

2018 Antelope Hunting Regulations

2018 Season Dates

Archery	Aug. 20 - Dec. 31
Muzzleloader	Sept. 15 - 30
October Firearm	Oct. 13 - 28
* November Late Doe/Fawn	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, 2019

* Banner North Late, Banner South Late, Cherry Late, Cheyenne 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 permission 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.

Minimum Age - The minimum age to hunt antelope is 12 years. **Possession** - There is no restriction on the length of time game birds or game animals may be possessed.

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.

Telecheck

Check animals electronically by telephone or internet via Telecheck. Only for antelope taken in archery, muzzleloader and late seasons. Call the Telecheck phone number on the permit or visit OutdoorNebraska.gov/DeerCheck.