

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

ANTELOPE HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Season Dates:	Firearm:	Oct. 14 - 29
	Archery:	Aug. 20 - Nov. 10, Nov. 20 - Dec. 31
	North Sioux Muzzleloader:	Sept. 16 - Oct. 1 (Valid only in the North Sioux Unit, see map)
	Prairie Muzzleloader:	Sept. 16 - Oct. 1 (Valid in all areas, EXCEPT the North Sioux Unit).

Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Bag Limit: One antelope as specified on permit.

Legal Weapons:

- Firearms:** Rifles that deliver at least 900 foot-pounds of bullet energy at 100 yards; muzzleloading rifles .44 cal. or larger; muzzleloading muskets .62 cal. or larger firing a single slug; handguns that deliver at least 400 foot-pounds of bullet energy at 50 yards; shotguns 20 gauge or larger, firing a single slug; or crossbows that have a draw weight of 125 pounds or more. It is unlawful to use any firearm capable of fully automatic fire or a semi-automatic firearm capable of holding more than 6 cartridges.
- Archery:** A longbow or compound bow having a pull of 40 pounds or more at or before 28-inch draw. Mechanical releases are legal. Arrows must have a sharp hunting head with a blade with at least a 7/16-inch radius and total cutting edge of at least 3 inches. It is unlawful to hunt with any arrow containing poison or stupefying chemical or an arrow that has an explosive tip. It is unlawful to use any draw-lock device for the purpose of maintaining the bow at full draw or in firing position, except that a person who has a permanent physical impairment that renders that person incapable of drawing a long bow and which is verified in writing by a physician, shall be permitted to use a crossbow or draw-lock device to hunt antelope during the regular archery season. A special crossbow permit, available from the Game and Parks Commission, is required.
- Muzzleloader:** Only muzzleloading rifles .44 cal. or larger, or muzzleloading muskets .62 cal. or larger firing a single slug. It is unlawful to hunt under authority of a muzzleloader permit while in possession of or under control of any breech-loading firearm.

Weapon Sights: It is unlawful to attach to a firearm, muzzleloader or crossbow 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. It is unlawful to use any scope or sight of greater than one power (1X) or any variable-power scope on any muzzleloading firearm during the muzzleloader portion of the muzzleloader season. The magnification power of such scopes must be marked legibly by the manufacturer.

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

Habitat Stamp: All residents 16 years of age and older and all nonresidents regardless of age must have a 2006 Habitat Stamp to hunt antelope. Only one Habitat Stamp is necessary for all of your hunting in 2006. Individuals with valid, fee-exempt permits are not required to purchase a Habitat Stamp to hunt big game, but must carry such permits with them while hunting. Those hunting their own land with a landowner permit do not need a Habitat Stamp.

Hunter Education: Any person 12 years of age or older, born on or after Jan. 1, 1977, must have successfully completed a state-certified Hunter Education course prior to hunting and have their valid Hunter Education card in their possession while hunting. **Firearm Hunter Education** is required when hunting any game with a firearm, muzzleloader or crossbow. **Bowhunter Education** is required when hunting antelope with a bow and arrow. Any person under 16 years of age who hunts antelope must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older.

Get Permission: Most hunting in Nebraska is done on private land where permission is required. It is unlawful to hunt within 200 yards of an occupied dwelling or feedlot without specific permission for that purpose.

Hunter Orange: Any person hunting antelope during an authorized firearm season must display on their head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material.

Hunting Methods: It is unlawful to chase, harass, shoot or shoot at any antelope from a motor vehicle while vehicle is moving. It is unlawful to shoot from the right-of-way of a public road. It is unlawful to carry a firearm on a snowmobile except when unloaded and in a case and it is unlawful to hunt from or with a snowmobile.

Spotlighting: It is unlawful to use a spotlight or other artificial light from a vehicle while having in possession or control any firearm or bow and arrow.

Use of Radio: It is unlawful to use 2-way radios or any other electronic devices to transmit information about the location of any game to or from a conveyance of any type (including vehicles, aircraft, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc.).

Checking: Archers must deliver animals to an official check station within 72 hours of the kill, but no later than 1 p.m. Nov. 11 for the first part of the season and no later than 1 p.m. Jan. 2 for the second part of the season. Firearm hunters must deliver animals to an official check station no later than 1 p.m. Oct. 30. Muzzleloader hunters must deliver animals to an official check station no later than 1 p.m. Oct. 2. The carcass may be separated into halves or quarters, provided that evidence of sex is retained on each hind quarter/half. Head and hide must accompany the carcass to the check station. The permit/tag and check station seal must be retained while transporting the animal to a point of permanent storage or processing.

Possession: Antelope taken during the 2006 season may not be possessed after Aug. 1, 2009. If any portion is given away, it must be accompanied by a statement of such gift that is signed by the permit holder and includes the permit number.

Sale of Parts: It is lawful to sell the hide, hair, hooves, bones and horns of any antelope which is taken legally, provided the carcass tag is attached to hide. Sale or purchase of antelope meat is unlawful.

Baiting: It is unlawful to take mountain sheep, elk, deer or antelope within 200 yards of a site upon which feed, feed or mineral supplement or bait has been placed within the previous 60 days. This does not include placement of food or food/mineral supplement in the active operation of husbandry for domesticated livestock other than domesticated cervidae. It does not prevent the take of animals on or near planted food plots. It does not allow adjacent landowners to bait an area and prevent the take of animals on property owned by others.

Tagging: Immediately after an antelope is taken, the hunter must punch or notch his or her permit showing date taken and sex of the animal. Punching/notching the permit automatically cancels the permit. The permit must be kept with the hunter and/or the antelope at all times. When the animal is not with the hunter, the entire permit must be rolled or folded, placed in a plastic bag and then placed in the animal's ear.

2006 ANTELOPE CHECK STATIONS

You may take your antelope to the check station that is most conveniently located. Check station hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each person must accompany his or her antelope to the check station.

Archery	Muzzleloader	Firearm	City	Name	Location	Phone	Bus. Hours
x	x	x	AINSWORTH	Masters	822 E 4th	(402) 387-1992	
x	x	x	ALLIANCE	Game & Parks Commission	Hwy 2, 1 E of Alliance	(308) 763-2940	*M-F 8-5
x	x	x	ALLIANCE	KC's Short Stop	2420 Box Butte	(308) 762-1500	Wknds, & after 5
x	x	x	ARTHUR	Mike Jageler	105 N Hwy 61	(308) 764-2367	
x	x		BARTLETT	WeeMart	Hwy 281	(308) 654-3259	
x	x	x	BASSETT	Game & Parks Commission	Hwy 20	(402) 684-2921	*M-F 8-5
x	x		BASSETT	Rock County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse	(402) 684-3811	
x	x		BENKELMAN	Brad Wiese	822 C St	(308) 423-2911	
x	x	x	BRIDGEPORT	Cinex/Ampride C-Store	102 W 5th	(308) 262-0827	
x	x		BURWELL	Phillips Processing	N Hwy 11 & G St	(308) 346-4244	
x	x	x	CHADRON	Westside Conoco Quick Stop	W Hwy 20	(308) 432-2774	
x	x	x	CHAPPELL	Hansen's Petroleum	2nd & Thompson	(308) 874-2733	
x	x	x	CODY	Cody Oil		(402) 823-4303	
x	x	x	CRAWFORD	Cross Roads Mini Mart (Citgo)	Jct of Hwys 20 & 71	(308) 665-2000	
x	x	x	ELLSWORTH	Crescent Lake NWR		(308) 762-4893	by appointment
x	x		ENDERS	Laker's Delight		(308) 882-4011	
x	x	x	GERING	Cyclone Express Mart	2648 N 10th	(308) 632-6641	
x	x	x	HALSEY	Double T		(308) 533-2208	
x	x	x	HARRISON	Hillside Service	120 W Hwy 20	(308) 668-2300	
		x	HYANNIS	Sandhill Oil Co, Inc.		(308) 458-2237	
x	x	x	KIMBALL	Travel Shoppe	1700 South Hwy 71	(308) 235-4444	
x	x	x	MERRIMAN	Buckles Service Inc.	E Hwy 20	(308) 684-3318	
x	x	x	MULLEN	Sandhills Motel	507 SW First	(308) 546-2206	
x	x	x	NORTH PLATTE	Minnow Bucket	1009 S Jeffers	(308) 532-2676	Wknds & after 5
x	x	x	NORTH PLATTE	Game & Parks Commission	S Hwy 83	(308) 535-8025	* M-F 8-5
x	x	x	OGALLALA	Game & Parks Commission, Lake Mac	S of Kingsley Dam	(308) 284-8800	* M-F 8-5
x	x	x	OSHKOSH	Garden County Sheriff's Office	611 Main	(308) 772-3540	
x	x	x	RUSHVILLE	Bosselman Pump and Pantry	220 W Hwy 20	(308) 327-2461	
x	x		SARGENT	Go Fer Food	100 S Hwy 183	(308) 527-3723	
x	x	x	SIDNEY	Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse	(308) 254-2922	
x	x		SPRINGVIEW	Turbine Mart		(402) 497-3000	
x	x	x	SUTHERLAND	Sportsman's Cove	W Hwy 30	(308) 386-2185	
x	x	x	VALENTINE	Cork's Bait Shop	108 W Hwy 20	(402) 376-1199	

Don't Be a Fire Starter

Hunters are urged to be careful where they drive and park and how they dispose of cigarettes while in the field this fall.

Numerous fires have been blamed on careless hunters during an unseasonably dry falls and winters in the past, damaging grassland and some property and giving all hunters a black eye. Catalytic converters on vehicles and discarded cigarettes were the main ignition sources.

Individuals can be held personally liable for any fire they start, both for property damages and costs incurred by fire departments called upon to extinguish the blaze. Personal losses can also be great. For instance, a hunter lost his pickup, rifle and deer to a fire after driving into a tinder-dry CRP field to retrieve a deer.

Please do your part to prevent fires. – *Nebraska Game and Parks*

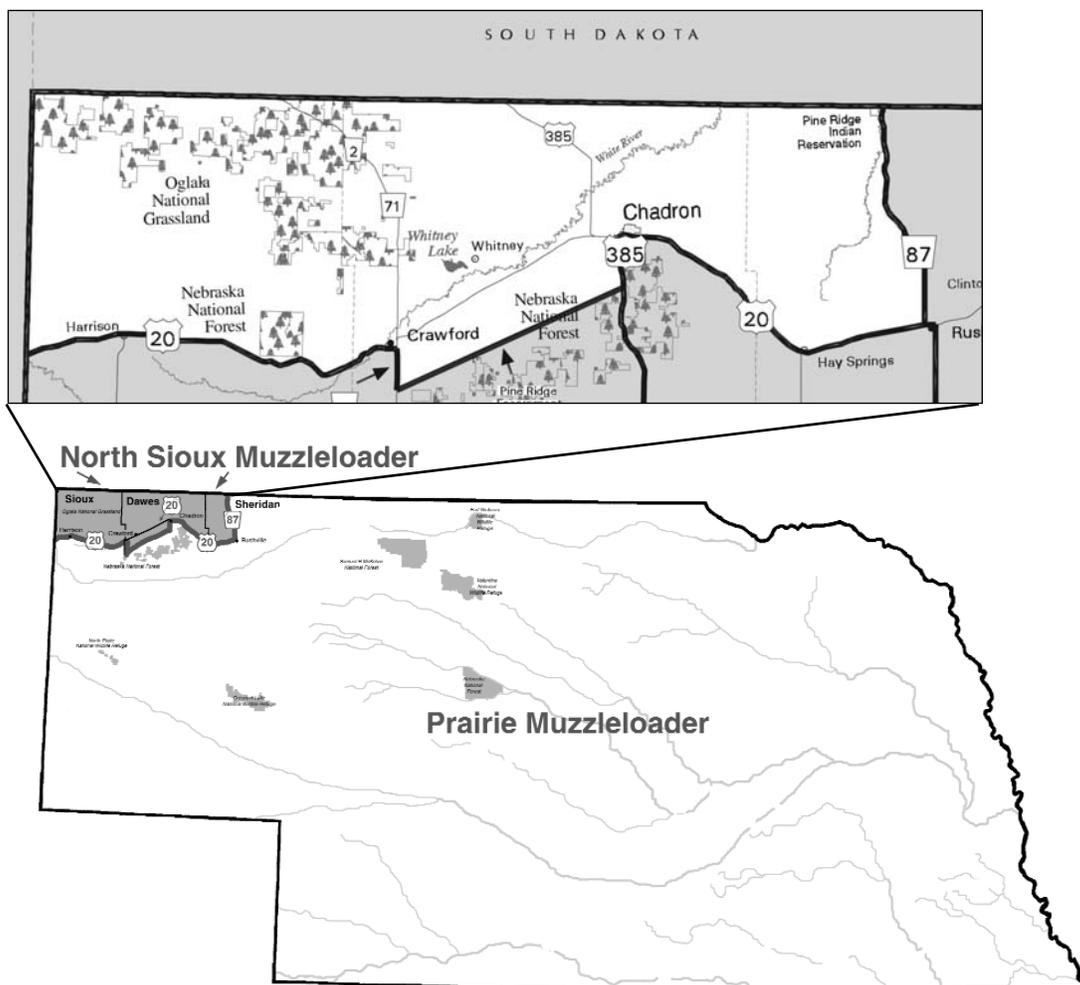
When Conditions are Dry:

- Ensure discarded smoking materials are extinguished.
- Drive only on established roads and trails.
- Park in areas free of vegetation.
- Don't drive through fields or pastures to retrieve a downed antelope. Drag it to a road to pick it up.
- Carry water, wet blankets and a shovel in case a fire does start.



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Muzzleloader Antelope Units



MANAGEMENT UNIT DESCRIPTION: Any person with a permit for the North Sioux Muzzleloader Unit may hunt only in the following described area: Those parts of Dawes, Sioux and Sheridan counties north of U.S. Hwy. 20 and west of NE Hwy. 87, and that part of Dawes County south of U.S. Hwy. 20, east of NE Hwy. 2, west of U.S. Hwy. 385, and north of the Pine Ridge escarpment. Persons with Prairie Muzzleloader permits may hunt in all areas of the state **except** the North Sioux Unit and the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest in Thomas and Blaine counties.



Wildlife Crimestoppers

Help protect your wildlife resources. If you see a game violation, report it to Wildlife Crimestoppers toll-free hotline at **1-800-742-7627**. Your call will be kept completely confidential and you may be eligible for a cash reward. This service is sponsored by the Nebraska Wildlife Protectors Association in cooperation with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.



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