

Big Game Hunting Planner



2023–2024 DEER, ELK, PRONGHORN, BEAR & MOOSE SEASON DATES—finalized in January each year

(Sheep and goat season dates are listed in their brochure.)

Season Dates Overview	2023	2024
Archery		
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1–27 and Nov. 8–30 and Dec. 15–31	Oct. 1–25 and Nov. 6–30 and Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 9–30	Sept. 7–30
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15–31	Aug. 15–31
Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1–20	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)		
Deer/elk /moose	Sept. 9–17	Sept. 14–22
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 14–22	Oct. 12–20
Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose		
Moose	Oct. 1–14	Oct. 1–14
Limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 14–18	Oct. 12–16
Deer/elk (2nd season)	Oct. 28–Nov. 5	Oct. 26–Nov. 3
	NEW ^Oct. 28–Nov. 1	
Deer/elk (3rd season)	Nov. 11–17	Nov. 9–15
	NEW ^Nov. 11–15	
Limited deer/elk (4th season)	Nov. 22–26	Nov. 20–24
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 28–Nov. 7	Oct. 26–Nov. 5
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)		
	Oct. 7–15	Oct. 5–13
Black Bear		
September Rifle limited (by draw)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
*Archery (over-the-counter and/or limited)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
*Muzzleloader (over-the-counter and/or limited)	Sept. 9–17	Sept. 14–22
**Rifle (over-the-counter and/or limited)	(see 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Deer/Elk rifle season dates above)	

^The duration of the second and third rifle seasons for over-the-counter bull elk licenses have been reduced to five days if used in GMUs 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 131, 211, 214, 231, 301, and 441. If such licenses are used outside the severe winter GMUs, the full season dates apply. More info: cpw.info/big-game-brochure

*Archery and Muzzleloader Add-On Bear licenses are available in unlimited numbers this year. Hunters can 'add-on' an over-the-counter bear license for archery or muzzleloader seasons if they hold a deer or elk license for the same method of take and at least one unit overlaps. Look for the paw print in the regulation brochure.
**Hunters do not need to hold a deer/elk license to purchase an over-the-counter rifle bear license.

Hunting and Fishing Regulation Brochures:

(updated and released annually):

Available online at cpw.state.co.us, at sales agents statewide and at CPW parks and offices.

*Big Game (Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Moose & Bear)—Mid February
*Sheep (Rocky Mountain & Desert Bighorn) & Goat—Mid February
Fishing—Late February
Mountain Lion (online only)—Late March
State Recreation Lands—Early August

Small Game and Waterfowl—Early August
Regular Walk-In Atlas—Late August
Late Cropland Walk-In Atlas—Late October
*Turkey—Mid-December

*Regulation brochures are mailed to those who applied for those species the previous year. Nonresidents can request a mailed brochure online: cpw.info/regulations-brochures

NOTE: For more detailed information, see the regulation brochures online (including corrections since printing) at cpw.info/regulations-brochures or pick up a printed brochure at sales agents.

2023 APPLICATION & DRAWS

Online and By Phone

PRIMARY DRAW

Big Game Limited-License Draw Application Deadline

April 4, 2023 8:00 p.m. MT
(Applications Open March 1)

Payment Deadlines

- May 2: Sheep & Goat
- June 16: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Moose & Bear

SECONDARY DRAW

Deer, Elk, Pronghorn & Bear Limited-License Draw Application Deadline

June 30, 2023 8:00 p.m. MT
(Applications Open June 21)

Payment Deadlines

- July 21: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear

2023 OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) LICENSES

Online, By Phone, In Person

Leftover Limited, Unlimited & Add-On Licenses On Sale

August 1, 2023 9:00 a.m. MT

Increase Your Opportunity to Hunt Colorado

- Apply for all four choices on your primary draw application.
- Apply for the secondary draw (deer, elk, pronghorn & bear).
- Purchase an over-the-counter (OTC) license and hunt this fall.

**Call a CPW Hunt Planner for personalized planning assistance,
8 a.m.–5 p.m. (MT) Monday–Friday
(303) 291-PLAN (7526) or (303) 297-1192**

2023 Colorado Hunting and Fishing License Fees

Application Fee, Habitat Stamps (non-refundable)	Resident	Nonresident
Application Processing Fee (per species & draw)	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00
Habitat Stamp (valid 3/1–3/31 of following year) (One per year required for persons ages 18–64 buying or applying for a license)	\$ 11.50	\$ 11.50
Lifetime Habitat Stamp	\$ 345.36	\$ 345.36
License Fees*		
Elk, Cow	\$ 62.72	\$ 760.99
Elk, Bull or Either Sex	\$ 62.72	\$ 760.99
Deer	\$ 45.46	\$ 456.14
Pronghorn, Buck or Dow	\$ 45.46	\$ 456.14
Youth Elk, Deer & Pronghorn (12-17 yrs)	\$ 17.57	\$ 116.50
Bear	\$ 43.78	\$ 112.34
Youth Bear (12-17 yrs)	\$ 16.98	\$ 56.80
Moose	\$ 346.86	\$ 2,544.04
Rocky Mtn Bighorn Sheep, Desert Bighorn, Mtn Goat	\$ 346.86	\$ 2,544.04
Rocky Mtn Bighorn, Mtn Goat, Moose Pref Pt	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Mountain Lion	\$ 56.97	\$ 388.83
Turkey (Spring)	\$ 33.96	\$ 174.30
Turkey (Fall)	\$ 28.21	\$ 174.30
Youth Turkey (under 18 yrs)	\$ 17.86	\$ 116.79
Annual Small Game	\$ 33.96	\$ 93.78
Small Game (1-day)	\$ 15.55	\$ 19.01
Youth Annual Small Game (under 18 yrs)	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.40
Annual Small Game & Fishing Combo	\$ 56.97	N/A
Senior Annual Small Game & Fishing Combo (65+ yrs)	\$ 33.54	N/A
Annual Fishing (18-64 yrs)	\$ 39.71	\$ 111.03
Youth Annual Fishing (16-17 yrs)	\$ 10.95	N/A
Senior Annual Fishing (65+ yrs)	\$ 10.95	N/A
Fishing (5-day)	N/A	\$ 36.26
Fishing (1-day)	\$ 15.55	\$ 19.01

*Refund policy may apply. *All nonresident big game licenses are a big game and annual fishing combination license.

**License fees include a 25-cent search and rescue fee and a \$1.50 Wildlife Council surcharge, if applicable.

*Annual licenses and habitat stamps are valid Mar. 1–Mar. 31 of the following year (13 months) and nonrefundable.

Big-Game Limited License Draw Application Reminders

► 2023 Qualifying Hunting Licenses—available starting March 1

All applicants, including youth, must first purchase* or hold** one of the licenses below before applying for the big game draw(s):

1. *2023 Annual small-game license (resident and nonresident)
 2. *2023 Annual small-game and fishing combination license (resident only)
 3. *2023 Senior annual small-game license (age 65+) (resident only)
 4. *2023 Spring turkey or fall turkey license, when available (resident and nonresident)
- Below licenses are for residents only and require advance legal paperwork submissions:
5. *Annual small-game license for senior lifetime fishing license holders (65+, total and permanent disability or low income)
 6. **Veteran lifetime combination license (60% disabled or Purple Heart)
 7. **First responder lifetime combination license (permanent occupational disability)

► **Successful Draw License Fee** will automatically be charged to the credit card you have on file in your online account. The payment deadline is final. Plan ahead.

Reserve Your State Park Campsite, Cabin or Yurt Today

Online: cpw.state.co.us

Toll Free: (800) 244-5613

Can reserve 6 months in advance.



PURCHASE

Licenses, Passes and Stamps:

- Online: cpw.info/buy-apply
- By phone: (800) 244-5613
- In person: at Sales Agents, CPW Offices and State Parks



For Hunter Education Classes (if born on or after 1/1/49) or Replacement Cards . . . cpw.state.co.us

License, State Park Pass, Camping Reservation & Online Account Set-up customer service available 24 hours/7 days a week. (800) 244-5613

CPW customer service available 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday (303) 297-1192

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