

Access & Natural Product Regulations

National Elk Refuge

Collecting Natural Products

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

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

Authorized Access-Possession Corridors

There are three authorized access-possession corridors on the Refuge access the Bridger Teton National Forest, 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. No person shall enter, occupy, use, or remain on the Refuge except as authorized on Refuge Road, Curtis Canyon Road, Refuge Headquarters and Visitor Center, and authorized access-possession corridors.

Failure to use an access-possession corridor while in possession of natural product, including shed antlers and deadheads, collected on National Forest lands, may result in up to a \$5,000 fine and 6 months in jail. (Class B Misdemeanor offense.) Other charges of Federal wildlife laws are possible.

National Forest Access for Antler Collection

The Elk Refuge Road will close at the East Broadway entrance 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 6:00 am, Refuge Road on the National Elk Refuge will open at the East Broadway entrance to public travel beyond the county-maintained line near mile 4 of Refuge Road. To enter the Refuge on May 1st at 6:00 am for access to the National Forest, you must reserve a spot in a police escort from the Teton County Fairground through the Town of Jackson.

Road Access

The National Elk Refuge Road will open at 6:00 am May 1st. Access is managed by the Town of Jackson and Refuge staff.

To enter the vehicle lineup, please utilize the following link:

<https://www.jacksonwy.gov/668/Antler-Shed-Hunt>

People accessing these areas should plan to park on the right side of the Refuge Road and Curtis Canyon Road near the Forest boundary to ensure a travel lane remains open for emergency vehicles. Vehicles blocking traffic or parked excessively off road will be subject to tow and/or fines.

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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In an emergency, dial 911

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