2016 Antelope Hunting Regulations

2016 Season Dates

Archery	Aug. 20 - Dec. 31
Muzzleloader	Sept. 17 - Oct. 2
October Firearm	Oct. 8 - 23
*** November Late Doe/Fawn**	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2017

* Cherry Late, Cheyenne Central Late, Box Butte East Late, Box Butte West Late, Box Butte West River Late, Garden Late and North Sioux Late units

Legal Weapons for Firearm Season:

- .22-caliber or larger rifle that deliver at least 900 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards
- .357 magnum rifle, .45 Colt rifle and hand-thrown spear are legal
- Handguns or muzzleloading handguns that deliver at least 400 foot-pounds of energy at 50 yards
- Muzzleloading rifles .44-caliber or larger
- Muzzleloading muskets .62-caliber or larger, firing a single slug
- Shotguns of 20-gauge or larger that fire a single slug
- Long bow, compound bow, recurve bow, shoulder-fired non-electronic crossbow (with a draw weight of at least 125 pounds), hand-thrown spear
- Ammunition with multiple projectiles is illegal
- Semi-automatic firearms capable of holding more than six cartridges are illegal
- Full-metal jacket or incendiary bullets are illegal
- Arrows or spears must have a sharpened hunting head with a blade of at least 7/16-inch cutting radius from the center of the arrow shaft. Arrows or spears containing poison, stupefying chemical or having an explosive tip are illegal.

Legal Weapons for Archery Season:

- Bows and spears as defined above.

Legal Weapons for Muzzleloader Season:

- Muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns and muskets as defined above.

Sights – It is unlawful to use any electrical device to amplify natural light or to project a light beam or image to a target, including night-vision or infrared scopes and laser sights. Red-dot and illuminated reticle sights and scopes are permitted. Magnifying and variable-power scopes are allowed.

Permit – A permit must be signed by the permittee. It is unlawful to transfer a permit to another person.

Habitat Stamp – Residents 16 years of age and older and all nonresidents must carry proof of a valid Nebraska habitat stamp while hunting big game. Persons with valid fee-exempt permit and landowners hunting their own land with a landowner permit do not need a habitat stamp.

Sale of Parts – It is lawful to sell the hide, hair, hooves, bones, or horns of any antelope that is taken legally. The sale or purchase of antelope meat is unlawful.

Permission – Permission is required when hunting private land. It is unlawful to hunt with a rifle within 200 yards of an occupied dwelling or feedlot without specific permisson for that purpose, or within 100 yards using other methods.

Hunter Education – Hunter education is required for hunters ages 12 through 29 hunting with a firearm or air gun. Bow hunter education is required for those ages while hunting big game with a bow and arrow or crossbow. They must carry with them proof of certification.

Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate – Available for two consecutive years for hunters who have not completed hunter education. The fee is $5.

Accompaniment – All antelope hunters age 12-15 and all hunters using the Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate must be accompanied by a licensed hunter age 19 or older when hunting. The accompanying person, if age 19-29, must be certified in firearm hunter education if hunting with a firearm or crossbow, or bow hunter education if hunting with bow and arrow. He or she must be at all times in unaided visual and verbal communication with the hunter. There may be no more than two hunters using the certificate accompanied by the experienced hunter at any time.

Unlawful Hunting Methods – It is unlawful to:

- chase, run, harass, kill or shoot at any antelope from a moving motor vehicle or vessel.
- shoot from the right-of-way of a public road.
- carry a firearm on a snowmobile, except when it is unloaded and in a case.
- hunt from or with a snowmobile.
- use a spotlight or other artificial light from a vehicle or vessel while having in possession or control any firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow.
- use two-way radios, cell phones or any other electronic devices to transmit information about the location of any game animal or game bird to or from a conveyance of any type (vehicles, aircraft, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc.).

Checking – Antelope harvested during the October firearm season must be delivered to a check station before 1 p.m. on the day following the close of the season. Telecheck is not allowed during this season.

- Antelope harvested in the October firearm season must be delivered to a check station before leaving the state.
- Antelope harvested during seasons other than the October firearm season must be checked via Telecheck within 48 hours of kill, but no later than 1 p.m. on the day following the close of any portion of the season.
- Each permit holder must accompany his or her antelope to the check station, and the permit/tag and check station seal must be retained while transporting the antelope to a point of permanent storage or processing.
- The permit holder must record the seal number as

provided by the check station on the permit of any antelope checked via Telecheck.

Quartering – The carcass may be separated into loins and quarters with the femur and scapula naturally attached, provided that the head accompanies the carcass to the check station.

Public Land Closures –

- Fort Robinson State Park and Wildlife Management Area, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and Valentine National Wildlife Refuge are closed to antelope hunting.
- Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest is closed to muzzleloader and firearm hunting and doe/fawn harvest by archers.

Tagging – Immediately after an antelope is taken, the hunter must punch holes in the permit, showing sex and date of kill. The canceled permit must be kept with the antelope at all times.

Hunter Orange – Any person hunting antelope under the authority of a firearm permit during an authorized firearm season must display on his or her head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material.

Telecheck
Check animals electronically by telephone or Internet via Telecheck. Only for antelope taken in archery, muzzleloader and late seasons. Call 844-279-4564 or visit **OutdoorNebraska.gov/DeerCheck.**

Possession – There is no restriction on the length of time game birds or game animals may be possessed.

Minimum Age – The minimum age to hunt antelope is 12 years.

Shooting Hours – It is legal to shoot 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Baiting – It is illegal to establish a baited area from 10 days before the opening of any big game or turkey season and throughout those entire seasons for the purposes of taking big game or turkey. An area within 200 yards of bait is considered baited for 10 days following the removal of all bait. The hunter and the animal must be outside a baited area.

2016 Antelope Check Stations

City	Check Station	Address	Phone Number	* Business Hours
ARNOLD	Sandhills Classic Arms	503 E. Cedar St.	308-520-6475	
AINSWORTH	Cenex Ampride	409 E. 4th St.	402-387-0144	
ALLIANCE	NGPC	299 Husker Road	308-763-2940	** Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
ARTHUR	Sandhills Auto and Tractor	105 N. Neb. Hwy. 61	308-764-2367	
BASSETT	NGPC	524 Panzer St.	402-684-2921	Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
BASSETT	Rock County Sheriff	400 S. State St.	402-684-3811	
BRIDGEPORT	Cenex/Ampride C-Store	102 W. 5th St.	308-262-0827	
BROKEN BOW	Broken Bow Police	116 S. 11th St.	308-872-6424	Call
BURWELL	Phillips Processing	Neb. Hwy. 11 & G St.	308-346-4244	
CHADRON	Big Bat's Shell	1250 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	308-432-4504	
CHAPPELL	Hansen's Petroleum	1082 2nd St.	308-874-2733	
CODY	Cody Oil	420 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	402-823-4303	
CRAWFORD	Crossroads Mini Mart	Jct. of Hwys. 20 & 71	308-665-2000	
ELLSWORTH	Crescent Lake NWR	P.O. Box 21, 69340	308-762-4893	By appointment
HALSEY	Double T	103 Main St.	308-533-2208	
HARRISON	Harrison Utilities Shop	130 E. U.S. Hwy. 20	308-665-5199 308-665-5159	8 a.m.-8 p.m. or call for appt.
HYANNIS	Sandhill Oil Co, Inc.	101 Dellinger Road	308-458-2237	
KIMBALL	Sportsman's Liquor	111 W. 2nd St.	308-235-3752	
LEWELLEN	D.P.'s Service	506 W. U.S. Hwy. 26	308-778-5611 or 308-772-4048	
MERRIMAN	Bowring Ranch SHP	90468 Neb. Hwy. 61	308-684-3428	
MULLEN	Sandhills Motel	507 SW First St.	308-546-2206	
NORTH PLATTE	NGPC	S. U.S. Hwy. 83	308-535-8025	** Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
OGALLALA	NGPC, Lake McConaughy	Kingsley Dam, 1501 Hwy. 61	308-284-8800	Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
OGALLALA	Watering Hole	115 E. 1st St.	308-284-3471	
RUSHVILLE	Bosselman Pump and Pantry	220 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	308-327-2461	
SARGENT	Trotter Whoa-N-Go	100 S. U.S. Hwy. 183	308-527-3723	
SCOTTSBLUFF	Western Travel Terminal	822 S. Beltline	308-635-7374	
SIDNEY	Cheyenne County Sheriff	1000 10th Ave.	308-254-2922	
SPRINGVIEW	Turbine Mart	105 W. Turbine Ave.	402-497-3000	
STAPLETON	Sharon Pipal residence	507 C St.	480-273-1816	
SUTHERLAND	Sportsman's Cove	W. U.S. Hwy. 30	308-386-2185	
TRYON	Stanley Munson residence	701 Grimes St.	308-587-2497	
VALENTINE	Nim-Rods	319 W. U.S. Hwy. 20	402-376-1284	

*** Check station business hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m., unless noted**
**** Alliance: Call 308-763-2940 on nights and weekends for contact numbers of staff on call for checking.**
North Platte: Call 308-535-8025.

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