

Elk Hunting FAQ's



What is the average size of a bull elk?

In our area, we have [harvested many bull elk](#) in the 300" to 330" range. Every year bulls around the 350" mark are seen and harvested. Bulls must have a minimum of six points on one side to be legal. The average width is 50".

What is the average amount of elk seen per day?

During the rut, the herds of elk move a lot more than normal. On average, hunters can expect to see elk during each morning and evening of their hunt. A herd of elk ranges in size, from six to twenty consisting of several bulls including the satellite and herd bull. Hunters should be advised in wilderness areas animal movement and sightings rely on several factors and this area is a trophy area.

What kind of success rate do you normally have?

Success depends on the ability or persistence of the hunter, we are chasing rocky mountain elk not farmed elk. During the rut our opportunities are increased and this is a great time to harvest a mature bull. A Hunter's success rate varies from 60% - 80% depending on the hunter.

Hunters' physical ability, mental preparation and shooting ability are all key roles increasing success. The rut begins around September 1st and lasts till approximately October 10th this is the best time to increase success rates.

How do you hunt them? Do I need to be in good shape?

We use two main techniques during trophy elk hunting. Spot and stalk and calling are the most effective ways of pursuing elk. In our area we have plenty of high elevation avalanche slides, which the elk live in during the fall season. They can be found near the bottom or the top of these slides so being in good shape increases your chances of harvesting a trophy bull.

What is the main mode of transportation?

We primarily use two modes of transportation, horseback and by foot. Horses can be taken the majority of the way, however hunters will always need to hike to put themselves in prime hunting locations. Hikes can vary from fifteen minutes to several hours depending on the hunter's capabilities.

When is the best time to come?

The best time to come is no doubt during the rut, this is when the bulls are most active throughout the day. However we have good success rates in mid October when the elk herds are migrating to their wintering grounds.

If successful, how do we get it out?

We utilize our horses to assist in packing your trophy back to the lodge. One of our wranglers will come via pack train to your location once they are notified of a successful hunt.