, you must possess a permit for the species you wish to hunt (i.e., a ewe desert bighorn sheep permit to hunt female desert bighorn sheep, or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit to hunt female Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep).

Visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks in late May to research antlerless hunting options and permit application information.

A ewe bighorn sheep permit allows you to use the weapon type listed on your permit to take one ewe within the area and the season specified on your permit.

**New this year:** You may apply for and hunt ewe and ram bighorn sheep in the same year.

You may not hunt antlerless moose on a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) unless you obtain an antlerless moose permit for that CWMU.

### Ewe bighorn sheep hunting

*Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-39.5*

A “ewe” is a female bighorn sheep or any bighorn sheep younger than one year of age (R657-5-2(2)(m)).

To hunt either a ewe desert bighorn sheep or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, you must possess a permit for the species you wish to hunt (i.e., a ewe desert bighorn sheep permit to hunt female desert bighorn sheep, or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permit to hunt female Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep).

Visit wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks in late May to research antlerless hunting options and permit application information.

A ewe bighorn sheep permit allows you to use the weapon type listed on your permit to take one ewe within the area and the season specified on your permit.

**New this year:** You may apply for and hunt ewe and ram bighorn sheep in the same year.

### PERMIT SURRENDERS, REFUNDS AND EXCHANGES


What happens if you obtain a permit and then realize you won’t be able to use it? You have a few options, some of which have recently changed.

#### Surrendering a permit

If you need to surrender your permit—and your hunting season hasn’t started—you should consider surrendering the permit as soon as possible. If you surrender early enough, you’ll be able to keep your bonus points or preference points and avoid a waiting period.

**Reminder:** If you want to surrender your big game permit, you are strongly encouraged to do so at least 30 days before the season opens. Learn more below or visit [wildlife.utah.gov/refund](http://wildlife.utah.gov/refund).

#### Individuals

How permit surrender affects an individual’s bonus and preference points

**Reminder:** If you obtain a permit through a group application—and then you decide to surrender it—you will not have your bonus or preference points reinstated unless your entire group meets the following conditions:

- All group members must surrender their permits
- Permit surrenders must occur at least 30 days before the start of the season

**Note:** Even if you meet the above conditions, you will not earn a point for the current year.

**Important:** If some of your group members surrender their permits less than 30 days from the season opener, all group members will lose all of their bonus or preference points.

Members of the group may not surrender their permits individually unless the surrender occurs because of:

- Activation in the military
- An injury/illness that will prevent the individual from hunting
- Death

#### Groups

How permit surrender affects a group’s bonus and preference points

**Reminder:** If you obtain a permit through a group application—and then you decide to surrender it—you will not have your bonus or preference points reinstated unless your entire group meets the following conditions:

**Groups**

- Group meets the following conditions:
  - All group members must surrender their permits
  - Permit surrenders must occur at least 30 days before the start of the season

**Note:** Even if you meet the above conditions, you will not earn a point for the current year.

**Important:** If some of your group members surrender their permits less than 30 days from the season opener, all group members will lose all of their bonus or preference points.

Members of the group may not surrender their permits individually unless the surrender occurs because of:

- Activation in the military
- An injury/illness that will prevent the individual from hunting
- Death

How permit surrender affects waiting periods

If members of a group surrender their permits before the season begins, the waiting period will be waived. General-season permits are not subject to waiting periods.
Dedicated Hunters
If you’re enrolled in the Dedicated Hunter program, and you decide to surrender your permit, you must return it to the Division before Aug. 20, 2022 (the day the general-season archery deer hunt opens).

Private landowner and CWMU permit holders
If you obtain a limited-entry landowner permit or a private CWMU permit, you can surrender it. Limited-entry private landowner permits must be surrendered before the season the permit was issued for opens.

To surrender a private CWMU permit, there are two options. If possible, you should surrender your CWMU permit before the CWMU season opening dates listed on page 42. To surrender your permit after the CWMU season has started, but before you hunt, you and the CWMU operator must both sign an affidavit stating that you did not hunt with the permit. Both of the signatures must be notarized.

After the signatures are notarized, submit the affidavit and the unused permit to the Division.

Obtaining a refund
The Division rarely issues refunds for permits, licenses or certificates of registration, but there are some exceptions. To see if you’re eligible for a refund, visit wildlife.utah.gov/refund.

Reminder: If you are eligible for a refund, you must submit all required forms and accompanying paperwork within 90 days of the season ending in order to qualify for a full refund.

Exchanging a permit
You may exchange your general-season buck deer permit for one that’s available in another unit, but it must be for the same species and sex. For example, you cannot exchange a buck deer permit for a bull elk permit.

You may also exchange your general-season bulk elk permit for another available general-season bulk elk permit. For example, you could exchange an any bulk elk permit for a spike bulk elk permit, if a spike bulk was available.

You may also exchange a general-season bulk elk permit to obtain an available bulk elk permit for a different weapon type. For example, you could exchange a general-season any legal weapon bulk elk permit for a general-season archery bulk elk permit.

Any exchange must occur at a Division office, before the season opening date on the permit you originally obtained.

You must also pay a $10 handling fee to exchange a permit.

Duplicate licenses
If your unexpired license or permit is destroyed, lost or stolen, you can obtain a duplicate from a Division office or a license agent for $10 or half of the price of the original license or permit, whichever is less.

If you drew a license or permit, but you never received it, the Division may waive the fee that you would normally have to pay to get a duplicate.

Keep in mind that you can also use the Utah Hunting and Fishing app to legally carry hunting or combination licenses on a phone or tablet for all the members of your family. To download the app, visit wildlife.utah.gov/mobileapp.

COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS
Utah Admin. Rule R657-37
More than 60 percent of the rangelands that Utah’s big game animals rely on in the winter are on private land. Utah’s Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) program works with landowners to preserve these lands, improve the habitat and provide more access to public hunters.

How the program works
The CWMU program provides landowners with an economic incentive to keep their private range and forest lands as wildlife habitat instead of developing them.

CWMUs comprise more than two million acres of land in Utah. They’ll provide more than 4,500 big game and antlerless hunting permits in 2022. Approximately one-third of those permits are available to the general public through the state’s big game drawing.

Hunting on CWMUs provides both public and private hunters with several advantages. Among those advantages are a better chance to take an animal and fewer hunters to compete with.

Obtaining a CWMU permit
If you’re a Utah resident, there are two ways to obtain a CWMU permit: you can apply for one in the state’s public drawing, or you can obtain a permit voucher from the landowner or operator of the CWMU you want to hunt.

If you’re not a resident of Utah, you cannot apply for a CWMU permit in the public drawing. You can, however, obtain a permit voucher directly from the CWMU landowner or operator.

If you obtain a CWMU voucher, you can redeem it for a permit by visiting wildlife.utah.gov/hflo.

If you obtain a CWMU permit, you may hunt only on the CWMU that’s specified on your permit. You may take only one animal of the species and sex listed on the permit. You’ll also incur a waiting period for the species you obtained a permit for. (Please see pages 22–23 in the 2022 Utah Big Game Application Guidebook for more information about waiting periods.)

You may not obtain more than one bull moose, one buck deer, one buck pronghorn or one bull elk permit in a year. Additionally, you can obtain antlerless deer, antlerless elk and doe pronghorn permits. More information about antlerless permits is available on page 13.

Important: CWMU landowner association members and operators—and their spouses and dependent children—cannot apply for their own CWMU permits in the public drawing.

Note: Antlerless elk-control permits must be used on an antlerless elk-control hunting unit and cannot be used on a CWMU.

How to participate
If you draw a permit to hunt a CWMU, it is your responsibility to contact the CWMU operator to obtain the following:

• The dates you’ll be allowed to hunt within the legal CWMU hunting season framework. Both you and the operator must schedule around each of your individual needs—please be realistic and patient.
• A map of the CWMU, including access points. The CWMU will provide public hunters access to the entire CWMU, except for areas that are closed to both public and private hunters. If you feel that you haven’t received equal
treatment, please contact your regional Division office.

- A copy of the CWMU's rules. CWMUs are allowed to develop rules of conduct for their unit. Examples of these rules may include: no preseason scouting; checking into and out of the unit daily; limited vehicle access; no overnight camping; a marksmanship test; and limiting the number of hunting companions. If you fail to abide by these rules, you might be asked to leave the CWMU. You can also review these rules online at wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

### Season dates

The Utah Wildlife Board has established timeframes for hunting on CWMUs (see chart below). Within these timeframes, hunters should expect to hunt at least five days for bucks/bulls and three days for antlerless big game.

Please remember that Sunday does not count as part of the established hunting timeframe unless mutually agreed upon by both the hunter and the CWMU operator.

The CWMU operator may also allow you to hunt additional days within the listed timeframes.

Before you apply for a CWMU permit, contact the operator to obtain general information about hunt dates, permitted weapons, and other rules. If you draw a permit, it is your responsibility to contact the CWMU operator to confirm your season dates.

### Hunt Dates

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Some deer and elk CWMUs have hunting seasons outside of these timeframes. For all CWMU hunt season dates, operator names and contact numbers, visit wildlife.utah.gov/CWMU.

### Reporting your harvest success

If you obtain a CWMU permit for an antlered animal, you must report information about your hunt within 30 days after it ends. Please see page 21 for more information about this important requirement.

### Complaint process

If you wish to lodge a complaint against a CWMU, you should contact the Division of Wildlife Resources immediately. Biologists and conservation officers can supply you with a complaint form, or you can make the complaint in person or over the telephone. You and the operator should make every effort to resolve your issues before they escalate to the Division level.

If your problem cannot be resolved locally, it may be passed on to a CWMU Advisory Committee for review and possible action.

### Learn more

To learn more about the CWMU program or to view maps of CWMU properties, visit wildlife.utah.gov/CWMU.

### Field Regulations

Several rules have been established to regulate big game hunting in Utah. These rules exist to ensure big game animals are hunted ethically and to help keep you safe in the field. Please be familiar with the requirements for carrying and using firearms and archery tackle. You should also know the different types of hunting methods that may and may not be used and what you’re required to do with any big game animal you take.

### Hunting hours

Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin Rule R657-5-6

You may take big game animals from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset.

### Requirement to wear hunter orange

Utah Code § 23-20-31

You must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange material on your head, chest and back while hunting any species of big game, unless you are involved in one of the following types of hunts:

- Participating in an archery, muzzleloader or HAMS hunt outside of an area where a general-season any legal weapon buck elk or general-season any legal weapon buck deer hunt is occurring
- Hunting on a cooperative wildlife management unit (CWMU), unless hunter orange is otherwise required by the operator of the CWMU
- Participating in urban deer removal, as authorized by Utah Admin. Rule R657-65.

**New this year:** Hunter orange is not required during the general-season any bull archery hunt that overlaps with the general-season any bull youth hunt. **Youth are still required to wear hunter orange during their hunt.**

### Checkpoints and officer contacts

Utah Code §§ 23-20-25 and 77-23-104

To help the Division fulfill its responsibility as trustee and custodian of Utah’s wildlife, Division conservation officers and biologists monitor the taking and possession of big game animals and the required permits, firearms and equipment used for hunting. You should expect to encounter conservation officers and biologists checking hunters in the field and at checkpoints.

If you’re contacted by a conservation officer, you must provide the officer with the items they request, including any licenses and permits required for hunting, any devices used to participate in hunting and any game you’ve taken. These contacts allow the Division to collect valuable information about Utah’s big game animals.

### Firearms and archery equipment

### Prohibited weapons


You may only use firearms and archery tackle that are expressly permitted in this guidebook.

While hunting big game, you may not use:
- A firearm that's capable of being fired fully automatic
- Any light-enhancement device or aiming device that casts a visible beam of light
- A firearm equipped with a computerized targeting system that marks a target,
calculates a firing solution and automatically discharges the firearm at a point calculated most likely to hit the acquired target.
- A computer or other device to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a firearm or other weapon for hunting an animal.

These restrictions do not apply to laser range-finding devices or illuminated sight pins for archery equipment.

**Rifles, airguns, shotguns and crossbows**

*Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-8*

You may use a rifle or shotgun to hunt big game, but your firearm and ammunition must meet the following requirements:
- Your rifle must fire centerfire cartridges and expanding bullets.
- Your shotgun must be 20 gauge or larger, and you may use only slug ammunition or buckshot that's 00 or larger in size.

You may only use an airgun or crossbow to take big game if you have an any legal weapon permit. You may not use an airgun or crossbow to take big game if you have an archery or muzzleloader permit. (Please see Utah Admin. Rule R657-12-8 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-11 for exceptions to this rule.)

If you use an airgun to hunt big game, that airgun must:
- Be pneumatically powered
- Be pressurized solely through a separate charging device
- Only fire a bolt or arrow

Your arrows or bolts must be at least 16 inches long and travel at least 400 feet per second at the muzzle. They must also have either a fixed broadhead that is at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point or an expandable, mechanical broadhead that is at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position.

A crossbow used to hunt big game must have a minimum draw weight of 125 pounds and a positive mechanical safety mechanism.

A crossbow arrow or bolt used to hunt big game must be at least 16 inches long and have one of the following:
- Fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point
- Expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position

It is unlawful for any person to:
- Hunt big game with an airgun or crossbow during a big game archery hunt, except as provided in R657-12-8 and R657-5-11.
- Carry a cocked crossbow containing an arrow or a bolt while in or on any motorized vehicle on a public highway or other public right-of-way, except as provided in R657-12-4.

**Are you allowed to possess a weapon?**

*Utah Code §§ 76-10-503 and 76-10-512*

It is illegal under Utah Code §§ 76-10-503 and 76-10-512 to possess or use a firearm, muzzleloader or any other dangerous weapon if you have been charged or convicted of certain offenses.

The purchase or possession of any hunting license, permit, tag or certificate of registration from the Division does not authorize the holder to legally possess or use a firearm, muzzleloader or any other dangerous weapon while hunting if they are otherwise restricted from possessing these weapons under Utah Code.

To determine whether you are allowed to possess a weapon, please review the Utah Code sections listed above or contact the law enforcement agency that oversees your case.

**Handguns**

*Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-9*

You may use a handgun to take big game animals, but the handgun must be a minimum of .24 caliber and must fire a centerfire cartridge with an expanding bullet.

If you're hunting elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep or mountain goat, the handgun must develop at least 500 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards.

**Reminder:** If you have a handgun archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only permit to hunt deer or elk, there are other handgun regulations you must follow. For details, see page 22.

**Muzzleloaders**

*Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-10*

Muzzleloaders may be used during any big game hunt, except the archery hunt. To hunt big game with a muzzleloader, your muzzleloader must meet all of the following requirements:
- Both powder and bullet can be loaded only from the muzzle.
- It may have open sights, peep sights or a variable- or fixed-power scope, including a magnifying scope.
- It can have only one barrel, and the barrel must be at least 18 inches long.
- It cannot be capable of firing more than once without being reloaded.
- The powder and bullet—or powder, sabot and bullet—cannot be bonded together as one unit for loading.
- It must be loaded with black powder or a black powder substitute. The black powder or black powder substitute cannot contain smokeless powder, but may contain some nitrocellulose.
- To hunt big game, you must use a lead or expanding bullet or projectile that's at least 40 caliber in size.
- If you're hunting deer or pronghorn, your bullet must be 130 grains or heavier, or your sabot must be 170 grains or heavier.
- If you're hunting elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep or mountain goat, you must use a 210-grain or heavier bullet, or a sabot bullet that's at least 240 grains.

If you obtain a muzzleloader permit, you may use only the muzzleloader equipment authorized in this section to take the species listed on the permit.

You may not possess or be in control of a rifle or shotgun while in the field during the muzzleloader hunt. For the purposes of this section, “field” means a location where you are likely to find the species listed on your permit. (You are not considered to be in the field if you are in an established camping area or traveling...
in a fully enclosed automobile or truck.) This restriction does not apply to the following people:

• Hunters who are lawfully hunting upland game or waterfowl
• Hunters who are licensed to hunt big game species during archery or rifle hunts that coincide with the muzzleloader hunt
• Livestock owners who are protecting their livestock
• Individuals who are carrying a concealed weapon (You may not use your concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.)

Archery equipment
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-11
Archery equipment may be used during any big game hunt except the muzzleloader hunt.

To hunt big game with archery equipment, your equipment must meet all of the following requirements:

• Your bow must have a minimum pull of 30 pounds at the draw or the peak, whichever comes first.
• Your arrowheads must have two or more sharp-cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring. If you’re using expanding arrowheads, the arrowheads must have two or more sharp-cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring when expanded.
• Your arrows must be at least 20 inches long, from the tip of the arrowhead to the tip of the nock.

You may not use any of the following equipment to take big game during the archery season:

• A crossbow or airgun (Please see Utah Admin. Rule R657-12 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-11 for exceptions to this rule.)
• Arrows with chemically treated or explosive arrowheads
• A mechanical device that holds the bow at any increment of draw (Please see Utah Admin. Rule R657-12 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-11 for exceptions to this rule.)
• A release aid that is not handheld or that supports the draw weight of the bow
• A bow with a magnifying-aiming device

If you obtain an archery permit—for either an archery-only season or a once-in-a-lifetime hunt—you may use only the archery equipment authorized in this section to take the species listed on your permit.

You may not possess or be in control of a rifle, shotgun, airgun, muzzleloader, crossbow or draw-lock while in the field during an archery hunt. For the purposes of this section, “field” means a location where you are likely to find the species listed on your permit. (You are not considered to be in the field if you are in an established camping area or traveling in a fully enclosed automobile or truck.)

This restriction does not apply to the following people:

• Hunters who are lawfully hunting upland game or waterfowl
• Hunters who are licensed to hunt big game species during rifle or muzzleloader hunts that coincide with the archery hunt
• Livestock owners who are protecting their livestock
• Individuals who are carrying a concealed weapon (You may not use your concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.)

Utah’s Walk-in Access Program
Utah Admin. Rule R657-56-13
The Walk-in Access (WIA) program provides hunters, anglers and trappers access to privately owned land, streams, rivers, ponds or reservoirs.

If you use Utah’s Walk-in Access (WIA) properties, remember to obtain your annual WIA authorization number.

The Division issues authorization numbers to track the use of WIA properties throughout the year and to assess the program’s value to the public.

To obtain your authorization number, visit wildlife.utah.gov/walkinaccess and click “Authorization numbers.” Follow the instructions and obtain your number. You can also request a number by calling 1-800-221-0659.

Also, remember that WIA properties are private land and may have special restrictions on season dates, allowable activities, species and weapon types. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/walkinaccess for details.

Loaded firearms in a vehicle
Utah Code §§§§ 76-10-502, 76-10-504, 76-10-505 and 76-10-523
You may not carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle unless you meet all of the following conditions:

• You own the vehicle or have permission from the vehicle’s owner.
• The firearm is a handgun.
• You are 18 years of age or older.

A pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun is considered to be loaded when there is an unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile in the firing position.

Pistols and revolvers are also considered to be loaded when an unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile is in a position whereby the manual operation of any mechanism once would cause the unexpended cartridge, shell or projectile to be fired.

A muzzleloading firearm is considered loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinders.

Areas where you cannot discharge a firearm
Utah Code § 76-10-508 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-12
You may not discharge a dangerous weapon or firearm under any of the following circumstances:

• From a vehicle
• From, upon or across any highway
• At power lines or signs
• At railroad equipment or facilities, including any sign or signal
• Within Utah state park camp or picnic sites, overlooks, golf courses, boat ramps or developed beaches
• Without written permission from the owner or property manager, within 600 feet of:
  • A house, dwelling or any other building
  • Any structure in which a domestic animal is kept or fed, including a barn, poultry yard, corral, feeding pen or stockyard

Carrying a dangerous weapon while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
Utah Code § 76-10-528
You may not carry a dangerous weapon or hunt big game while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Please see Utah Code § 76-10-528 at wildlife.utah.gov/rules for more information.
Areas with special restrictions

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-12

The following areas have certain restrictions. Please be familiar with them before heading into the field.

Counties and local municipalities

Please check county and local municipality ordinances regarding firearm restrictions before hunting in these areas.

State waterfowl management areas

In 2022, you may hunt big game during the archery season on the following waterfowl management areas: Bicknell Bottoms, Browns Park, Clear Lake, Desert Lake, Locomotive Springs and Redmond.

You may hunt big game during the archery, muzzleloader and any legal weapon seasons on the Stewart Lake Waterfowl Management Area.

All of Utah's other waterfowl management areas are closed to big game hunting.

State parks

Utah Code § 76-10-508 and Utah Admin. Rule R651-614-4

Hunting of wildlife is allowed within the boundaries of all state park areas, except those areas and hunts specifically closed by the Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation in Utah Admin. Rule R651-614. For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov/resources/hunting-at-state-park.

State laws regarding the possession and discharge of dangerous weapons apply in state park areas open to hunting. For information about discharging a dangerous weapon or firearm in a state park, see the Areas where you cannot discharge a firearm section above or review Utah Code § 76-10-508.

National wildlife refuges

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has expanded general-season archery hunting opportunities for mule deer and pronghorn on the Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge. For details, visit the refuge website at go.usa.gov/xHfpsz.

Remember: All national wildlife refuges in Utah are closed to hunting unless they are declared open to hunting by the managing authority.

National parks and monuments

All of Utah's national parks and monuments—except the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments—are closed to hunting.

Native American trust lands

To hunt on Native American trust lands, you must obtain a permit from the Native American tribe that owns the land. You must also observe all of the tribe's wildlife regulations while hunting on these trust lands.

Military installations

All of the military installations in Utah, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless you have authorized permission.

Salt Lake County

To view maps of the Salt Lake County areas listed below, visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner. These areas have various restrictions, and you may not do any of the following:

- Hunt big game within one-half mile of Silver Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Hunt on the Red Butte Research Natural Area, which is closed to public access.
- Hunt in Emigration Township with a rifle or muzzleloader. This area is restricted to archery tackle only. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner to view a map of the archery-only area in Emigration Township.
- Hunt within the portion of Alta that is closed to hunting. Please contact the town of Alta for hunt boundaries and other information.
- Hunt buck deer or bull elk with a rifle or muzzleloader south of I-80 and east of I-15 (see map online at wildlife.utah.gov/huntplanner).

Also, before hunting in the Salt Lake County area, please check the Salt Lake County and local municipality ordinances regarding firearm and hunting restrictions.

CWMUs and limited-entry units

There are a few restrictions that apply to CWMUs and limited-entry hunting units:

- You may not hunt on a CWMU unless you obtain a permit to hunt a particular species on that CWMU.
- Archery hunters may not kill a cow elk on the Book Cliffs hunting unit.

Scott and Norma Matheson Wetlands Preserve

You may use only archery equipment, muzzleloaders or shotguns while hunting on the Scott and Norma Matheson Wetlands Preserve.

Green River—Jensen, Utah

New this year: Muzzleloaders are no longer permitted, and shotgun shot size is restricted.

You may not discharge a firearm—except a shotgun firing shot size not to exceed T(.20)—from, upon or across the Green River near Jensen, Utah (from the bridge on US-40 upstream to the Dinosaur National Monument boundary).

Obtain permission to hunt private property

The Division cannot guarantee access to private land, and the agency does not have the names of landowners who own property where hunts occur.

Under certain circumstances, you must obtain written permission from the landowner or the landowner's authorized representative before hunting or trapping on private lands. Ideally, you should have permission before you apply for or obtain a permit.

If you obtain written permission in advance, you know you'll be able to use the permit if you draw it.

You can find and download a landowner permission card at wildlife.utah.gov/permission.

Motorized vehicle access on wildlife management areas

Utah Admin. Rule R657-6-14

Motorized vehicle travel on state wildlife management areas is restricted to county roads, parking areas, and areas marked or posted open to motorized vehicle travel. Seasonal closures may occur.

Trespassing

Utah Code §§ 23-20-14 and 23-20-3.5

While taking wildlife or engaging in wildlife-related activities, you may not—without written permission—enter or remain on privately owned land that is:

- Cultivated
- Properly posted
- Fenced or enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders

In addition, you may not:

- Enter or remain on private land when directed not to do so by the owner or a person acting for the owner
Prohibited hunting methods

Baiting
Utah law prohibits the baiting of big game for hunting purposes throughout the state. (See the full definitions of “bait” and “baited area” on page 64.)

You may not use any bait with the intent to attract a big game animal to any area from which the big game can escape. Baiting is not allowed for hunting purposes. It is unlawful to attempt to locate protected wildlife using bait or any device that enhances visibility of baited areas.

Night-vision devices (new this year)
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-7

You may not use any device that enhances vision or hearing for the purposes of locating protected wildlife. All vehicles are prohibited from using such devices for hunting purposes.

Use of vehicle or aircraft
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-14

You may not use an airplane, drone or any other airborne vehicle or device, or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle (except a vessel) — including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles — to take protected wildlife, including big game.

Finding a skull with antlers or horns attached

If you find a skull with the antlers or horns still attached, it's possible the animal was poached. Do NOT pick up or move the skull, or disturb any footprints or other evidence. Instead, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- Take photos of the skull from a couple of angles.
- Pinpoint the location of the skull (preferably its GPS coordinates).
- Call or visit a Division office to report your find.
- Provide key details in your report.

The Division will send a conservation officer to investigate if the animal was poached. It’s clear that the animal died of natural causes, we may allow you to keep your find.

No drones allowed
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-14

It is illegal to use drones to scout or hunt big game from 48 hours before any big game hunt begins through 48 hours after any big game hunting season ends.
The only exception to this rule is if a mentor shares a permit and tag with a minor as part of the Hunter Mentoring program. For details on this program, please see the box on page 37.

**Big game contests**
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-16

You may not enter a contest or hold a contest that is based on big game or its parts and that offers cash or prizes totaling more than $500.

**Tagging, transporting and exporting big game**

**Tagging requirements**
Utah Code § 23-20-30 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-17

After you've taken a big game animal, you must tag the animal before moving the carcass or leaving the site of the kill.

To tag a big game animal, completely detach the tag from your big game permit and completely remove the three notches that indicate the date the animal was taken and the sex of the animal. Then, attach the tag to the animal so that the tag remains securely fastened and visible.

You may not remove more than one notch indicating the date or sex, or tag more than one animal, using the same tag. Also, you may not hunt or pursue big game after any of the notches have been removed from the tag or the tag has been detached from your permit.

Your tag must remain with the largest portion of the animal's meat until all of the meat has been eaten.

**Transporting big game within Utah**
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-18

You must obey the following rules to transport big game in Utah:
- The head or sex organs of the animal you've taken must remain attached to the largest portion of its carcass.
- If you take an elk on a spike bull unit, the antlers must remain attached to the animal's skull plate, and you must transport the skull plate and antlers with the carcass.
- You must accompany the carcass of any big game animal you've harvested, and you must have a valid permit that corresponds to the tag that's attached to the carcass.
- There is one exception to this rule: you may transport a big game animal you did not take if you obtain a shipping permit or a disposal receipt from the Division, or you have a donation slip. You may not donate big game in the field.

For more information, please see Donating big game on page 53.

**Transporting big game out of Utah**
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-19

You may transport big game or its parts out of Utah if you accompany the big game animal you harvested and you have a valid permit that corresponds to the tag on the animal. The tag must be attached to the largest portion of the carcass.

If you didn't harvest the animal, you must obtain a shipping permit from the Division before taking the animal or its parts out of Utah.

**Donating big game**
Utah Code § 23-20-9

The following are the only places you may donate, or give, a big game animal or its parts to another person:
- The residence of the donor
- The residence of the recipient
- A meat locker
- A storage plant
- A meat-processing facility

A written statement of donation must be kept with the animal or its parts. The statement must show:
- The number and species of the wildlife or parts donated
- The date of donation
- The permit number of the donor
- The signature of the donor

There is one exception to these rules. You may donate the hide of a big game animal to
another person or organization at any location, and a donation slip is not required.

**Waste of game**  
Utah Code § 23-20-8

You may not waste any big game animal or permit it to be wasted or spoiled. (Waste means to abandon a big game animal or allow it to spoil or be used in a manner not normally associated with its beneficial use. For example, using the meat as fertilizer or for trapping bait is not considered a beneficial use of the meat.)

You must immediately kill any animal you wound and tag the animal.

**Purchasing or selling big game or its parts**  
Utah Code § 23-20-3 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-20

You may not buy, sell or offer, or possess for sale, barter, exchange or trade, any big game animal or its parts. The only exceptions are the following:

- Antlers, heads and horns of legally taken big game may be bought or sold from Aug. 1 through Jan. 31.
- Inedible byproducts of legally possessed big game—except for hides, antlers and horns—may be bought or sold any time of the year.
- Tanned hides of legally taken big game may be bought or sold any time of the year.
- Shed antlers and horns may be bought or sold any time of the year.
- Protected wildlife that the Division obtains may be sold or donated by the Division or its agents (usually Utah State Surplus) any time of the year. Also, you may purchase or receive protected wildlife from the Division any time of the year.

If you sell or buy antlers, heads, horns or untanned hides, you must keep a record that states all of the following information:

- The name and address of the person who harvested the animal
- The date you sold or bought the items
- The permit number of the person who harvested the animal

There is one exception to this rule: scouting programs and other charitable organizations do not need to keep a transaction record if they’re using untanned hides.

**Possession of antlers and horns**  
Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-21

You may possess antlers or horns—or parts of antlers or horns—that were obtained:

- From lawfully harvested big game
- By lawfully meeting the requirements listed in the previous section (i.e., Purchasing or selling big game or its parts)
- From lawfully gathered antlers or horns shed by big game animals

You may gather shed antlers or horns—or parts of shed antlers or horns—statewide, but there are a couple of seasonal requirements.

From Feb. 1 to April 15, you need an antler-gathering certificate on your person while collecting shed antlers or horns. You can obtain this certificate free of charge by visiting [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov) and completing an online education course. You do not need an antler-gathering certificate at any other time of the year.

**Important:** Do not trespass on closed areas or private lands to collect shed antlers or horns.

“Shed antlers” are antlers that a big game animal has dropped naturally as part of its annual life cycle. Shed antlers have a rounded base that’s commonly called an antler button or burr.

A “shed horn” is the sheath from the horn of a pronghorn that the animal has dropped naturally as part of its annual life cycle. Pronghorn are the only big game animals that shed their horns.
*During the general season, the Cache unit also includes the Cache, Crawford Mtn unit.
**During the general season, the South Slope, Yellowstone unit includes the northern portion of the South Slope, Myton unit.
***During the general season, the Nine Mile unit includes the southern portion of the South Slope, Myton unit.

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2022 general-season bull elk reference map

- Any bull elk units
- Spike bull elk units
- Native American Trust Lands (closed)
- National Parks (closed)

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DEFINITIONS
The following definitions explain terms used in this guidebook. The 2022 Utah Big Game Application guidebook (published in December 2021) also contains definitions that focus on hunting, harvesting and possessing big game.

Any legal weapon means the weapons described under Firearms and archery equipment on page 43.

Arrow quiver means a portable arrow case that completely encases all edges of the broadheads.

Bait means intentionally placing food or nutrient substances to manipulate the behavior of wildlife for the purpose of taking or attempting to take big game. Bait does not include:
• the use of salt, mineral blocks or other commonly used types of livestock supplements placed in the field by agricultural producers for normal agricultural purposes; or
• standing crops, natural vegetation, harvested croplands or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil-stabilization practice.

Baited area means all land within a 50-yard radius of the site where bait is placed, including the site where bait is placed.

Big game means species of hoofed protected wildlife.

Buck deer means a deer with antlers longer than five inches.

Buck pronghorn means a pronghorn with horns longer than five inches.

Bull elk means an elk with antlers longer than five inches.

Bull moose means a moose with antlers longer than its ears.

Cactus buck means a buck deer with velvet covering at least 50 percent of the antlers during the season dates established by the Wildlife Board for a cactus buck deer hunt.

Carcass means the dead body of an animal or its parts.

Certificate of registration means a document issued under any rule or proclamation of the Wildlife Board granting authority to engage in activities not covered by a license, permit or tag.

CWMU means Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit.

Domicile means the place:
• where an individual has a fixed permanent home and principal establishment;
• to which the individual if absent, intends to return; and
• in which the individual and the individual’s family voluntarily reside, not for a special or temporary purpose, but with the intention of making a permanent home.

To create a new domicile an individual must:
• abandon the old domicile; and
• be able to prove that a new domicile has been established.

Draw lock means a mechanical device used to hold and support the draw weight of a conventional or compound bow at any increment of draw, until released by the archer using a trigger mechanism and safety attached to the device.

Drone means an autonomously controlled, aerial vehicle of any size or configuration that is capable of controlled flight without a human pilot aboard.

Ewe means a female bighorn sheep or any bighorn sheep younger than one year of age.

Handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only hunt (HAMS hunt) means a limited-entry hunt with very specialized weapon requirements. Before you apply for one of these hunts, see page 22 or review R657-5-48 at wildlife.utah.gov to confirm whether the weapon you want to use is legal for the hunt.

Highway means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of any nature when any part of it is open to the use of the public as a matter of right for vehicular travel.

Hunter’s choice means either sex may be taken.

Hunting means to take or pursue a reptile, amphibian, bird or mammal by any means.

Limited-entry hunt means any hunt that is identified as limited-entry and listed in the hunt table of this guidebook, and that does not include general or once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

Limited-entry permit means any permit obtained for a limited-entry hunt by any means, including conservation permits, expo permits, sportsman permits, CWMU permits and limited-entry landowner permits.

Night-vision device means anything that enhances visible and non-visible light and includes the use of night-vision devices, thermal-imaging devices, infrared-imaged devices and other electronic devices that enhance the visible and non-visible light spectrum. Trail cameras are not a night-vision device.

Nonresident means a person who does not qualify as a resident.

Once-in-a-lifetime hunt means any hunt that is identified as once-in-a-lifetime and listed in the hunt table of this guidebook, and that does not include general or limited-entry hunts.

Once-in-a-lifetime permit means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, expo permits, sportsman permits, CWMU permits and limited-entry landowner permits.

Permit means a document, including a stamp, which grants authority to engage in specific activities under the Wildlife Resources Code or a rule or proclamation of the Wildlife Board.

Possession means actual or constructive possession.

Private lands means, for the purposes of this guidebook, any land owned in fee by an individual or legal entity, excluding the following types of lands: land owned by the state or federal government; land owned by a county or municipality; land owned by a Native American tribe; land enrolled in a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit under R657-37; and

management buck permits, handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only permits, conservation permits, expo permits, sportsman permits, CWMU permits and limited-entry landowner permits.
land where public access for big game hunting has been secured.

**Qualifying minor** means a Utah resident who is under 18 at the time of application for the Mentor Program and who is otherwise eligible to lawfully hunt.

**Ram** means a male desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep older than one year of age.

**Resident** means a person who has a domicile (fixed permanent home and principal establishment) in Utah for six consecutive months immediately preceding the purchase of a license or permit, AND DOES NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

An individual retains Utah residency if he or she leaves Utah to serve in the armed forces of the United States, or for religious or educational purposes, and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

Members of the armed forces of the United States and dependents are residents as of the date the member reports for duty under assigned orders in Utah, if:
- the member is NOT on temporary duty in Utah and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.
- the member presents a copy of his or her assignment orders to a Division office to verify the member’s qualification as a resident.

A nonresident attending an institution of higher learning in Utah as a full-time student may qualify as a resident if the student has been present in Utah for 60 consecutive days immediately preceding the purchase of the license or permit and does NOT claim residency for hunting, fishing or trapping in any other state or country.

A Utah resident license or permit is invalid if a resident license for hunting, fishing or trapping is purchased in any other state or country.

An individual DOES NOT qualify as a resident if he or she is an absentee landowner paying property tax on land in Utah.

**Sell** means to offer or possess for sale, barter, exchange or trade, or the act of selling, bartering, exchanging or trading.

**Shed antlers** are antlers that a big game animal has dropped naturally as part of its annual lifecycle.

**Shed horns** are the sheaths from the horns of a pronghorn that the animal has dropped naturally as part of its annual lifecycle. Pronghorn are the only big game animals that shed their horns.

**Spike bull** means a bull elk which has at least one antler beam with no branching above the ears. Branched means a projection on an antler longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

**Spoiled** means impairment of the flesh of wildlife which renders it unfit for human consumption.

**Tag** means a card, label or other identification device issued for attachment to the carcass of protected wildlife.

**Take** means to:
- hunt, pursue, harass, catch, capture, possess, angle, seine, trap or kill any protected wildlife; or
- attempt any of the above actions.

**Trail camera** means a device that is not held or manually operated by a person and is used to capture images, video, or location data of wildlife using heat, or motion to trigger the device. Trail cameras are not a night-vision device.

**Vessel** means every type of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

**Wildlife document** means a permit to hunt protected wildlife or Division-issued authorization to share such a permit.

**Youth** means someone who is 17 years old or younger on July 31 of any given year.
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