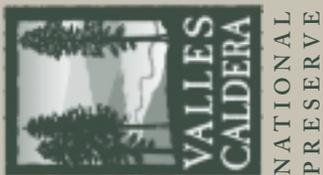


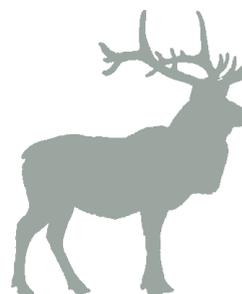
Elk Hunt 2004



New Mexico's Finest Elk Hunt



Overview



NEW RULES FOR THE VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE
The New Mexico Game Commission has made changes to the rules for elk hunting on the Valles Caldera National Preserve (Unit 6B). For 2004, all hunters must purchase an access coupon

from the Valles Caldera Trust in order to obtain an application to enter the state drawing for this unit. Hunters may purchase multiple entries into the state drawing by buying more than one access coupon from the Valles Caldera Trust at a cost of \$25 each. Each access coupon you purchase gives you another chance in the state drawing.

HOW TO BUY COUPONS

Access coupons can be purchased via the Valles Caldera Trust's web site or by phone. Funds generated by access coupon sales will contribute to improving elk habitat along with other management objectives of the Preserve.

MAKE MULTIPLE ENTRIES, APPLY FOR OTHER UNITS

No other hunt in New Mexico allows hunters to increase their odds by purchasing multiple coupons. In addition, under the new rules, applicants for Unit 6B may also apply under a separate application with the state to hunt other units.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you have purchased one or more access coupons from the Trust, the Trust will mail you a specially numbered application for the state elk drawing in Unit 6B. You then apply directly to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

2004 access coupon purchase form

Name (please print or type) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Each coupon you purchase will be applied to your state application. For example, if you purchase ten coupons, your application will be entered in the state drawing for unit 6B ten times.

I would like to purchase _____ coupons at \$25.00 each.

Total amount is \$ _____.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check Enclosed
 Visa MasterCard Discover Card

Card Number _____

Card Holder Name _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

CHANGES FROM THE 2003 ELK HUNT SEASON

Major changes include:

- Discontinuation of a national lottery conducted by the Valles Caldera Trust.
- Creation of the requirement for an access coupon from the Valles Caldera Trust for entry into the state drawing for Unit 6B.
- Application of the state of New Mexico's quota system for in-state and out-of-state hunters.
- Hunters can increase their odds by purchasing multiple coupons.
- Ability of elk hunters to apply to Unit 6B and additional hunts using separate applications.
- All Unit 6B hunts will be selected through this process including archery, rifle, muzzleloader, mobility-impaired and youth hunts.

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED?

The Valles Caldera National Preserve still offers one of the best managed elk herds in the state and outstanding opportunities for hunters to experience an unforgettable hunt. We are committed to providing a quality hunting experience to all hunters.

"The hunt was the greatest memory my family will have, probably forever! My son Jerrod and his cousin Eric have hunted elk twice before and never shot an elk. This year they both shot their first big game. What a memory. At the end of the trip, my son Jerrod told me that was the best trip we have ever had together."

Tim Hartenberger, Albuquerque, NM



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HOW TO ENTER THE STATE DRAWING TO HUNT ELK ON THE VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE (UNIT 6B)

1) You must purchase at least one access coupon from the Valles Caldera Trust to hunt mature bull or antlerless elk in 2004. Purchasing more than one coupon offers you multiple chances in the state drawing for Unit 6B. State drawing quotas will be applied; 78 percent of all licenses will be granted to New Mexico residents.

2) Purchase your coupon at www.vallescaldera.gov, then click on Elk Hunts. You may also call to purchase at 1-877-851-8946 (toll free) or by mailing this form to PLIA, 6501 Fourth St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107

3) Once you purchase your access coupons, the Valles Caldera Trust will mail you a specially designated state application form for Unit 6B. The form offers you up to three choices for hunt codes on the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

4) Access coupons are not transferable.

5) You submit your application to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish along with required fees. Deadline is April 24, 2004. See New Mexico rules and regulations for applicable fees.

6) The drawing for permits to hunt Unit 6B will be conducted by the state. Applicants to Unit 6B will be drawn first. If you do not get selected for Unit 6B, your second application for other units will be entered in the state drawing. In any case, you may only hold one elk license.

7) Results of the drawing will be posted on the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish web site at www.wildlife.state.nm.us

SUCCESS RATES

In 2003, 90 percent of all VCNP bull hunters harvested an elk.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RULES, VISIT www.vallescaldera.gov

Rules for Elk Hunting on the Valles Caldera National Preserve

1. All hunters and their guests must attend a Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) hunt orientation prior to their assigned hunt.
2. Scouting is restricted to one day prior to the assigned hunt.
3. One guest or guide is allowed per licensed hunter. Exceptions are made for the mobility-impaired hunt; two guests may accompany the hunter.
4. Vehicle traffic is restricted to roads only. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not allowed.
5. Hunters are restricted to hunting within their assigned subunits. Hunting subunits are assigned through a drawing at the orientation session.
6. Currently, camping is not available on the VCNP but is available nearby in surrounding areas of the Santa Fe National Forest.
7. Outfitters on Unit 6B must be approved by the Trust and attend a VCNP orientation for approval. Outfitters will be charged a fee to operate on the VCNP.
8. All hunters must have a state elk hunting license valid for Game Management Unit 6B.

Additional rules and requirements will be provided during the hunter orientation prior to the assigned hunt. For a complete description of the rules and regulations, please visit our web site at www.vallescaldera.gov and click on Elk Hunts. Additional information about hunting in New Mexico is available in the 2004-2005 New Mexico Big Game and Furbearer Rules and Information Booklet published by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. www.wildlife.state.nm.us.