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National Elk Refuge

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## **SLEIGH RIDES ON THE NATIONAL ELK REFUGE TO BEGIN DECEMBER 10 AT THE JACKSON HOLE & GREATER YELLOWSTONE VISITOR CENTER**

Starting Monday, December 10, sleigh rides will be available to the public to view wintering elk on the National Elk Refuge. Sleigh rides operate daily from 10 AM to 4 PM from the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center, located at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson. Passengers purchase tickets at the Visitor Center, open 9 AM to 5 PM daily, and take a shuttle to the sleigh boarding area two miles north of Jackson on Highway 26/191. Both the Visitor Center and sleigh ride operations will be closed on Christmas Day.

Last winter, over 18,000 visitors took the educational sleigh rides to view this outstanding wildlife resource. The rides are operated under contract by Double H Bar, Inc. and are offered on a first-come basis. Reservations are required for private tours and groups of 20 people or more. Smaller groups may make reservations, but advance booking is not necessary. Rates are \$16 for adults, \$12 for children ages 5 through 12, and children under age 5 ride for free. Pulled by draft horses, sleighs depart three to four times each hour throughout the day. Rides typically last 45 minutes to one hour depending on the location of the elk and weather conditions. Passengers should dress warmly in layers to accommodate wind and cold temperatures.

Sleigh rides are a unique way to observe and photograph wildlife on the refuge. The National Elk Refuge is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and was established in 1912 for winter range and care of the Jackson Hole elk herd. It provides habitat for up to 175 bird species and 47 mammal species. Sleigh ride passengers frequently have the opportunity to observe coyotes, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, bison, wolves, ravens, magpies and other wildlife. The Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center offers additional information on wildlife through video presentations, exhibits, hands-on materials, programs, and items sold through the Grand Teton Association's bookstore.

To inquire about group or private tours, or for further information about the sleigh rides, please call the sleigh ride contractor at 1-800-772-5386 or 307-733-0277.

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