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ANTLERLESS

APPLICATION GUIDEBOOK



2026

**ANTLERLESS DEER, ELK AND MOOSE
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Know the laws

This guidebook—along with the *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook* (available in June 2026)—summarizes the rules and laws that regulate big game hunting in Utah. Although these books are convenient quick-reference documents for Utah big game regulations, they are not all-encompassing resources.

For an in-depth look at the state's big game hunting laws and rules, visit wildlife.utah.gov/rules.

You can use the references in this guidebook—such as *Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-24* and *Utah Code § 23A-5-207*—to search the division's website for the detailed statute or rule that underpins the guidebook summary.

If you have questions about a particular rule, call or visit the nearest division office.

Who makes the rules?

The Utah Wildlife Board passes the rules and laws summarized in this guidebook.

There are seven board members, and each serves a six-year term. Appointed by the governor, board members are not division employees.

The division's director serves as the board's executive secretary but does not have a vote on wildlife policies.

Before board members make changes to wildlife rules, they listen to recommendations from division biologists. They also receive input from the public and various interest groups via the regional advisory council (RAC) process.

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What's new

Apply for hunts with the NEW online draw system: The antlerless big game application period runs from June 9–23, 2026. Apply online at utahdraws.com (the new URL starting this year), or call the new draw hotline at 855-883-7297. If you are successful in drawing a permit, you will be notified via email by July 8. For more information, see page 18.

Antlerless Application Guidebook now available on the mobile app: This guidebook will be available as a digital edition only, accessible on the DWR website (wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks) and downloadable in the Utah Hunting and Fishing mobile app. The *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook* will be available in print and digital formats.

Antlerless hunts for 2026: The Utah Wildlife Board approved several new antlerless hunts for 2026. Those hunts are identified as “(new)” in the hunt tables that begin on page 24.

Apply for bonus or preference points: If you missed the April 23 big game application deadline, you can still apply for big game bonus or preference points during the June 9–23 antlerless application period.

Private-lands-only antlerless elk permits: This year, the division will again offer private-lands-only antlerless elk permits. These permits are only valid on private land on select hunting units. Do not purchase one of these permits without knowing the laws that regulate hunting on private lands and obtaining landowner permission. See page 23 for details.

E-tagging option: Hunters can now submit a harvest e-tag through the Utah Hunting and Fishing app. It's the same as notching a paper tag, and fulfills mandatory harvest reporting requirements upon completion. Learn more about this convenient new option at wildlife.utah.gov/e-tag. Instructions and requirements for e-tagging are explained in detail in the *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook*.

Supporting Utah's mule deer: In 2025, the board approved a mule deer management plan that will be in effect through 2030. At the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, we are dedicated to supporting the success of our state's mule deer herds through monitoring and research, as well as adaptable management of habitat and predators. Learn more about what we're doing at wildlife.utah.gov/deer, the state's comprehensive mule deer dashboard.

Get your harvest tested for chronic wasting disease: If you harvest any mule deer, elk or moose, you can have a sample voluntarily tested for a nominal fee. Learn more about CWD, what we're doing to stop the spread of it in Utah, proper carcass disposal and how to get a sample tested at wildlife.utah.gov/cwd.

Important reminders

Report your harvest, it's required: Harvest reporting is mandatory for all antlerless, general-season buck deer and bull elk hunts, as well as all limited-entry and once-in-a-lifetime hunts. Filing a report is required within 30 days of the end of the hunt—or, for hunts ending Jan. 16 or later, by Feb. 15—even if a hunter does not harvest an animal. For details about how to report, reporting requirements, restrictions and late fees (now at \$25), see page 14 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/harvest.

Download guidebooks and more to your DWR mobile app: You can download Utah's hunting and fishing guidebooks using your Utah DWR mobile app. The app makes it easy to read, search and navigate this guidebook and others. You can keep your hunting or combo license and any DWR course completion certificates on the app, too. Learn more about the app and download it at wildlife.utah.gov/mobileapp.

Hunting license required: Before you can apply for a 2026 antlerless permit, bonus point or preference point, you must have a valid Utah hunting or combination license. See page 13 for more information. For the exceptions available to active, deployed military members, please see the information box on page 9.

Edit your application: You may edit your hunt choices for each species you applied for free of charge at any time during the application period (before 11 p.m. MDT on June 23, 2026). You will not be charged any additional fees, unless you completely withdraw your application and resubmit, or if you want to switch species.

Opportunities for youth: A full 20% of the permits for antlerless deer, antlerless elk and doe pronghorn have been reserved for hunters who will be 17 or younger by July 31, 2026.

Antlerless elk permit rules: Antlerless elk permits—and any other type of antlerless permit—may be used only during the season dates printed on your permit.

Obtain up to three elk permits: You may obtain up to three elk permits per year—as long as at least two of the permits are for antlerless elk—but you can only apply for or obtain one antlerless elk permit in the drawing.

CWD regulations and surveillance: The division will continue surveillance for chronic wasting disease in the state. To learn more, visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwd.

Field regulations available in June: The *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook* will be available in June 2026. It will include the rules for both big game and antlerless hunting.

Check the Utah Hunt Planner: The Utah Hunt Planner (hunt.utah.gov) is an online tool you can use to be better prepared for your next Utah hunt. It contains in-depth information on Utah's antlerless hunting units, including notes from the managing biologists and details about the units' antlerless big game populations, accessibility, habitat, safety and weather.

Weapons technology rules: Utah's allowable weapons technologies rules have changed in recent years, including prohibiting attached electronics (except for illuminated reticles) on most weapons. See the *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook* for details.

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

Hunter Mentoring Program: The Hunter Mentoring Program allows a young person to share a mentor's permit. To learn more about the program, see the information box on page 12 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/mentoring.

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.

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Private lands: The division cannot guarantee access to any private land. You must obtain documented permission from the landowner or the landowner's authorized representative before hunting or trapping on private lands. For more information, please see *Utah Code* §§ 23A-5-310 and 23A-5-317.

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.

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, providing them with 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 appropriate land-management agency before you apply for a particular hunt area. They may be able to give you a tentative list of projects for the coming year.

See a list of past, current and proposed restoration projects at watershed.utah.gov.

Utah's antlerless hunts

Utah's antlerless big game hunts are a great opportunity to not only harvest meat and make some great memories outdoors, but they also help manage wildlife populations and maintain healthy herds and landscapes.

2026 antlerless hunt season dates

Antlerless hunt season dates vary, depending on the species and the area. For antlerless season dates, see the hunt tables that begin on page 24.

2026 permit sales dates

Antlerless application: June 9–23, 2026

Remember, additional big game permits will be available for purchase at all DWR offices, license agent locations (wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/locator) or online at wildlife.utah.gov. See the following table for sales dates.

Permit type	Sales date
General-season archery elk permits	July 7, 2026
Remaining limited-entry big game permits, if available	July 7, 2026
Bison permits for the Nine Mile unit*	July 7, 2026
Remaining general-season deer permits, if available (also youth archery deer permits)	July 7, 2026
Youth general-season elk permits (unlimited)	July 7, 2026
General-season any bull elk permits	July 9, 2026
General-season spike bull elk permits	July 16, 2026
All antlerless permits, if available	July 28, 2026

* The availability of this permit varies each season. See the 2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook (available in June) for more details or visit hunt.utah.gov.

Forfeit preference points for purchase of over-the-counter antlerless permits

If you obtain certain general-season antlerless permits over the counter, you will lose any preference points you've previously accrued for that specific antlerless species. This rule applies to all of the following permit types:

- Any leftover permits from the antlerless hunt drawing
- CWMU permits for antlerless deer, antlerless elk or doe pronghorn
- Antlerless elk conservation permits

Note: If you purchase an antlerless elk control permit or private-lands-only antlerless elk permit, you will **not** lose your preference points.

License, permit and program fees

Your purchases of hunting and fishing licenses and permits help fund wildlife conservation efforts throughout the state. Thank you for choosing to hunt, trap and fish here in Utah.

For a complete list of Utah's license and permit fees, visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/fees. A 2.2% transaction fee applies to all online and in-person credit/debit card transactions.

License fees

License	Age	Resident	Nonresident
365-day hunting license	13 and under	\$11	\$44
	14–17	\$16	\$44
	18–64	\$40	\$144
	65+	\$31	\$144
365-day hunting license for disabled veterans (see the box on page 17 for details)	n/a	\$25.50	n/a
Multi-year hunting license (up to five years)	18-64	\$39 / year	\$143 / year
365-day combination* license	17 and under	\$20	\$58
	18–64	\$44	\$190
	65+	\$35	\$190
365-day combination* license for disabled veterans (see the box on page 16 for details)	n/a	\$28.50	n/a
Multi-year combination* license (up to five years)	18-64	\$43 / year	\$189 / year

* A combination license allows you to hunt or fish in Utah.

Discounted licenses for disabled veterans

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

The discounted hunting license is \$25.50, instead of the \$40 full price. Likewise, the discounted combination license is \$28.50, instead of the \$44 full price. Either license is good for 365 days from the day you buy it. Discounted licenses are available online or from all division offices listed on page 2.

To purchase a discounted hunting or combination license, you must be a Utah resident and have a qualifying

service-connected disability of at least 20 percent.

To apply for a license online, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/accessibility/veteran and complete the online form. 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.

You can find additional resources for hunters and anglers with disabilities at wildlife.utah.gov/accessibility.

Permit fees

Permit	Resident	Nonresident
Antlerless deer	\$35	\$236
Two-doe deer	\$50	\$434
Antlerless elk control	\$40	\$236
Antlerless elk (general season)	\$56	\$649
Antlerless elk (private lands only)	\$56	\$649
Antlerless moose	\$249	\$2,200
Doe pronghorn	\$35	\$236
Two-doe pronghorn	\$60	\$434
Ewe bighorn sheep	\$110	\$2,100
CWMU antlerless deer	\$35	\$236*
CWMU two-doe deer	\$50	\$434*
CWMU antlerless elk	\$56	\$649*
CWMU doe pronghorn	\$35	\$236*
CWMU two-doe pronghorn	\$60	\$434*

* Nonresidents may only obtain CWMU permits through the CWMU operator. See CWMU hunts starting on page 34.

Nonresident fee increase

In the 2025 session, the Utah Legislature authorized higher nonresident fees to help fund wildlife conservation and habitat improvement. These nonresident fee increases began July 1, 2025 for hunting, fishing and combination licenses, and Sept. 1, 2025 for hunting permits and application fees.

Points options for active, deployed military personnel

If you are an active, deployed member of the military, you can 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 (plus 2.2% transaction fee) per point received.
- Submit an application for the exemption to DWR no later than Dec. 31 of the qualifying year of being deployed.

For additional information and the application form, visit wildlife.utah.gov/military.

Basic requirements

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

Are you old enough?

Utah Code § 23A-4-703

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

If you are 11 years old, in order to apply for any hunt or point for which you are eligible—including antlerless, limited-entry and once-in-a-lifetime permits—you must also turn 12 by Dec. 31, 2026.

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 information box on page 12 or visit wildlife.utah.gov/mentoring.

If you're 12 years old or older, you can also participate in the Trial Hunting Program. See page 12 for details, or visit wildlife.utah.gov/trial.

Adults must accompany young hunters

Utah Code § 23A-4-708

While hunting antlerless big game, a person under 16 years old must be accompanied by their 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 completed hunter education?

Utah Code § 23A-4-1001 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-23

If you were born after Dec. 31, 1965, you must provide proof that you've completed a hunter education course approved by the division before you can apply for or obtain a hunting license or an antlerless 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 on page 12 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.

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 courses. 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.

Approximately four to six weeks after you complete the course, you will receive your blue card by mail.

You should also keep the following in mind:

- Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.
- Regardless of when a student graduates, all hunting regulations (such as season dates and bag limits) will apply.
- Hunters who are planning to hunt out of state should allow enough time for their hunter education card to arrive in the mail.

New to Utah?

If you become a Utah resident—and you've completed an approved hunter education course in another state, province or country—you must transfer your certification to the DWR. (See the definition of *Resident* on page 39.)

This proof of education certification transfer must occur before you can buy a resident hunting or combination license, or be eligible to apply for any resident hunting permit. You can provide proof that you've completed a nationally recognized hunter education course by submitting the online form at wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation/transfer, or visit any DWR office for assistance (see locations and hours on page 2).

Do you have a license?

Utah Code §§§ 23A-4-201, 23A-4-703 and 23A-5-309

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

Be sure to take a look at the date on your license before you apply for any permits or points. As long as your license is valid on the date you submit your application, you don't have to purchase a new license for the actual hunt.

For example, assume that your license expires on June 21, 2026. If you apply before that date, you do not have to purchase a new license for your hunt in the fall. All hunting and combination licenses are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

Do you have a permit?

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-18

Many of Utah's antlerless permits will be issued through the antlerless drawing. You can apply for those permits from June 9–23, 2026 by visiting utahdraws.com (the new website starting this year), or call the new draw hotline at 855-883-7297. If you need assistance, please contact your local division office (see page 2).

Important: Before you go into the field, review your permit and sign it. A permit must bear your signature to be valid.

Carry your permit

If you are successful in obtaining an antlerless big game permit, you must have it on your person while hunting. You cannot alter your license or permit, nor can you sell, transfer or loan either of them to another person. See the *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook* for details.

Hunter Mentoring Program

The Utah Hunter Mentoring Program allows any qualifying adult to share their hunting permits with youth (ages 12–17).

Permits that are eligible for sharing under the Hunter Mentoring Program include all big game permits as well as black bear, turkey, greater sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse permits. Only tundra 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.

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?

Utah's Trial Hunting Program allows participants to try hunting for three years—while accompanied by a licensed hunter over the age of 21—before taking a Hunter Education course. (Youth must be at least 12 years old to hunt big game.)

The program applies to hunts for many different species, including all general-season big game hunts. (**Important:** Limited-entry and once-in-a-lifetime hunts are excluded from participation in this program.) To sign up for Utah's Trial Hunting Program or to learn more about it, visit wildlife.utah.gov/trialhunting.

Prepare to apply

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-18

To participate in Utah's big game and antlerless big game hunts, you need to obtain hunting permits. The division distributes most antlerless permits through a hunt drawing held June 9–23, 2026. Apply online at utahdraws.com (the new website starting this year), or call the new draw hotline at 855-883-7297. If you are successful in drawing a permit, you will be notified via email by July 8. It will be easier to apply if you are thoroughly prepared before you begin the application process.

Types of antlerless permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-20

You can apply for all of the following antlerless permits in the 2026 drawing:

- One antlerless deer permit (except in areas where two-doe permits are available)
- One antlerless elk permit (only general-season and resident CWMU permits are available through the drawing)
- One doe pronghorn permit
- Either one antlerless moose permit or one ewe bighorn sheep permit (residents cannot apply for both species in the same year)

Remember: 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.

If you don't draw an antlerless permit in 2026, you might still be able to obtain a CWMU voucher (see page 34), an elk-control permit (page 22) or a private-lands-only permit (page 23).

Are you eligible to apply?

Before you submit your application, make sure that you are eligible to participate in the antlerless big game drawing.

You may not apply if...

You may not apply for a hunting permit, a bonus point or a preference point if any of the following conditions apply:

- Your big game hunting privilege has been suspended.
- You're under a waiting period for the species you want to apply for.
- You don't have a hunting or combination license.

Additionally, if you are a CWMU landowner association member or a spouse or dependent child, you cannot apply for your own CWMU permits in the antlerless drawing.

Mandatory reporting

Reporting your hunt information is important—and required—even if you didn't harvest an animal. You must report your hunt information for any type of limited-entry, general-season, antlerless or once-in-a-lifetime hunt within 30 days of the end of the hunt, or for hunts ending Jan. 16 or later, by Feb. 15, 2027.

If you didn't meet this reporting requirement in 2025, you won't be allowed to apply in the 2026 big game or antlerless application, or for bonus or preference points; however, you can restore your eligibility by submitting your harvest report and paying a \$25 late fee.

See the information box on page 15 for additional details on mandatory reporting requirements.

Residency

Utah Code § 23A-1-101

If applying as a Utah resident, you must be a resident as of the day you submit your applications. (Please see the definition of *Resident* on page 39 to learn whether you qualify as a resident.)

Research your options

It's important to nail down the details before applying for a hunt. You don't want to accidentally apply for the wrong hunting unit or season. We've provided information in this guidebook and links to online tools that can help you research your options.

Opportunities for youth

A full 20% of the permits for antlerless deer, antlerless elk and doe pronghorn have been reserved for hunters who will be 17 or younger by July 31, 2026. Remember, you must be 12 years old to hunt big game.

Review the hunt tables

All of the antlerless hunts you can apply for are listed in the tables that begin on page 24. You will need to use the hunt numbers associated with the hunts in order to apply for permits. Please keep in mind that hunt names and boundaries may change from year to year.

See maps and boundaries online

Find detailed maps and boundary descriptions for all big game hunts at hunt.utah.gov.

Research hunts on the Utah Hunt Planner

There's a useful online tool that can help you plan a successful, enjoyable hunt. During the antlerless application period, you can access approved permit numbers and research hunts on the Utah Hunt Planner at hunt.utah.gov. If you obtain a permit in 2026, this is a tool that can help you have a great experience during your hunt.

Obtain permission to hunt private property

The division cannot guarantee access to private land, and the agency does not have the names of property owners where hunts occur. You must obtain documented 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 a permit. Download a landowner permission card at wildlife.utah.gov/permissioncard.html.

Mandatory reporting requirements

Reporting your harvest helps the DWR maintain more comprehensive and quality harvest data year-to-year.

Harvest surveys have been required for all limited-entry big game hunts in Utah for over two decades, for all antlerless hunts since 2023, and general-season buck deer and bull elk hunts since 2024. You are required to report your harvest for all big game and antlerless permits **within 30 days after your hunting season ends—or, for hunts ending Jan. 16 or later, by Feb. 15—even if you did not harvest an animal.**

Remember: If you are hunting the extended archery seasons for **general-season** buck deer or bull elk, you have up to 30 days after the extended archery hunt closes to report your harvest. **This deadline exception does not apply to limited-entry archery hunts.**

How do I complete my harvest survey?

It only takes a few minutes to complete a harvest report. To report your harvest, call any regional office or visit wildlife.utah.gov/harvest.

What if I don't complete my harvest survey by the deadline?

If you don't meet this reporting requirement, you won't be allowed to apply in the following year's big game or antlerless application, or for bonus or preference points. However, you can restore your eligibility to apply for a permit by submitting your harvest report and paying a \$25 late fee.

For more information about harvest reporting requirements, restrictions and fines visit wildlife.utah.gov/harvest.

Thank you for providing better insights into Utah's big game populations statewide by reporting your harvest.

How to apply as a group

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-7 and R657-62-18

If you want to apply for antlerless hunts with your friends and family as a group, there are some important things to consider before selecting your hunt choices.

Both residents and nonresidents can apply together. However, if you're a Utah resident and you decide to apply with a nonresident, make sure nonresident permits are available for each hunt your group is applying for. If nonresident permits are not available for a hunt your group is applying for, the nonresident and everyone else in the group—including the Utah residents—will not be allowed to draw for that hunt unit.

Up to four hunters—including a mix of residents and nonresidents—can apply together for available general-season deer, limited-entry deer, elk or pronghorn permits by using a group code or by using the new "Select in Cart" option. Group applications are not accepted for any once-in-a-lifetime species hunts.

Visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/groups for more information about using a group code or the new "Select in Cart" option in the antlerless application.

Applying as a youth-only group

Up to four youth can apply together in a youth-only group.

Important: If you're a youth and you want an opportunity to draw one of the permits reserved for youth, do not apply in a group with an adult. Visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/groups for details.

Antlerless elk-control permits

Utah Administrative Rule R657-5-33

If you obtained a permit (including general season) to harvest a buck deer, bull elk or once-in-a-lifetime species on any of the units listed on the elk-control permit table beginning on page 30 (not including CWMUs), you have the option of purchasing an antlerless elk-control permit.

The elk-control permit allows you to harvest an antlerless elk in the same unit where you'll already be hunting a buck, bull or once-in-a-lifetime animal. You may hunt the antlerless elk only during the season dates—and with the same weapon—listed on your buck, bull or once-in-a-lifetime permit.

For more information about antlerless elk-control permits, see page 22.

Obtain up to three elk permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-33

In Utah, a hunter can obtain up to three elk permits 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 hunt drawing.
- A maximum of two antlerless elk permits can be obtained over the counter.

Important: Antlerless elk permits may be used **only** during the season dates printed on your permit.

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.

Harvest reports are required for all big game and antlerless hunts.

LEARN MORE AT [WILDLIFE.UTAH.GOV/HARVEST](https://wildlife.utah.gov/harvest)



Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit season dates

Utah Admin. Rule R657-37

The Utah Wildlife Board has established timeframes for hunting antlerless big game on Cooperative Wildlife Management Units. The actual hunt dates for each CWMU can vary. Hunters should expect to hunt at least five days, generally between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31.

Contact the operator of the CWMU to see what the actual hunt days will be this year. In some instances it may be outside of the Sept. 1–Oct. 31 dates.

Before you apply for a CWMU permit, visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu. You'll find detailed information about season dates, CWMU rules, hunt success and how to contact the operator. If you draw a permit, you must contact the CWMU operator to confirm your season dates.

Reminder: If you choose to surrender any big game permit you've drawn (to purchase/obtain a private CWMU voucher, for example), be sure to do so at least 30 days before your hunt begins or you could lose previously accrued preference or bonus points. For details, see page 19.

Important: Nonresidents may not apply for CWMU permits in the drawing. They can, however, obtain a permit voucher directly from the CWMU landowner or operator. For more information on the CWMU program—including CWMU hunt season dates, operator names and contact numbers—visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

See the information and hunt tables beginning on page 34 for details about the CWMU program and this year's CWMU hunts.

Apply for antlerless permits

Utah Administrative Rule R657-62-18

There are a variety of dates and deadlines to keep in mind if you plan to apply for antlerless hunts this year.



Beginning **June 9, 2026**, apply online for permits, bonus points and preference points at utahdraws.com or call the new hunt drawing helpline at **855-883-7297 (855-UTDRAWS)**.

ANTLERLESS APPLICATION BEGINS

JUNE 9, 8 A.M. MDT

Application fees (per species):
Resident: \$10 • Nonresident: \$21



2ND CHANCE TO APPLY FOR BIG GAME BONUS/PREFERENCE POINTS

JUNE 9-23

During the antlerless application period



ANTLERLESS APPLICATION ENDS

JUNE 23, 11 P.M. MDT

Deadline to withdraw or edit your application



DRAWING RESULTS AVAILABLE

JULY 8



ANTLERLESS PERMITS MAILED

MID-JULY

What to know about applying:

- You must have a valid hunting or combination license to apply. If needed, you can buy a license at the same time you submit your application.
- You must be a Utah resident at the time of application to apply as a resident (see page 80 for the definition).
- Edit your hunt choices per species at no charge anytime during the application period by visiting utahdraws.com and clicking the *View/Edit/Withdraw* button.
- Credit or debit cards must be valid through July 2026 (the division is not responsible for any bank charges incurred for the use of credit/debit cards).
- For application help, call the hunt drawing helpline at 855-883-7297. You can also call any division office before 5 p.m. MDT on June 23.
- View drawing results at utahdraws.com.

After applying for permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-18

After the application period ends, the hunt drawing occurs. We appreciate your patience throughout the process and in awaiting your results.

Updating your personal information

A lot of things can change while you're waiting to find out if you drew a permit. If you need to update your name (because of marriage or divorce), your address or the credit card number associated with your application, please call 855-883-7297 or visit utahdraws.com.

Obtaining your drawing results

You will receive an email that contains your drawing results on or by July 8, 2026. You can also learn your drawing results by visiting utahdraws.com or by calling 855-883-7297.

To protect applicants' privacy—and to comply with governmental records access laws—you'll receive access to only your own drawing results.

Obtaining permits

If you draw a permit in the antlerless drawing, you'll receive your permit in the mail in mid-July.

Reminder: If you obtain certain general-season antlerless permits over the counter, you will lose any preference points you've previously accrued for that specific antlerless species (see page 7 for details).

Please be aware that if you receive your permit, and then the credit card you used for payment is refused, your permit is not valid. To update the credit card number associated with your application, please call 855-883-7297 or visit utahdraws.com.

Surrendering permits

Utah Code § 23A-4-207 and Utah Admin. Rule R657-42-4

What happens if you obtain a permit and then realize you won't be able to use it?

If your season hasn't started, you should consider surrendering the permit. If you surrender early enough, you'll be able to keep your bonus points or preference points and avoid a waiting period. Keep reading for more details on surrendering a permit.

Individuals

How permit surrender affects bonus and preference points

If you surrender an antlerless big game permit at least 30 days before the start of the season, you'll get all of your previously accrued bonus or preference points for that species/permit back, but you will not earn a point for the current year.

Important: If you surrender a big game permit **less than 30 days before the season opens**, you will lose all of your previously accrued bonus or preference points for that species/permit and you will not earn a point for the current year.

As long as you surrender an antlerless big game permit before the season opens, any applicable waiting period(s) will be waived.

Groups

How permit surrender affects bonus and preference points

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

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.

Private landowner and CWMU permit holders

If you obtain an antlerless private-lands-only permit or a CWMU permit, you can surrender it.

Private-lands-only 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 17. 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.

Permit refunds and exchanges

Utah Code § 23A-4-207 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-42

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/refunds.

Reminder: If you are eligible for a refund, you must submit all required forms and accompanying paperwork **within 30 days (new deadline)** of the season ending in order to qualify for a full refund.

Duplicate licenses

Utah Code § 23A-4-208 & Utah Admin. Rule R657-5-5

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.

Important: Any original license, permit, tag or certificate of registration becomes invalid when surrendered or forfeited, or when a duplicate or exchanged one is issued.



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Over-the-counter permits

Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-18

By mid-July, you can find a full list of available permits at wildlife.utah.gov/remainingpermits. Purchase permits online at wildlife.utah.gov or in person at any DWR office or license agent.

July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m. MDT: Remaining antlerless permits available

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.

Forfeit preference points for purchase of over-the-counter antlerless permits

Important: If you obtain a general-season antlerless permit over the counter—including any of the permits in the list below—you will lose any preference points you've previously accrued for that specific antlerless species. This rule applies to all of the following permit types:

- Any leftover permits from the antlerless hunt drawing
- CWMU permits for antlerless deer, antlerless elk or doe pronghorn
- Antlerless elk conservation permits

If you purchase an antlerless elk control permit or private-lands-only antlerless elk permit, you will **not** lose your preference points.

Antlerless elk permits

Antlerless elk permits remaining after the antlerless drawing are available online at wildlife.utah.gov, or in person at any DWR office or license agent.

Reminder: If you obtain a leftover general-season antlerless permit from the hunt drawing over the counter (after the antlerless drawing), **you will lose any preference points** you've previously accrued for that specific antlerless hunt.

Carefully review the following information about antlerless elk-control permits, private-lands-only permits and CWMU permits before you purchase a permit for one of these hunts.

Antlerless elk-control permits

During the 2026 season, the division will offer antlerless elk-control permits for several hunting units (see the tables that begin on page 30).

You may only obtain an antlerless elk-control permit if you already have obtained a buck, bull or once-in-a-lifetime permit for areas that overlap antlerless elk-control hunting units.

Example: If you have a permit to hunt buck deer on the Pine Valley unit, you may purchase an antlerless elk-control permit and harvest an antlerless elk on the Pine Valley unit during your deer hunt.

If you obtained a permit (including general season) to harvest a buck, bull or once-in-a-lifetime species on any of the listed units, you have the option of purchasing an antlerless elk-control permit.

The antlerless elk-control permit allows you to harvest an antlerless elk in the same unit where you'll already be hunting an antlered big game animal. **Antlerless elk-control permits are not valid statewide.** Please verify all hunt boundaries before heading into the field. You may hunt the antlerless elk only during the season dates—and with the same weapon—listed on your buck, bull or once-in-a-lifetime permit.

Important: Antlerless elk control permits are not valid on Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs).

Hunting buck deer and antlerless elk

If you will be hunting buck deer and antlerless elk at the same time, please visit the Utah Hunt Planner (hunt.utah.gov) to review the online map of Utah's antlerless elk-control units. Enter your buck deer hunt number in the field on the left side of the map to see where your deer hunt boundary overlaps the antlerless elk-control unit boundary. You may only hunt antlerless elk in the areas where the antlerless elk-control unit (diagonal lines) overlaps your buck deer unit (gray-shaded area).

Hunting bull elk and antlerless elk

If you will be hunting with a general-season any bull permit and an antlerless elk-control permit at the same time, please verify your boundaries on the Utah Hunt Planner (hunt.utah.gov) for the antlerless elk portion of the hunt. You may only hunt antlerless elk in the areas where an antlerless elk-control unit (diagonal lines) overlaps a general-season any bull elk unit:

- Archery general-season any bull elk
- Muzzleloader general-season any bull elk
- Any legal weapon general-season any bull elk

Important: Limited-entry bull elk and general-season spike elk permit holders are not eligible to purchase antlerless elk-control permits.

Antlerless private-lands-only permits

Elk hunters have the option of obtaining a private-lands-only permit. This permit allows the harvest of an antlerless elk on private land within a specific hunting unit. The goal of these hunts is to harvest cow elk and to apply strategic pressure on private lands that pushes elk back on to public lands.

How do the permits work?

Private-lands-only permits are valid on private property in **select units** from Aug. 1, 2026 to Jan. 31, 2027. Before you use one of these permits to hunt on private property, review Utah's trespassing laws (*Utah Code § 23A-20-14* and on page 35 of the *2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook*). The division **strongly** encourages hunters to obtain documented permission from the landowner before purchasing one of these permits.

A private-lands-only permit allows the hunter to use any legal weapon to harvest an antlerless elk.

Important: You will **not** be eligible for a refund if you purchase a private-lands-only permit and then cannot use it because you don't have access to private land.

See page 29 for private-lands-only hunt details.

The division does not guarantee access to any private or public land. Unit boundaries may include private property or other excluded areas. Visit hunt.utah.gov for detailed boundary descriptions.

General-season antlerless deer

Permit fee: Resident \$35, Nonresident \$236.

Use the hunt number to apply. Deer preference point code: **AND**

Archery hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Beaver City (new)	DA1051	Aug. 1–Sept. 4
Fillmore City	DA1048	Aug. 1–Sept. 4
Fillmore, Oak City	DA1045	Aug. 1–Sept. 4
Nine Mile, Price River Valley	DA1030	Aug. 15–Sept. 11
Oquirrh-Stansbury, Settlement Cyn	DA1031	Aug. 15–Sept. 11
San Juan, Monticello	DA1033	Aug. 1–Sept. 14
San Juan, Monticello	DA1042	Nov. 24–Dec. 31
Vernal, Ashley Valley	DA1049	Aug. 15–Dec. 11

Any legal weapon hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
East Canyon, Davis-North Salt Lake	DA1027	Aug. 1–Sept. 15
Nine Mile, Green River Valley	DA1041	Oct. 3–25
Pine Valley, Enterprise	DA1009	Aug. 1–12
Vernal-Ouray Valley	DA1047	Sept. 26–Dec. 11

Archery, muzzleloader or shotgun hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Box Elder, West Bear River	DA1001	Aug. 18–30
Box Elder, West Bear River	DA1002	Nov. 24–Nov. 29
Monroe/Plateau, Sevier Valley	DA1003	Sept. 1–30
Nine Mile, Price River Valley	DA1046	Sept. 12–Oct. 9
Pine Valley, New Harmony	DA1018	Aug. 1–12

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General-season antlerless elk

Permit fee: Resident \$56, Nonresident \$649.

Use the hunt number to apply. Elk preference point code: [ANE](#)

Archery hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Kamas	EA2033	Aug. 15–Sept. 16
Nine Mile, Anthro	EA2034	Aug. 15–Sept. 16
North Slope, Summit	EA1268	Aug. 15–Sept. 16
North Slope, Three Corners	EA1274	Aug. 15–Sept. 4
Panguitch Lake	EA1283	Aug. 15–Aug. 30
Vernal/Bonanza	EA1085	Aug. 15–Sept. 16
Wasatch Mtns	EA2038	Aug. 15–Sept. 4
Yellowstone	EA2037	Aug. 15–Sept. 16

Any legal weapon hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Beaver, East	EA1222	Nov. 21–Dec. 11
Beaver, East	EA1223	Dec. 12–26
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	EA1224	Oct. 3–15
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	EA1225	Nov. 16–Dec. 13
Boulder East	EA1075	Nov. 21–Dec. 31
Boulder West	EA1076	Nov. 21–Dec. 31
Boulder-Circle Cliffs	EA1077	Oct. 7, 2026–Jan. 10, 2027
Box Elder, Grouse Creek (new)	EA1287	Nov. 6, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Box Elder, Hansel Mtn	EA1266	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	EA1203	Aug. 1–15
Box Elder, Pilot Mtn	EA1204	Oct. 10–31
Cache	EA1267	Oct. 3–25
Cache, Rich	EA1010	Oct. 3–25
Cache, Rich	EA1193	Nov. 14, 2026–Jan. 15, 2027
Cache, Richards Hollow	EA1011	Nov. 14–Dec. 31
Chalk Creek	EA1026	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 30, 2027

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Any legal weapon hunts (continued)

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Diamond Mtn	EA1089	Oct. 31–Nov. 8
Diamond Mtn	EA1090	Nov. 14–22
Dolores Triangle	EA1037	Dec. 12, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
East Canyon	EA1236	Dec. 1, 2026–Jan. 11, 2027
East Canyon, East	EA1272	Dec. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	EA1209	Nov. 14, 2026–Jan. 29, 2027
Fillmore, Pahvant	EA1030	Nov. 14–Dec. 5
Fillmore, Pahvant	EA1031	Dec. 12, 2026–Jan. 29, 2027
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EA1078	Oct. 3–15
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes East	EA1079	Nov. 21–Dec. 30
Fishlake/Thousand Lakes West	EA1080	Nov. 21–Dec. 30
Kamas	EA1033	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 17, 2027
Kamas, Oakley	EA1035	Nov. 7–Dec. 30
La Sal Mtns	EA1038	Oct. 3–15
La Sal Mtns	EA1039	Nov. 19–Dec. 31
La Sal Mtns, North	EA1237	Nov. 19–Dec. 31
Manti, Central	EA1013	Oct. 3–15
Manti, Ferron Canyon	EA1015	Oct. 3–15
Manti, Ferron Lower Escarpment (new)	EA1288	Sept. 16–Nov. 13
Manti, Ferron Lower Escarpment (new)	EA1289	Nov. 14–Dec. 21
Manti, Ferron Lower Escarpment (new)	EA1290	Dec. 22, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Manti, Gordon Creek-Price Canyon	EA1017	Nov. 25, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Manti, Horn Mtn	EA1018	Nov. 19–Dec. 31
Manti, Mohrland-Stump Flat	EA1020	Nov. 25, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Manti, North	EA1022	Oct. 3–15
Manti, South	EA1023	Oct. 3–15
Manti, South	EA1024	Nov. 19, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Manti, West	EA1025	Nov. 19, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Monroe	EA1286	Oct. 3–15
Morgan-South Rich	EA1228	Dec. 1–21

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Any legal weapon hunts (continued)

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Morgan-South Rich	EA1229	Dec. 22, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Morgan-South Rich, South Rich	EA1044	Dec. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Mt Dutton, North (new)	EA1291	Nov. 21–Dec. 6
Mt Dutton, North (new)	EA1292	Dec. 19, 2026–Jan. 10, 2027
Nebo	EA1021	Oct. 3–15
Nebo	EA1208	Nov. 14, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Nebo, Moroni Hills	EA1207	Aug. 1–19
Nebo, Moroni Hills	EA1226	Sept. 12–Oct. 2
Nine Mile, Range Creek	EA1239	Oct. 3–25
Nine Mile, Range Creek	EA1240	Nov. 25, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Nine Mile, West Anthro	EA1054	Dec. 12–31
Nine Mile, West Anthro (new)	EA1053	Jan. 16–24, 2027
North Slope, Greendale	EA1056	Nov. 14–29
North Slope, Henry's Fork-Burnt Fork	EA1058	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 30, 2027
North Slope, Summit	EA1196	Oct. 3–25
North Slope, Three Corners (new)	EA1293	Oct. 3–16
North Slope, Three Corners	EA1277	Nov. 21–29
North Slope, Three Corners	EA1273	Dec. 19, 2026–Jan. 3, 2027
North Slope, West Daggett	EA1250	Oct. 3–25
Ogden	EA1063	Oct. 3–25
Ogden	EA1064	Nov. 7–29
Ogden (excludes Hyrum)	EA1269	Dec. 1–31
Oquirrh-Stansbury, East	EA2036	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Panguitch Lake	EA1069	Nov. 21–29
Panguitch Lake	EA1285	Dec. 12–20
Paunsaugunt	EA1073	Nov. 21–Dec. 31
Paunsaugunt, East Creek (new)	EA1294	Aug. 1–12
Pine Valley	EA1254	Nov. 11, 2026–Jan. 11, 2027
San Juan	EA1081	Oct. 3–15
San Juan	EA1082	Nov. 19–Dec. 31

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Any legal weapon hunts (continued)

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
San Rafael, North	EA1084	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Southwest Desert	EA1101	Nov. 20, 2026–Jan. 10, 2027
Southwest Desert, Burbank/Garrison	EA1251	Aug. 1–13
Vernal, Buckskin Hills-Jensen	EA1242	Dec. 1–31
Vernal, Buckskin Hills-Jensen	EA1243	Jan. 1–31, 2027
Vernal, Mosby Mtn	EA1094	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 3, 2027
Vernal/Bonanza	EA1087	Oct. 3–16
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	EA1217	Oct. 3–15
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin	EA1106	Jan. 2–17, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, Box Elder Peak	EA1276	Oct. 3–15
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek (new)	EA1007	Oct. 3–15
Wasatch Mtns, Rabbit Gulch	EA1264	Jan. 16–24, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, Red Creek West (new)	EA1297	Dec. 12–20
Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake	EA1110	Nov. 14, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, Tabby Mtn	EA1265	Dec. 19–27
Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg	EA1111	Nov. 14–Dec. 13
Wasatch Mtns, Wallsburg	EA1112	Dec. 19, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, West Heber	EA1113	Nov. 14, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, West Timpanogos	EA1114	Nov. 14, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central (new)	EA1299	Nov. 21–29
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central (new)	EA1300	Jan. 23–31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, Wildcat/Timber Canyon (new)	EA1298	Dec. 12–20
West Desert, Tintic Valley	EA1231	Nov. 7, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Yellowstone	EA1244	Oct. 3–16
Zion	EA1117	Nov. 11, 2026–Jan. 10, 2027

The division does not guarantee access to any private or public land. Unit boundaries may include private property or other excluded areas. Visit hunt.utah.gov for detailed boundary descriptions.

Muzzleloader hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
North Slope, West Daggett	EA1061	Sept. 23–Oct. 1
North Slope, West Daggett	EA1060	Oct. 28–Nov. 5
Panguitch Lake	EA1284	Oct. 28–Nov. 5
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin (new)	EA1295	Oct. 28–Nov. 5
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek (new)	EA1296	Oct. 28–Nov. 5
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	EA1189	Oct. 31–Nov. 8
Yellowstone	EA1245	Oct. 28–Nov. 5

Private-lands-only antlerless elk

Permit fee: Resident \$56, Nonresident \$649

Available first-come, first-served on July 28 at 8 a.m. MDT at wildlife.utah.gov, DWR offices and license agents.

Any legal weapon hunts

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Beaver, East	EA2021	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Box Elder, Hansel Mtn	EA2026	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Box Elder, Sawtooth	EA2046	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Cache	EA2027	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Chalk Creek	EA2004	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Diamond Mtn	EA2030	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
East Canyon	EA2003	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Fillmore, Pahvant	EA2039	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Kamas	EA2040	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
La Sal Mtns	EA2009	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Manti	EA2011	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Morgan-South Rich	EA2002	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Nebo	EA2016	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	EA2008	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Nine Mile, Range Creek	EA2029	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
North Slope, West Daggett	EA2005	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027

For details about individual properties, including public hunt dates and contact information, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

Any legal weapon hunts (continued)

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Panguitch Lake	EA2018	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Paunsaugunt	EA2015	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
San Juan	EA2010	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Vernal/Bonanza	EA2028	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin-White River	EA2014	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek	EA2013	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	EA2012	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
West Desert, Tintic Valley	EA2019	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Yellowstone	EA2006	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027
Zion	EA2020	Aug. 1, 2026–Jan. 31, 2027

Antlerless elk-control units

Permit fee: Resident \$40, Nonresident \$236

See the map on page 31 for reference.

Hunt name

Box Elder, Grouse Creek (**new**)

Chalk Creek

East Canyon

Henry Mtns

Kamas

Morgan-South Rich

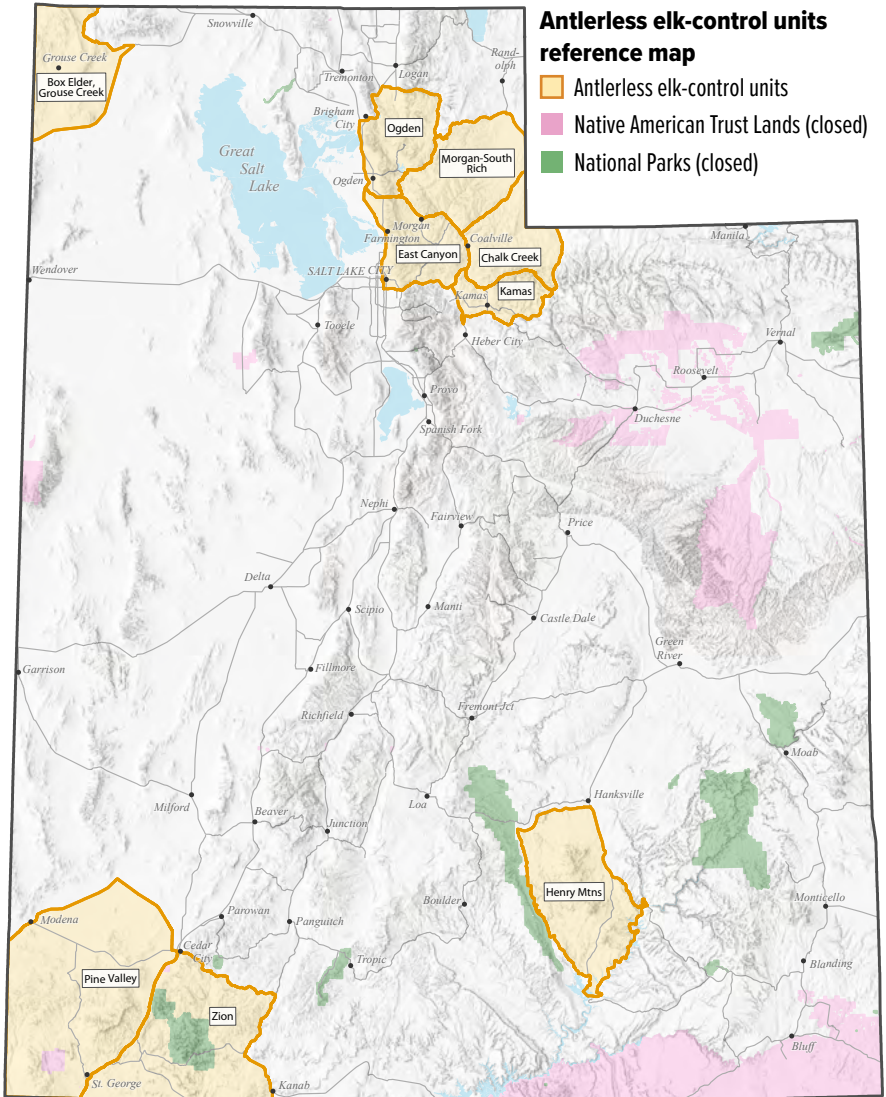
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Pine Valley


Zion

Control units

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This map is for general reference only. Please visit hunt.utah.gov for detailed boundary descriptions. All hunt units **exclude** elk CWMUs, Native American Trust Lands, National Parks and other areas closed to hunting.

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Doe pronghorn hunts

Permit fee: Resident \$35, Nonresident \$236

Use the hunt number to apply. Pronghorn preference point code: [ANP](#)

Archery

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Parker Mtn	PD1054	Aug. 29–Sept. 11

Any legal weapon

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Box Elder, Promontory	PD1012	Oct. 3–25
Box Elder, Snowville	PD1000	Nov. 7–Dec. 6
Box Elder, West	PD1017	Oct. 3–25
Fillmore, Oak Creek South	PD1034	Aug. 1–13
Fillmore, Oak Creek South	PD1035	Oct. 31–Nov. 28
Nine Mile, Anthro-Pleasant Valley	PD1043	Aug. 1–14
Panguitch Lake/Zion, North (new)	PD1039	Nov. 7–15
Parker Mtn	PD1056	Dec. 12–20
Parker Mtn, Highlands	PD1057	Oct. 8–16
Parker Mtn, Highlands	PD1058	Nov. 21–29
Parker Mtn, Plains	PD1059	Oct. 8–16
Parker Mtn, Plains	PD1060	Nov. 21–29
San Rafael, Poison Springs Bench	PD1033	Oct. 3–25
Vernal-Ouray Valley	PD1044	Oct. 3–15

Muzzleloader

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Parker Mtn	PD1055	Oct. 29–Nov. 8

Hunt tables

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Antlerless moose hunts

Permit fee: Resident \$249, Nonresident \$2,200

Use the hunt number to apply. Moose bonus point code: [ANM](#)

Archery

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Morgan-South Rich	MA1007	Aug. 1–Sept. 18

Any legal weapon

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Morgan-South Rich	MA1005	Sept. 19–Oct. 18
Wasatch Mtns, Salt Lake-Timpanogos	MA1008	Sept. 19–Oct. 18

Ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep

Permit fee: Resident \$110, Nonresident \$2,100

Use the hunt number to apply. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep bonus point code: [ANR](#)

Any legal weapon

Hunt name	Hunt #	Season dates
Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	RE1000	Sept. 8–16

BLUE TEXT: Resident permits only

For details about individual properties, including public hunt dates and contact information, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit hunts

Utah's Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) program provides landowners with an economic incentive to keep their private range and forest lands as productive wildlife habitat.

The landowners receive vouchers for hunting permits, which they can sell for profit, as long as they also allow a percentage of public hunters on their lands. If you're a Utah resident, there are two ways to obtain a CWMU antlerless permit: you can apply for one in the state's antlerless big game 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.

The Utah Wildlife Board has established timeframes for antlerless big game on Cooperative Wildlife Management Units. The actual hunt dates for each CWMU can vary.

Hunters should expect to hunt at least five days, generally between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Contact the operator of the CWMU to see what the actual hunt days will be this year. In some instances it may be outside of the Sept. 1–Oct. 31 dates.

Before you apply for a CWMU permit, visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu. You'll find detailed information about season dates, CWMU rules, hunt success and how to contact the operator. If you draw a permit, you must contact the CWMU operator to confirm your season dates.

Reminder: If you choose to surrender any big game permit you've drawn (to purchase/obtain a private CWMU voucher, for example), be sure to do so at least 30 days before your hunt begins or you could lose previously accrued preference or bonus points. For details, see page 19.

For more information on the CWMU program—including CWMU hunt season dates, operator names and contact numbers—visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

CWMU antlerless deer hunts

Permit fee: Resident \$35, use the hunt number to apply.

Nonresidents may only obtain a CWMU permit directly through the operator.

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
George Creek	DA1011	Box Elder	5
Mt Carmel	DA1013	Kane	5
The Rose of Snowville	DA1050	Box Elder	8

For details about individual properties, including public hunt dates and contact information, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

CWMU two-doe deer hunts

Permit fee: Resident \$50, use the hunt number to apply.

Nonresidents may only obtain a CWMU permit directly through the operator.

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
Junction Valley	DA1012	Box Elder	15

CWMU antlerless elk hunts

Permit fee: Resident \$56, use the hunt number to apply.

Nonresidents may only obtain a CWMU permit directly through the operator.

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
Alton	EA1118	Kane	6
Avintaquin Canyon	EA1233	Duchesne	4
Bar J Ranch	EA1119	Sevier	12
Bear Mountain	EA1120	Sanpete	20
Bear Springs	EA1198	Weber	2
Blackhawk	EA1260	Carbon	5
Boobe Hole	EA1121	Sevier	10
Cactus Ranch LLC	EA1158	Box Elder	7
Causey Spring	EA1122	Weber	5
Chimney Rock	EA1124	Morgan	12
Circle E Ranch	EA1143	Grand	21
Coldwater Ranch	EA1125	Cache	25
Deseret	EA1129	Rich	360
Double Cone	EA1130	Box Elder	7
Double R Ranch	EA1200	Wasatch	10
Durst Mountain	EA1131	Morgan	30
East Fork Chalk Creek	EA1132	Summit	30
Ensign Ranches	EA1134	Summit	48
Folley Ridge	EA1135	Morgan	20
Grass Valley/Clark Canyon	EA1136	Summit	50
Grazing Pasture	EA1137	Sevier	9
Guildersleeve	EA1138	Morgan	20

For details about individual properties, including public hunt dates and contact information, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

CWMU antlerless elk hunts (continued)

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
Hardscrabble	EA1139	Morgan	5
Heaston East	EA1140	Salt Lake	24
Hiawatha	EA1141	Carbon	12
Indian Head	EA1142	Carbon	12
Johnson Mountain Ranch	EA1145	Sevier	20
Jump Creek	EA1146	Carbon	9
Little Pole Canyon	EA1256	Wasatch	9
Little Red Creek	EA1147	Wasatch	15
Minnie Maud Ridge	EA1149	Carbon	16
Moon Ranch	EA1151	Duchesne	6
Mountain Sky Ranch	EA1201	Utah	10
Mt Carmel	DA1013	Kane	5
Old Woman Plateau	EA1153	Sevier	4
Pahvant Ensign	EA1192	Millard	6
Preston Nutter Ranch	EA1156	Carbon	21
Redd Ranches	EA1157	San Juan	35
Roan Cliffs	EA1159	Carbon	6
Sand Creek	EA1160	Duchesne	5
Scofield Canyons	EA1161	Utah	9
Scofield East	EA1162	Carbon	14
Scofield West	EA1163	Carbon	19
Sharp Mountain	EA1235	Cache	10
SJ Ranch	EA1164	Cache	6
Skull Crack	EA1165	Weber	15
Soldier Summit	EA1166	Utah	16
South Canyon	EA1167	Cache	12
Spring Creek/Dodge	EA1168	San Juan	15
Strawberry Ridge	EA1170	Rich	10
Summit Point	EA1171	San Juan	5
The Dirty Dozen	EA1301	Uintah	10

For details about individual properties, including public hunt dates and contact information, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/cwmu.

CWMU antlerless elk hunts (continued)

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
Three C	EA1172	Wasatch	9
Tunnel Hollow	EA1257	Morgan	5
Wallsburg	EA1175	Wasatch	10
Weber Florence Creek/Stillman Creek	EA1176	Summit	35
West Ridge	EA1261	Carbon	5
Woodruff Creek South	EA1177	Rich	8

CWMU doe pronghorn

Permit fee: Resident \$35, use the hunt number to apply.

Nonresidents may only obtain a CWMU permit directly through the operator.

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
Antelope Creek	PD1047	Duchesne	6
Cottonwood Ridge	PD1025	Duchesne	6
Deseret	PD1011	Rich	40
Green River Flat	PD1053	Grand	6
Heist	PD1041	Iron	6
Pahvant Ensign	PD1026	Millard	6
The Rose of Snowville	PD1048	Box Elder	2
Westlake	PD1031	Utah	9
Zane	PD1016	Iron	6

CWMU antlerless moose hunts

Permit fee: Resident \$249, use the hunt number to apply.

Nonresidents may only obtain a CWMU permit directly through the operator.

Hunt name	Hunt #	County	Public permits
Beaver Hollow	MA1011	Morgan	1
Deseret	MA1010	Rich	2

Definitions

Utah Code § 23A-1-101 and Utah Admin. Rules R657-5-2, R657-5-47, R657-37 and R657-67

The following definitions explain terms used in this guidebook. The 2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook (available in June) will contain additional definitions that focus on hunting, harvesting and possessing big game.

Antlerless deer means a deer without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

Antlerless elk means an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

Antlerless moose means a moose with antlers shorter than its ears.

Any legal weapon means any weapon listed at wildlife.utah.gov/rules/R657-5 (see R657-5-8 through R657-5-12) or in the Firearms and Archery Equipment section of the 2026 Utah Big Game Field Regulations Guidebook (available in June 2026).

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.

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 has an actual plan, method, and means to return to the individual's domicile within six months;
- 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; and
- is a place where the individual resides for the majority of the individual's time.

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.

Handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-straight walled rifle-only hunt (HAMSS hunt) means a limited-entry hunt with very specialized weapon requirements. Before you apply for one of these hunts, see *R657-5-47* to confirm whether the weapon you plan to use is legal for the hunt.

Hunter's choice means either sex may be taken.

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

Hunting mentor means a resident or nonresident individual possessing a valid permit issued by the Division to take protected wildlife in Utah and who is 21 years of age or older at the time of application for the Hunter Mentoring Program.

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 multiseason premium limited-entry permits, premium limited-entry permits, multiseason limited-entry permits, limited-entry permits, cactus buck permits, management buck permits, handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only permits, 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.

Protected data means records classified as protected under the Government Records Access and Management Act, *Utah Code Ann. §63G-2-305*.

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 has been domiciled (fixed permanent home and principal establishment) in Utah for six consecutive months immediately preceding the purchase of a license or application of a license, permit, or tag 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.

Restricted weapons hunt means a limited-entry or general-season hunt with very specialized weapon requirements for archery equipment, muzzleloaders and rifles. Refer to *R657-5-48* for specific requirements.

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.

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

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.

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, gather, 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.

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



1. Check the **DWR wildlife calendar** for upcoming meeting dates and agenda topics.
2. **Review proposals** on the division website or our YouTube channel.
3. **Attend a public meeting** in your region to share comments or **submit feedback online** during the public comment period.

The **Utah Wildlife Board** creates wildlife-related rules for the state. The board considers recommendations from **The Division of Wildlife Resources** and the five **Regional Advisory Councils**. Each **RAC** depends on **public feedback** for guidance on agenda items and their recommendations for the board.

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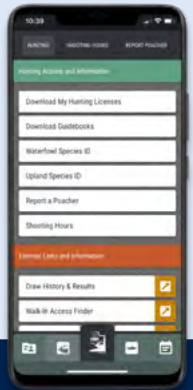


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