

Access & Natural Product Regulations

National Elk Refuge

Collecting Natural Products

It is illegal to take, collect, retrieve, possess, sell, purchase, or transport any natural product, including shed antlers, from the National Elk Refuge.

Possession of natural products, including shed antlers, is restricted to the Refuge's authorized access-possession corridors (see map on reverse side).

Authorized Access-Possession Corridors

There are three authorized National Forest access points from authorized access-possession corridors on the National Elk Refuge, they are as follows:

- Elk Refuge Road and Crystal Butte National Forest Access Trail
- Curtis Canyon Road and National Forest Access Trail
- Flat Creek Road and Dry Hollow National Forest Access Trail

In order to access and return from the National Forest, these routes must be taken, regardless of possession status of natural products.

Failure to use an access-possession corridor while in possession of natural product, including shed antlers collected on National Forest land, may result in a minimum of:

- The seizure of all natural product.
- A \$280 fine for illegal possession
- An additional \$10 fine for each pound of natural product confiscated.
- A \$280 trespassing fine.

National Forest Access for Antler Collection

The Elk Refuge Road will close at Broadway at legal sunset on April 30. No visitor use will be allowed on the Refuge after closure, including overnight parking, per Refuge regulations. Overnight parking on East Broadway and surrounding neighborhoods will be prohibited prior to the opening of the Elk Refuge Road.

You must remain on authorized access-possession corridors at all times when within the Refuge boundary.

Access onto or through the Refuge across the Gros Ventre River is prohibited.

Antler collection is to only occur on National Forest land, which may be accessed by using the authorized access-possession corridors. Collection is managed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in collaboration with the Town of Jackson and Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Starting May 1st at 6 AM, the Refuge Road on the National Elk Refuge will open at Broadway to public travel beyond the county-maintained line. To enter the Refuge on May 1st to access the National Forest for antler collection, you must reserve a spot in a police escort from the Teton County Fairground through the Town of Jackson.

Road Access

Road access will be extremely limited this year. The National Elk Refuge Road will open at 6 am May 1st but the Curtis Canyon Road on the National Forest will be closed to vehicle travel and the Flat Creek Road will be closed to vehicle travel beyond the Forest kiosk.

People accessing these areas should plan to park on the right side of the Refuge Road to ensure a travel lane remains open for emergency vehicles. Vehicles blocking road access will be subject to towing.

Due to limited parking capacity, shed hunters should be prepared to walk or bike to get to the Forest. There are three authorized National Forest access points from authorized access-possession corridors on the National Elk Refuge, listed previously and depicted on the map on the back of this handout. There will be zero tolerance for trespassing across the National Elk Refuge.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, www.doi.gov/accessibility.

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