

GENERAL INFORMATION

Most elk in Kansas are found on the Fort Riley Military Reservation. A free-ranging herd of wild elk on the 100,000-acre reservation provides limited hunting opportunities, allocated by a lottery drawing. Permits issued through the drawing are divided between military personal stationed on the fort and Kansas general residents, and those permits are valid statewide, except for Morton County. Both either-sex elk and antlerless-only permits are allocated. The state is divided into three elk hunting units. Unit 1 is an area of Morton County where no elk hunting is currently allowed. Unit 2 is an area around Fort Riley, including parts of Clay, Dickenson, Riley and Geary counties. Unit 2A is the Fort Riley reservation. Unit 3 is the remaining part of the state.

Applications for the limited permits are due the second Friday in July (July 13, 2018), and must be made online. Applicants without internet access may call (620) 672-0728. Once a hunter receives an either-sex elk permit in the drawing, he or she is not eligible to apply again. A hunter who receives an antlerless-only elk permit in the drawing is not eligible to apply for another permit for a five-year period. Unsuccessful applicants will receive bonus points to increase their odds of drawing limited permits in subsequent drawings.

Wild elk do exist on private lands in other areas of the state, although they are rare and difficult to locate. Since 2010, unlimited resident and landowner/tenant elk permits have been available over the counter to allow the harvest of elk causing crop damage or other conflicts and to allow landowners the opportunity to maintain elk at desired numbers on their property.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Elk permits are available to Kansas residents, landowners, and tenants only. All individuals, regardless of land ownership or age, must have in possession a valid Kansas permit and carcass tag to hunt elk. In addition to the permit, a valid Kansas hunting license is required, unless exempt by Kansas law; a hunting license is not required while hunting on Kansas land you own or operate for agricultural purposes. A Kansas hunting license may be purchased online or at license vendors.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must have hunter education. Anyone under 27 years old must carry a Kansas or other state approved hunter education card while hunting. In Kansas, you must be 11 years old to be certified and may not hunt without adult supervision until 12.

Exemptions include youth 15 and younger who may hunt without hunter education if directly supervised by an adult 18 or older. Anyone 16 or older may purchase a two-time deferral of hunter education, called an apprentice hunting license, for the same price as a regular hunting license. This license is valid only through the calendar year in which it is purchased, and the holder must be under the direct supervision of a licensed adult 18 or older. Hunter education is not required while hunting one's own land.

Duplicate certificates may be purchased for \$12.50 at department offices or online.

TAGGING AND POST-HARVEST INFORMATION



Sign permit (not the carcass tag) prior to hunting. Permit is not valid until signed.

After harvesting animal, sign, date, and affix carcass tag to animal in a visible manner. Carcass tag must be attached before moving carcass from harvest site unless carcass is electronically registered.

Permits purchased through the Internet include a carcass tag that is printed with the permit. To protect non-waterproof tags, place carcass tag in a clear plastic bag and attach it to the leg of the animal in a visible manner.

Carcass tag must remain attached to the carcass until processed for consumption unless carcass is electronically registered. The permittee must retain the carcass tag until the carcass is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of.

For animals taken with antlerless-only permits, the head of the animal shall remain naturally attached to the carcass while in transit from the site of the kill to the permittee's residence or to a commercial place of processing or preservation.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION OF ELK

A voluntary option for transporting harvested elk taken under an antlerless-only permit allows hunters to register their harvested elk through the Internet, using photos taken at the harvest site. This is not a telephone check system, and it is not required unless you want to bone out the meat in the field and transport your elk without evidence of antlerless status attached.

Once a transportation confirmation number is obtained or the hunter retains photographs necessary for electronic registration later, the hunter may then transport the carcass without the head attached. For complete directions on this process, go online to ksoutdoors.com/programs.

Any legally acquired meat may be given to and possessed by another, if a dated, written notice that includes the donor's printed name, signature, address, and permit number or license transaction number accompanies the meat. The person receiving the meat must retain the notice until the meat is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of.

**REPORT ALL WILDLIFE AND PARKS VIOLATIONS!
CALL OPERATION GAME THIEF
1-877-426-3843**

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327. 08/16

SEASONS

UNITS 2 AND 3 (Off Fort Riley)

Muzzleloader: Sept.1-30, 2017
Archery: Sept.11 - Dec. 31, 2017
Firearm: Nov. 29 - Dec.10, 2017
Jan. 1 - March 15, 2018

UNIT 2A (On Fort Riley)

Muzzleloader: Sept.1-30, 2017
Archery: Sept.1-30, 2017
Firearm Any-Elk: Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017
Antlerless Only First Segment: Oct.1-31, 2017
Antlerless Only Second Segment: Nov.1-30, 2017
Antlerless Only Third Segment: Dec.1-31, 2017

SHOOTING HOURS

1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application for limited permits are due the second Friday in July and must be made online. Applicants who do not have internet access can make application by calling (620) 672-0728. Applicants can view draw results online two to four weeks after the close of the application period. Results are posted on our website at the same location application was made. Successful applicants should receive permits four to six weeks after application deadline.

ONLINE APPLICATION PERIOD

UNIT 2A PERMITS:

June 12 - July 14, 2017

ONLINE OR OVER THE COUNTER ON SALE

UNIT 2 & 3 ONLY PERMITS:

Aug. 1, 2017 - March 15, 2018

FEES

ELK EITHER SEX (Any Elk)

General Resident	\$302.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant	\$152.50
Resident Youth	\$127.50
Nonresident Tenant	\$152.50

ELK ANTERLESS-ONLY

General Resident	\$152.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant.....	\$77.50
Resident Youth.....	\$52.50
Nonresident Tenant.....	\$77.50

2017 Kansas Elk Regulation Summary



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PERMIT CLASSES

RESIDENT

A resident is defined as any person who has continuously lived in Kansas for 60 days immediately preceding the person's application for a hunting license or permit. Members of the armed services on active duty who were Kansas residents at the time of entering the service, and immediate family members living with them, are considered residents regardless of duty station. Members of the armed services on active duty and officially stationed in Kansas may purchase resident licenses and permits, except for lifetime licenses. Any holder of a Kansas lifetime hunting license who has moved from the state may apply for permits as a resident. Any person who is a registered full-time student in residence at a public or private secondary, post secondary, or vocational school located in Kansas may purchase resident licenses and permits, except lifetime licenses. While hunting, the student must carry evidence of being a full-time student residing in Kansas.

LANDOWNER/TENANT

A landowner is any resident who owns 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land. When applying for a landowner/tenant permit, land owned must be in the unit applying for.

A tenant is any resident or nonresident who is actively engaged in the agricultural operation of 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities or livestock and (A) has a substantial financial investment in the production of agricultural commodities or livestock on such farm or ranch land and the potential to realize substantial financial benefit from such production or, (B) is a bona fide manager having an overall responsibility to direct, supervise and conduct such agricultural operation and have the potential to realize substantial benefit from such production in the form of salary, shares of such production or some other economic incentive based upon such production. Evidence of tenancy, if requested, shall be provided to the department and may include, but is not limited to, Natural Resource Conservation Service records, Farm Service Agency records, or written agricultural contract or lease documentation. Land must be located in the unit you are applying for to qualify.

Members of the immediate family who are domiciled with a resident landowner or tenant may apply for a resident big game permit as a landowner or as a tenant, but at least 80 acres must be owned by such landowner or operated by such tenant for each individual applying as a landowner or as a tenant.

NONRESIDENT LANDOWNER

Any nonresident who owns 80 acres or more of Kansas farm or ranch land.

NONRESIDENT

Anyone who doesn't qualify in the definitions above.

YOUTH

All resident youth 15 and younger qualify for elk permits at a reduced price. Resident youth 15 and younger do not need a hunting license.

PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS

ELK EITHER SEX (Any Elk)

Bag limit: One (1) bull, spike, cow, or calf elk

Unlimited resident and landowner/tenant Either-sex Elk permits authorized for Unit 3 are available online and over-the-counter Aug. 1, 2017 through March 15, 2018. Unlimited hunt-own-land Either-sex permits authorized for Units 2 and 3 are available online and over-the-counter through March 15, 2018. A limited number of Either-sex permits authorized for Units 2A (Ft. Riley), 2 and 3 are available through lottery draw by online application; application period, June 12-July 14, 2017. Either-sex permits are valid during any elk season with equipment legal for that season.

ELK ANTLERLESS ONLY

Bag limit: One (1) Elk without a visible antler protruding from skull

Unlimited resident and landowner/tenant Antlerless-only Elk permits authorized for Unit 3 are available online and over the counter through March 15, 2018. An unlimited number of Hunt-own-land Antlerless-only Elk permits authorized for Units 2 and 3 are available online and over-the-counter through March 15, 2018. They are valid during any season with equipment authorized for that season. A limited number of Antlerless-only Elk permits, valid in Units 2A (Ft. Riley), 2 and 3, are available through lottery draw by online application; application period, June 12-July 14, 2017. Unit 2a Antlerless-only Elk permits are valid for the season segment printed on the permit; one-third of the permits are valid in the first segment (Oct. 1-31); one-third are valid in the second segment (Nov. 1-30); and one third are valid in the third segment (Dec. 1-31). All limited-quota Antlerless-only Elk permits authorized for Unit 2A are valid during the Sept. 1-30, 2017, archery and muzzleloader seasons.

OTHER PERMITS

FORT RILEY ACCESS PERMIT

All hunters, regardless of age, must be NRA-certified or have verification of completing an approved hunter education course prior to purchasing a Fort Riley access permit for the purpose of hunting on Fort Riley. Fort Riley access permits may be purchased online at www.fortriley.isportsman.net for \$27.50. For more information about access permits, contact Fort Riley by phone at (785) 239-6211, or www.riley.army.mil. Fort Riley military reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time, without prior notice, due to military activities. The military mission has precedence over any announced hunting seasons.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PERMITS

A Kansas hunting license is required (unless exempt by Kansas law) to herd or drive big game for a permit holder. Permanently disabled persons may use bows with locking draws while hunting big game during the archery season, as permitted under KAR 115-18-7, by application and special permit. Any person with a permanent physical or visual disability that prevents the person's ability to hunt safely, as certified by a physician, may be eligible to obtain a permit to designate someone else to take a legal limit of game for the permit holder. For more information or application, contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

DUPLICATE PERMITS

In the event of loss or theft, a duplicate big game permit may be obtained from any department office, license agent, or online for the fee of \$12.50. If you harvest any big game that is not edible, a duplicate permit will not be issued.

LEGAL EQUIPMENT

ARCHERY

Longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows. Disabled hunters who, in addition to an elk permit, possess a disability assistance permit as authorized under KAR 115-18-7, may hunt with bows that have a draw-lock device attached. No bow, crossbow or arrow may have any electronic device attached that controls the flight of the arrow. Devices that may be attached to a bow or arrow shall include lighted pin, dot or holographic sights; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; and radio-frequency location devices. Arrows used for hunting big game and turkeys must be equipped with broadhead points that cannot pass through a ring 3/4-inch in diameter when fully expanded. Non-broadhead arrows may be in possession while hunting but may not be used to take or attempt to take big game animals. Devices capable of dispensing lethal, debilitating or immobilizing chemicals may not be used to take big game animals. Handguns may be possessed during big game archery seasons but may not be used to take big game.

FIREARMS

Centerfire rifles and handguns that are not fully automatic, while using only hard-cast solid lead, soft point, hollow point, or other expanding bullets; shotguns using only slugs.

MUZZLELOADERS

Muzzleloading rifles or muskets that can be loaded only through the front of the firing chamber with separate components and that fire a bullet of .40 inches diameter or larger. Only hard-cast solid lead, conical lead, or sabot bullets may be used with muzzleloading rifles, pistols and muskets. Handguns may be possessed during big game muzzleloader only seasons but may not be used to take big game unless they are muzzleloading handguns.

Range-finding devices and optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible or infrared light may be used with any equipment.

