News Release

William L. Finley Refuge 2019 Elk Hunt

William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge will again offer elk hunting in 2019. This year’s hunt program will provide a total of 25 elk permits (up from 20 in previous years), with hunting divided into four hunts that will run from August 24th – October 27th. Only antlerless elk may be harvested.

Archery-only hunts will begin on August 24th, and will be split into two, 2-week hunts for 5 people each. Short-range weapon hunts, for those with a Willamette Unit tag, will begin on September 28th, and will also be split into two, 2-week hunts: there will be 5 permits allotted during the first 2-week hunt, and 10 permits allotted during the second 2-week hunt. This year’s hunt will take place in the same designated Refuge areas as during previous years, referred to and marked as Zones 1 and 2.

In order to hunt on the Refuge you must be awarded a special Refuge elk hunt permit in addition to a current State hunting license and valid state-issued elk tag. To obtain a Refuge elk hunt permit, fill out an application (located on our website) and make sure it is postmarked by July 1st, 2019. Successful applicants will be notified by COB July 15th and provided additional information about Refuge regulations and hunting information. For more information and details on how to apply, visit our website and refer to the following documents: 2019 Elk Hunt Information and 2019 Elk Hunt Application.

Self-service hunt kiosks will be located along Finley Refuge Road at the Display Pond parking area and the Turtle Flats restrooms, as well as off Bruce Road near the east end of McFadden Marsh bridge. Maps and regulations are posted at the hunt kiosks, as well as on the Refuge website: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/William_L_Finley/

Hunters are permitted on refuge one hour before and one hour after legal hunting time. Overnight camping and after-hours parking is prohibited on the Refuge. Hunters under 18 must have their hunter safety card on their person.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local laws. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations.

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Background and Information
The timing, location, weapon type, and number of permits for this hunt have been designed to assure a quality hunt that will provide for the safety of visitors and the accommodation of other Refuge visitor uses. The Refuge elk hunt will be divided into 4 separate time periods. Hunters are asked to indicate their order of preference on their application below.

General Archery Hunts
- hunters can apply for these hunts without purchasing an ODFW General Archery Elk tag, but if successfully drawn, must have a valid ODFW General Archery Elk tag prior to hunting on the Refuge

Hunt #1: Archery-only hunting with a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk. **Hunt #1 begins August 24th and runs through September 6th.**

Hunt #2: Archery-only hunting with a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk. **Hunt #2 begins September 7th and runs through September 22nd.**

Willamette Plus Firearms Hunts
- hunters must have been successfully drawn for an ODFW Willamette Plus #1 (215A1) or #2 (215A2) tag to apply for these hunts, but if successfully drawn, must purchase a valid ODFW tag prior to hunting on the Refuge

Hunt #3: will start **September 28th and run through October 11th.** Open to shotgun with slugs, muzzleloader, and archery in Zone 1, and archery-only in Zone 2. This hunt has a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk.

Hunt #4: will start **October 12th and run through October 27th.** Open to shotgun with slugs, muzzleloader, and archery in Zone 1 and archery-only in Zone 2. This hunt has a restricted bag limit of one antlerless elk.

Application procedures
Please fill out the form below with your name and contact information, and mark which of the Finley Refuge Hunts you are applying. Fax or mail your completed hunt application to the Refuge. Mailed applications **MUST be postmarked no later than July 1st.** All applications will be grouped by their first choice hunt and numbered in the order they are received. Random numbers will be generated for each group to select the successful applicants. **Successful applicants will be notified by COB July 15th** and provided additional information about Refuge regulations and hunting information. An individual cannot be selected for more than one hunt.
Applicants for Finley Refuge Hunts #3 and #4 must indicate and provide proof that they were successfully drawn for a 2019 Willamette Plus #1 or #2 tag. Please provide either the tag number (if purchased) or a copy of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) successful draw notification (available from ODFW on-line) with the application form. The actual permit tag number must be provided to the Refuge by August 14, 2019.

Only successful applicants will be contacted to hunt elk on the Refuge and will only be able to hunt elk during the specific dates and locations for their hunt. They will be provided specific information about Refuge rules, harvest reporting procedures, and a map showing parking areas and open hunt areas.

SEE APPLICATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE
William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge 2019 Elk Hunting Application

(please print clearly)

Last Name      First Name

Mailing Address

City      State    Zip Code

Home Phone Number   -AND-   Cell Phone Number

Email Address

2019 Oregon Controlled Elk Hunt Tag Information (Proof of successful draw REQUIRED)

___ Willamette Plus #1  (215A1)
Tag # ________________________ or Copy of ODFW successful draw notification attached? (Y/N) _______ ____________
(if purchased at time of application)
 Initials

___ Willamette Plus #2  (215A2)
Tag # ________________________ or Copy of ODFW successful draw notification attached? (Y/N) _______ ____________
(if purchased at time of application)
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Please identify your first and second choice hunts by marking your choice in the left column. General Archery Hunters are only eligible to apply for Hunts #1 or #2 (coinciding with the Statewide General Archery season). Willamette Plus #1 or #2 tag holders are eligible to apply for Hunts #3 and Hunt #4.

### William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge 2019 Elk Hunt Seasons

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Return this Elk Hunting Application form by Fax or Mail.
Applications must be POSTMARKED no later than July 1, 2019 to:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
26208 Finley Refuge Road
Corvallis, Oregon  97333-9533
FAX: 541-757-4450

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2019 ELK HUNT INFORMATION
WILLIAM L. FINLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

ELK HUNTING IS ALLOWED BY SPECIAL PERMIT ONLY (SEE FINLEY ELK HUNT PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON STATE REGULATIONS, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- **Hunting for Antlerless Elk ONLY,** during specified seasons on Finley Refuge (see calendar below) with an **ODFW tag AND Finley Refuge Elk Permit.** Hunting is not currently permitted on the Snag Boat Bend Unit, Ankeny Refuge, or Baskett Slough Refuge.
- Hunting is permitted seven days a week. Hunters are permitted on refuge one (1) hour before and one (1) hour after legal hunting time. **You must contact a refuge law enforcement officer after hours to retrieve a wounded animal.**
- Overnight camping and after-hours parking are prohibited on the Refuge.
- Hunters must visit the Refuge website or one of the self-service hunt kiosks on or before their first hunt day to read the most up-to-date Refuge hunt regulations.
- We allow only portable hunting stands. Hunters are limited to one (1) stand on the refuge at any time. Hunters may erect their stand one (1) day prior to their permitted refuge elk hunt and must remove it the last day they hunt. Hunters must permanently affix the owner’s name, address, and phone number to stands.
- Nailing tree stands and/or steps to trees and attaching any blind or stand to a tree by any metal object driven, screwed, or otherwise inserted into the tree, including screw-in steps and bow holders is prohibited.
- Cutting or removing trees and other vegetation is prohibited.
- The use of flagging, paint, blazes, tacks, or other types of markers is prohibited.
- Stands and blinds not in full compliance with these regulations will be removed.
- We prohibit the use of dogs to hunt or track wounded elk.
- The use of trail cameras is not allowed.
- **Hunters must have a current Oregon State hunting license and valid state-issued general archery elk or controlled elk Willamette Plus #1 or #2 tag.**
- Hunters under 18 must have their hunter safety card on their person.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. **Persons may not carry or use firearms while archery elk hunting on the Refuge.**
- Shotguns and Muzzleloaders will be allowed during portions of the elk hunt.
• Three self-service kiosks are located on the Refuge at the Mill Hill Parking Area, Turtle Flats restrooms, and the pullout east of the McFadden Marsh bridge on the north side of Bruce Road. Please see the *Elk Hunting Zone* map for kiosk locations.

• For more Elk Hunt information, please visit the Refuge website: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/William_L_Finley/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/William_L_Finley/)

### 2019 William L. Finley NWR Elk Hunt Calendar

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2019 ELK HUNT

William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge
Benton County, Oregon

NO HUNTING
ZONE 1
ZONE 2 (Archery Only)

Refuge Office
Restroom
Hunt Kiosk
Parking
Auto Road
Service Roads
Trails
Creeks
Wetlands

ODFW Tag (215A1 or 215 A2)
AND
Refuge Elk Hunt Permit
REQUIRED