

**NAVAJO NATION
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
2019 - 2020
Non-Navajo
Fall Big Game Hunt Proclamation**

Applications are being accepted for the 2019-2020 Fall Non-Navajo Big Game hunts. Deadline to apply is June 7, 2019. Payment may be made by credit card, Cashier's Check or Money Order. Payment must be made out to the Navajo Nation. If paying by Cashier's Check or Money Order, the applicant must pay the full amount of the hunt cost. Payment by Credit Card may be done by completing a Credit Card Authorization Form. At the time of application, Credit Cards will only be charged the \$15.00 application fee. Upon being drawn, the remaining cost for the hunt will be charged to the Credit Card on file. If that Credit Card declines, that will result in the applicant being rejected from the hunt. Four (4) individuals may apply on each hunting application. All of the applicants must be eligible to hunt on the Navajo Nation. The Department will accept payments for ineligible applicants that failed to return a survey card the prior year, at the time they apply. A hunter can call the Department of Fish and Wildlife at any time to find out if they are ineligible. If a person is ineligible due to failure to return a survey card, they can become eligible by paying a \$100.00 penalty fee prior to or when applying for a hunt. Incomplete application packages will not be accepted. Permits will be available until sold out or until the left-over permit sale day on July 06, 2019.

ARCHERY DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2018 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
DA-1	Archery Deer	Sept. 7-15, 2019	1	1 Antlered Deer	\$400	1	NA
DA-2	Archery Deer	Sept. 7-15, 2019	2	2 Antlered Deer	\$400	2	50
DA-3	Archery Deer	Sept. 7-15, 2019	3	2 Antlered Deer	\$400	2	100
DA-4	Archery Deer	Sept. 7-15, 2019	4	2 Antlered Deer	\$400	2	50
DA-5	Archery Deer	Sept. 7-15, 2019	5	2 Antlered Deer	\$400	2	50

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

RIFLE DEER HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2018 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
DY-2*	Youth Deer	Nov. 22-24, 2019	2, 3, 4	3 Antlered Deer	\$300	3	33

DG-2	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	2	5 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	5	100
DG-3	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	3	5 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	5	33
DG-4	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	4	5 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	5	66
DG-5	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	5	5 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	5	0
DG-6	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	6	1 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	1	0
DG-8	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	8	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	50
DG-9	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	9	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	100
DG-10	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	10	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	100
DG-11	Rifle Deer	December 14-18, 2019	11	3 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	3	0
DG-13	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	13	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	0
DG-14	Rifle Deer	October 19 – 27, 2019	14	2 Antlered Deer	\$1,400	2	50

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation hunting and Trapping Regulations.

*Youth Only Hunt must be 12-16 years old during the hunt

ARCHERY ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2018 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
EA-1	Archery Elk	Sept. 14 – 29, 2019	1-5, 12	20 Any Elk	\$600	20	19
EA-2	Archery Elk	Sept. 14 – 29, 2019	13, 14	20 Any Elk	\$600	20	0
EA-3	Archery Elk	Sept. 14 – 29, 2019	7	5 Any Elk	\$600	5	0

Weapons: Any legal bow as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

MUZZLELOADER ELK HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2018 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
EM-1	Muzzleloader Elk	Oct. 2 - 6, 2019	1-8	6 Any Elk	\$1,300	6	0
EM-2	Muzzleloader Elk	Oct. 2 - 6, 2019	11-14	3 Any Elk	\$1,300	3	100

Weapons: Any legal bow or muzzleloader as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

GENERAL ELK RIFLE HUNTS

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2018 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
EY-1*	Youth Elk	October 9 – 13, 2019	1-8	4 Any Elk	\$300	4	0
EY-2*	Youth Elk	October 9 – 13, 2019	11-14	3 Any Elk	\$300	3	0
EG-1	General Elk	Nov. 2 - 6, 2019	1-8, 11-14	12 Any Elk	\$1,400	12	0
EG-2	General Elk	November 9 – 17, 2019	1-10	25 Antlerless	\$300	25	0
EG-3	General Elk	November 9 – 17, 2019	11-15	25 Antlerless	\$300	25	0
EG-4	General Elk	January 4 – 12, 2020	1-8	5 Any Elk	\$1,400	5	0
EG-5	General Elk	January 4 – 12, 2020	11-14	5 Any Elk	\$1,400	5	0
EG-6	General Elk	February 1 – 28, 2020	1-14	25 Antlerless	\$300	25	Pending

Weapons: Any legal weapon as defined in the Navajo Nation hunting and Trapping Regulations.

*Youth Only Hunt must be 12-16 years old during the hunt

FALL TURKEY HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2018 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
TF	Fall Turkey	November 16 – 24, 2019	1-5, 15	6 Any Turkey	\$100	6	75

Weapons: Any legal bow or shotgun as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Proclamation.

BLACK BEAR HUNT

HUNT CODE	HUNT TYPE	HUNT DATES	OPEN UNITS	# OF PERMITS	COST	2016 PERMITS AVAILABLE	% HUNT SUCCESS
B-1	Black Bear	Aug. 11 – Oct. 14, 2018	1-5	4 Any Bear	\$1,000	4	100
B-2	Black Bear	Aug. 11 – Oct. 14, 2018	12	2 Any Bear	\$1,000	2	0

Weapons: Any legal weapon for big game as defined in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations. All hunters making a kill are required to submit teeth, a photo and check sheet along with the survey card by the survey card deadline. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible the following big game season. Baiting is not allowed. Dogs may be used as long as the permit holder is present. Sows with cubs may not be taken.

Important Changes

- The Navajo Nation Fall Hunting Proclamation is a supplement to the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation Booklet. Any changes outlined in this proclamation supersede the Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- ATV's are not allowed during big game hunts, except by special permit, or to retrieve downed game. Possession of a firearm, bow or muzzleloader during retrieval is prohibited.
- Small game hunting, including furbearers, is permitted year round with proper small game permit.
- It is illegal to bait big game for the purpose of hunting or scouting. Baiting is defined as placing a natural or artificial food source or supplement utilized to attract a big game animal.
- Immediate family is defined as spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother. Aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, are not considered immediate family. It is illegal to accompany a non-Navajo in the field while hunting or scouting if that person is not an immediate family member.
- It is a violation for any non-Navajo to guide or use their hounds to hunt game for any hunter unless they are immediate family.
- Non Navajo hunters using illegal guides or hounds—men who make a kill and subsequently remove the carcass from the Navajo Nation are in violation of both Navajo Nation and federal wildlife laws and will have their hunting privileges revoked. Non-Navajos accompanying big game hunters will be issued a citation for illegal guiding under this provision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **A person may only submit one big game permit application for each of the general deer and general elk hunts.**
- **All deer and elk hunters are required to submit the 2 lower middle incisors (Teeth) along with a photograph of the animal they harvest with the survey card. Photos are not required for cow elk or doe harvests. Failure to do so will result in the hunter being ineligible to hunt big game the following season.**

- **Make Money Orders and Cashier's Checks Payable to THE NAVAJO NATION.**
- A big game hunter may take COYOTES and WILD DOGS during any big game hunt they are permitted for, in the unit(s) they are permitted for until their big game permit is filled. Only weapons legal for that hunt may be used. A small game permit is not required.
- Any person 12 years of age or older, Navajo or non-Navajo may hunt big game on the Navajo Nation when properly permitted. A person under the age of 12 may apply for big game hunts only if he/she turns 12 years of age before the beginning of the hunt(s) they are applying for and has successfully completed a Hunters Education Class.
- No one born after January 1, 1970, may take any game without having satisfactorily completed a certified Hunter Education Course. For those people born after January 1, 1970, proof of Hunter Education Certification (card) must be in possession when taking game animals.
- **All permit sales are final, no refunds and PERMITS CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.**
- All big game permit holders must complete and return the big game hunt survey card provided with their permit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, even if they did not hunt or make a kill. **HUNT SURVEY CARDS ARE DUE WITHIN 30 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE HUNT THE PERMIT WAS ISSUED FOR.** Failure to return the required survey card by the due date will cause the hunter to be ineligible. A hunter that is ineligible due to failure to return the survey card can pay a \$100 penalty fee to be removed from the ineligible list.
- Camping is permitted while in possession of a valid hunting permit.
- It is unlawful to possess a firearm with live ammunition in the firing chamber in or on any motor vehicle.
- It is illegal for non-Navajos to accompany non-Navajo big game hunters in the field, including during scouting. Exceptions are only made for immediate family members. If encountered with a professional, non-Navajo guide, the permit will be confiscated and revoked. Immediate family members are guests on the Navajo Nation and can be asked to leave if warranted.
- HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT: Any person (including hunt guides or others accompanying the hunter) in the act of taking big game is required to wear a minimum of 300 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange during any hunt allowing the use of any center-fire firearm.
- All Fish and Wildlife are property of the Navajo Nation. All game and fish are protected and may not be taken, possessed or transported unless specifically permitted. Hunting on the Navajo Nation is a privilege. The Navajo Nation reserves the right to refuse hunting privileges to anybody. All regulations in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations apply and it is the hunter's responsibility to familiarize themselves with them.
- A person may not use any aircraft to locate or take any wildlife.
- ATV's and UTV's are not allowed during the big game hunts, except by special permit. See Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- It is unlawful for anyone to intentionally interfere with a lawful hunt, including illegally denying access to trust lands.

**** WIN A GENERAL DEER or GENERAL ELK PERMIT ****

Two (2) separate random drawings will take place for eligible hunters.

1st DRAWING: Four (4) 2020-2021 general hunt permits will be given away as prizes for any eligible hunter who had their animals checked out during the 2019

-2020 big game hunt season. Deer check stations will be operated both weekends of the General Deer Hunt and during the doe hunts. All other hunters can have their animal checked out at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ, or in the field if a Department of Fish and Wildlife employee is available.

2nd DRAWING: One (1) 2020-2021 general hunt permit will be awarded to any eligible hunter who submits the head of their deer or elk for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. Tissue samples can be collected at deer check stations or you can bring the head to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office in Window Rock, AZ.

These permits do not count against the one permit per species per person. However, an individual is still limited to one permit per hunt code.

A hunter having their deer/elk checked out **and** submitting tissue samples for CWD testing will be in **both** drawings. A hunter may receive only one prize permit/season. Department of Fish and Wildlife employees are not allowed to be in the drawings. For more information, call (928) 871-6450/6451/6452.