Special Elk Depredation Season Regulations

Season Dates
July 1-31, 2022

Legal Weapons
• Rifles .25 caliber or larger that deliver at least 1,700 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards
• Muzzleloading rifles .45 caliber or larger
• Long bows, compound bows, recurve bows and shoulder-fired, nonelectronic crossbows (with a draw weight of at least 125 pounds).
• Hand-thrown spears

Restrictions
• Ammunition with multiple projectiles is illegal.
• Semi-automatics capable of holding more than six cartridges is illegal.
• Full-metal jacket and incendiary bullets are illegal.
• Arrows and spears must have a sharpened hunting head with a blade of at least 7/16-inch cutting radius.
• Arrows and spears containing poison or stupefying chemical or having an explosive tip are illegal.
• Use of electronic calls for elk is illegal.

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.

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

Get 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 or within 100 yards using other methods.

Minimum Age - To hunt elk, 12 years

Unlawful Hunting Methods - It is unlawful to:
• chase, harass, run, kill or shoot at any elk from a moving motor vehicle or vessel.
• shoot from the right-of-way of a public road.

Private Land Hunt Only – Get Permission
This Special Elk Depredation Season is valid only on private land. Hunters must obtain permission to hunt on private land.

• carry a firearm on a snowmobile, except when it is unloaded and in a case.
• hunt from or with a snowmobile.
• 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.
• 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.

Hunter Orange - Archers do not have to wear hunter orange while hunting elk, but firearm and muzzleloader hunters must display on his or her head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material when hunting elk.

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

Permit - A permit or tag is valid only in the area for which it is issued and must be signed by the permittee. It is unlawful to borrow a permit or tag or to transfer or loan a permit or tag to another person.

Habitat Stamp - Valid statewide and required of all hunters in Nebraska, except residents younger than 16 years of age and residents who hold veteran or 69 or older senior permits. EXCEPTION: Farmers, ranchers and qualifying family members who hunt with a landowner permit on land they own or lease for agricultural purposes are exempt. One stamp is required for all hunting in a calendar year, but January deer hunters may use the previous year’s stamp.

Sale of Parts - It is lawful to sell the hide, hair, hooves, bones, and antlers of any elk that is taken legally. The sale or purchase of elk meat is unlawful.
**Report Game Violations** - Call Nebraska Wildlife Crimestoppers at 1-800-742-7627. You may remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward.

**Checking** - Elk harvested during the Special Elk Depredation Season must be checked by internet or telephone by 10 p.m. the day of harvest. Information is included with the permit.

**Quartering** - Hunters may remove meat from an elk carcass in the field, but the head and all edible portions of meat must then be presented at a check station.

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

**Baiting** - It is illegal to hunt any big game animals or turkeys within 200 yards of a baited area. An area is be considered baited for 10 days following the complete removal of all bait. The hunter and the animal must be outside of the baited area during the harvest or attempted harvest. A baited area is any location where grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, minerals (including salt), or any other natural food materials, commercial products containing food materials, or by-products of such materials that may attract big game or turkey. The use of scents alone, normal environmental conditions, standard farming and ranching practices, forest management, wildlife food plantings, orchard management, or similar land management activities do not constitute a baited area.

**Hunting Area**

**Area Open** - Areas within the Box Elder/North Platte River Elk Units: Those parts of Lincoln, Perkins, Keith, Deuel, and Garden counties enclosed by a line commencing at the junction of NE Hwy. 25 and NE Hwy. 23, then west on NE Hwy. 23 to NE Hwy. 61, then north on NE Hwy. 61 to I-80, then west on I-80 to NE Hwy. 138/RD. 207, then north on NE Hwy. 138/Rd. 207 to NE Hwy. 26, then east on NE Hwy. 26 to NE Hwy. 61, then north on NE Hwy. 61 to Keystone Lake Rd./Sarben Rd., then east on Keystone Lake Rd./Sarben Rd to East V North Rd., then south on East V North Rd. to Rd. East 120, then east on Rd East 120/West Sarben Rd. to W. Snake Rd., then northeast on W. Snake Rd. to West Co. Rd., then south on West Co. R. to NE Hwy. 25, then south on NE Hwy. 25 to NE Hwy. 23 junction.