



OUTWEST ADVENTURES LLC
RAND, CO ELK HUNT

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Thank you for considering Outwest Adventures LLC for your hunting needs. You have asked for information on our Elk hunt in North Central Colorado. We offer Archery, Muzzleloader, and Rife hunts all of which provide both a challenging and rewarding hunt!

Location

If you choose to book your Elk hunt with us, you will be hunting in Rifle units 17/171 (archery is a state wide over the counter tag, so no unit is assigned) located in historic Jackson County, CO. This region is comprised of over a million acres and holds one of the strongest elk migration routs in the state of Colorado. In fall and early winter the herd, which is estimated at over 10,000 strong, migrate down from the surrounding local mountain ranges and as far away as the Rocky Mountain National Park and move directly through our ranches towards The Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge located less than 20 miles to the north of our ranches where they will winter until spring. Specifically, you will be hunting just outside of the town of Rand, CO. Rand is located about 3 hours Northwest of Denver at the base of Parkview Mountain at the south end of the North Park Region of Colorado. The North Park Region is surrounded by mountain crests of the Park Range, Medicine Bow Range, and Never Summer Range. This area offers open sagebrush country, willow flat marshes surrounded by aspen, fir, and pine forests all reaching up to elevations beyond the tree line. With breath-taking views of Parkview Mountain to the south, the Never Summer Mountain Range and the Continental Divide to the southeast, and the rugged Buffalo Peaks to the west, you will truly find your place in the world!

“The Hunt”

You will have the opportunity to hunt two private ranches (20,000 acres) along with countless acres of BLM and public lands that stretch up to an altitude of well over 11,000 feet. With only 36% of Jackson County being private property, pressured elk seek out those private lands for safety, which is where the majority of our hunting takes place. Our ranches are on the fringes of the timber and offers significant agriculture opportunities making this prime elk habitat and very productive for our hunters. The elk herd stands at almost 20 bulls for 100 cow elk and the Colorado Department of Wildlife’s studies show this ratio is increasing, which means your opportunity for a bull is significantly higher than public lands throughout other parts of Colorado. In 2009, studies showed that the harvest success rate for all elk across the state was around 18%, in the last two years our success rate was over 80%. You are allowed to purchase an over the counter bull elk tag and a leftover cow elk tag (always readily available) which means you can harvest two elk, a rare opportunity anywhere in the West. You can expect to see hundreds of elk during your 5 day/6 night hunt, including bulls scoring up to the low to mid 300 inch Boone & Crocket Class. Some of the best bulls we have harvested have scored in the 330 inch BC Class which is rare in this region, but as with any hunting adventure, if you are willing to let the younger bulls walk, you have a chance to shoot the bull of a lifetime. The elk rut starts in August and coincides with the Archery, Muzzleloader, and first rifle season. You can expect to hear plenty of bugling and will have the opportunity to call a bull into close range and witness one of nature’s most unbelievable experiences. The rut winds down in the middle of October, but you will still hear bulls bugle and see fighting well into the 4th season. In the later seasons we hunt the herd during feeding in the morning and the evening, and do not think for a second you will not catch them in the wide open sage flats, perfect for those long shooters! The typical day is hunting from early dawn all day through dusk, but most elk activity on our ranches takes place early into mid-morning and early afternoon to dusk. You always have the opportunity to catch them mid-day around the timber or out in the sage flats and hay fields, so as the saying goes, you can’t hunt them from the ranch house, plan to hunt/scout all day to optimize your opportunities. Most of our hunting is still hunting and spot and stalk depending on the hunter’s preference. The terrain is not difficult and most of our hunting takes place on the valley floor at the edge of the timber. If you are feeling spry, we can show you BLM and public lands which are as rugged as you desire. We can not guide you on these lands, but we will show you the boundaries and give direction on where to find your bull or cow. Our guides have lived in the Rand area their entire lives and are very passionate hunters themselves, so they know where to find the elk! This is truly the destination for both experienced elk hunters looking to harvest multiple elk for the freezer, and the beginner looking to experience a life long dream of hunting the West and getting the full western hunting experience. Along with plenty of elk, you can also expect to see Trophy Antelope, Shiras Moose, Mule deer, and the occasional whitetail deer.

Pricing

Archery	\$3,500
Cow Only	\$1,500
Muzzleloader (Draw Only)	\$3,500
Cow Only	\$1,500
First Season (Draw Only)	\$4,500
Cow Only	\$1,500
Second Season	\$4,500
Cow Only	\$1,500
Third Season	\$4,500
Cow Only	\$1,500
Fourth Season (Draw Only)	\$4,500
Cow Only	\$1,500

**License, airfare, game processing/transportation/taxidermy, and transportation to and from Denver are not included in the price of the hunt*

***NEW 2012 – If rifle hunters want to purchase a left over cow tag and shoot a second elk, there will be an additional charge of \$500**

All of our hunts are guided, our guides each take two hunters and will either sit with you if desired or set you up in a specific location where you can plan your attack. We can accommodate up to 6 hunters per 5 day hunt. If you have more than 6 hunters who desire to hunt in your party, please contact us to discuss.

Deposit: We require a 50% deposit due to Outwest Adventures LLC within 7 business days of confirming your hunt dates. The balance of your hunt fee is due 60 days prior to your arrival Rand. Please send all deposits and hunt balance checks to:

Outwest Adventures LLC
36819 Road 35
Wiley CO 81092

License

2012 Hunting and Fishing Regulation Brochures is available online at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/RulesRegs/RegulationsBrochures/>
 Please download and review all state hunting rules and regulations prior to your hunt dates. If you have questions, please contact us to discuss.

2012 Season Dates/Hunt Codes

Archery	Aug 25 – Sept 23	
Hunt Code	Either Sex E-E-006-01-M	Cow E-F-006-P5-R
Muzzleloader (Draw Only)	Sept 8 - 16	
Hunt Code	Either Sex E-E-000-01-A	Cow E-F-006-P5-R
Rifle First Season (Draw Only)	Oct 13 - 17	
Hunt Code	Either Sex E-E-006-01-R	Cow E-F-017-P1-R
Rifle Second Season	Oct 20 - 28	
Hunt Code	Bull E-M-000-02-R	Cow E-F-006-P2-R
Rifle Third Season	Nov 3 - 11	
Hunt Code	Bull E-M-000-03-R	Cow E-F-017-P3-R
Rifle Fourth Season (Draw Only)	Nov 14 - 18	
Hunt Code	Either Sex E-E-017-04-R	Cow E-F-017-P4-R

**** For help with license purchase and to ensure the correct Hunt Codes/Seasons, please contact us. Please contact us early to ensure you meet all state deadlines and you are ready to go when you arrive in Rand. Draw license – Muzzleloader will take 1-2 preference points to draw, Rifle 1st and 4th seasons do not require any preference points to draw. Please contact us when applying for all licenses, we will be happy to walk you through the online application process to ensure your applications are filed out correctly.**

Colorado Hunting License Cost

License/Permit	Resident	Non-Resident
Habit Stamp (Required)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bull Elk License	\$46.00	\$576.00
Cow Elk License (<i>If you want to purchase a 2nd tag and harvest a cow elk, they are offered as a Big Game Leftover License only</i>)	\$46.00	\$351.00
Draw Application Fees Muzzleloading, 1 st and 4 th Rifle Seasons	\$3.00	\$3.00

****2012 Big Game Limited Draw Application Deadline is April 3rd, 2012. This only applies to Muzzleloading and Rifle 1st season and 4th season. All other seasons are over the counter tags which go on sale July 10, 2012. Big Game Leftover Licenses will be available starting August 14, 2012. You can purchase your license/habitat stamp online (<http://wildlife.state.co.us>) **if purchasing on-line, you must purchase your over the counter license or leftover license by midnight the day before the season your applying for starts, after that they are only available at a DOW Office, by calling the Colorado Department of Wildlife (800-244-5613), or at the Bass Pro Shops located at 7970 Northfield Blvd, Denver, CO 80238 (720-385-3600). It is approx 10 miles west of the Denver International Airport on your way to Rand.**

Hunter Safety Cards

By Colorado statute, everyone born on or after January 1, 1949 who applies for a Colorado hunting license or preference point *must have successfully completed an approved hunter education course*. Note: If you have a valid hunter education card/certificate from another state, and it can be verified, it will be honored in Colorado. Certifications from other countries may also be accepted.

Accommodations

You will be staying in an authentic ranch house on a historic ranch site. There are several other 1800's cattle operation buildings on site and a pond on which you will see plenty of ducks and geese. The three bedroom house sleeps 6 comfortably. When the weather gets bad, which it will in the later seasons, we have a washer and dryer so you can be as comfortable as possible out in the elements. There is a comfortable living room with Direct TV, a full bathroom with shower, and a kitchen with all the cooking utilities needed to make sure you are well fed. It is recommended you bring personal grooming effects, towels, washcloths, and bedding, we do offer limited of all, with the exception of personal effects, but most hunters like to bring their own to be as comfortable as possible. If you have special needs or are flying into Denver, please let Jeff know what you will need so we can plan accordingly. If you would like to hire a cook for the week, let Jeff know and we can put you in contact with someone you can hire. There is a phone at the ranch house, but you must purchase calling cards prior to arriving in Rand in order to make outgoing calls, however anyone can call the ranch house to check-in (phone number to be provided after you have booked your hunt). Your cell phone will not work during the week so do not plan that as your form of communication with the outside world. We offer handheld radio's for all our hunters to stay in contact with your guides if you choose to hunt without a guide at your side.

Game Cleaning/Processing

After the kill, our guides will prepare your elk for processing. All animals will be processed in the field, taken back to the ranch house at which time they will be skinned and caped and made ready for transport to the game processor. We work with a game processor in Granby CO, around 45 miles south of the ranch house. They offer limited custom game processing options and will freeze your game to prepare it for transportation back home. If driving out, bring big coolers as you will have a lot of meat, especially if you harvest multiple animals. You can purchase dry ice in Winter Park, CO on your way back to Denver. If flying into Denver, the processor can ship your game back home, but it is very expensive as it has to be overnight delivery to get it into your freezer as quickly as possible.

Weather

From August to November, the weather in this region of Colorado can change in seconds and you may be enjoying a sunny 70 degree day that suddenly turns into a complete blizzard with temperatures down around freezing or below. Layers are the key, so pack accordingly! If you are struggling with what to bring, call Jeff and he will be happy to advise you on clothing, equipment, firearms, and ammo.

Recommended Gear List

Elk/Antelope/Moose/Deer			
Clothing	Gear	Camp	Other Activities
Warm Clothing	Pack	Sleeping Bag	Fishing Poles
Camp/Travel Clothing	Binoculars (10 x 42 minimum)	Pillows	Area Maps
Long Underware	Range Finder (500 yards min)	Towels/Washcloths	GPS
Rain Gear	Shooting Sticks (Tri Pod/ Bi Pod's work best)	Scent Eliminating Materials	Colorado Driving Atlas
Wind Proof/Goretex Outerware	Weapon and accessories	Personal Items	
Light Gloves	Flashlight with Batteries	Toiletries	
Warm Gloves	Hunting Knife	Camp Cloths	
Warm Hats	Camera	Tennis Shoes	
500 inches of Hunters Orange (Rifle Hunting)	Video Camera	Ball Cap	
Warm Socks	Scent Eliminating Spray	Alarm	
Base Layer Socks (Polypropylene)	Ammo	Calling Card (Rand only)	
Hunting Boots (Make sure they are broken in, NO TALL RUBBER BOOTS NEEDED)	Spare Broadheads	Work Gloves	
Hankies	Bow tool kit	Hiking Boots	

Thank you for considering Outwest Adventures LLC for your Western Elk Hunting needs. We will look forward to seeing you in the field very soon!