

## **Archery Hunts:**

### **Fully Guided Archery Elk Hunts:**

**\$6000**

These hunts take place near Crawford Colorado on public land, Forest Service or BLM. Tags for nonresidents must be drawn starting in 2025. These tags must be applied for prior to April on the state website [www.cpwshop.com](http://www.cpwshop.com).

Arrival is the afternoon prior to your hunt. You will stay in canvas tents and our cook prepares nice home cooked dinners, sack lunches and a quick continental style breakfast for you each day. These hunts are for the guys who want to experience mountain camping but sleep on a bed have nice meals and a place to shower. We drive or walk right from camp to the hunting areas each morning depending on where we are hunting. Hunting is done on our National Forest Permit and BLM Permit in unit 63. We ride in 4x4 or side by side to hunt areas, glassing, spotting, calling, sitting wallows or ponds, and stalking in to shooting range. Area elevation is from 10,000 feet being the top to 7500 feet being the lower end of what we hunt. The terrain is mountainous creek drainages up high with pine and aspen forests. Then the lower elevation has oak brush, berry bushes, juniper and cedar with sage openings. There is terrain that is easy to access on foot and there is back country that is tough vertical country for those that are more able.

The archery tag is an either sex tag. Bulls range from nice 6x6's to small righthorn 4 points. We encourage guys to shoot whatever presents an opportunity and is legal on these hunts as archery hunting can be very difficult.

### **Drop Camp Hunts/Spike Camp Hunts:**

**\$3000**

This hunt is for the hunter who knows how to hunt but can lighten your load by using one of our drop camps set up with a tent, heat stove, cots, cookware, utensils, firewood, lantern, cook stove. We book starting September and run through October for the Archery & Muzzle loader season along with 1st and 2nd Rifle season. These are set up for 4 people per camp. It will be up to you to supply food and hunting gear that you will need. We will help you pack it all in. We limit personal gear to 60 pounds. Two peoples gear should be able to be packed on one pack horse and a group of 4 people should be able to get their food on 1 horse. Please refer to our Recommended Gear & Meat Packing Agreement. You must be able to take care of yourself and the camp on this hunt. Making a fire in the stove and chopping wood and making kindling are tasks that you must be able to do. If you have never camped before do not consider this package as an option for your hunt. You must be able to problem solve to overcome obstacles that may arise on your hunt. If it snows a bunch you must be able to get the snow off the roof of the tent and away from the sides of the tent. Must be able to break down an animal and get it down to a horse trail for us to get to it with horses. Must have minimal gear very similar to a backpack hunt. Temperatures during Sept and October can drop below freezing and snow/rain can come at any time. This is something that you must prepare for during your drop camp hunt. Must be in good enough physical shape to walk out the 5-6 miles if needed and to be able to get around in the mountainous terrain. Most successful hunters in these camps will put on between 4-8 miles a day and will gain and drop 1000 feet in elevation.

### **Muzzle Loader Hunts:**

#### **1x2 \$6500 Fully Guided**

This is a great time to kill a bull elk. Typically, the muzzle loader season falls right at the beginning of the elk rut. Bugling action is on fire and this is your best chance to kill a bull. You will have to draw a bull tag for muzzle loader but typically you can draw with 0-1 point. All the same accommodations as the guided archery hunts.

### **Rifle Hunts:**

#### **1st & 4th Rifle 1x2 \$6000 per person (Draw Tags)**

#### **2nd, 3rd Rifle \$6000 per person (Over the Counter Tags)**

The 1st rifle and 4th rifle are by draw only but can draw with 0 points. You will need to apply for this tag as your first choice to be certain to get it. Drawing for these as a second choice you only have an 8% chance of drawing it. The 2nd and 3rd combo seasons are over the counter so you can show up and buy your tag locally or online prior to your hunt. We hunt these out of our hunt house with all meals provided. These hunts take place near Crawford Colorado on public land Forest Service and BLM. You stay in our hunt house and our cook prepares a sack lunch and a home cooked meal for dinner each day. These hunts are for the guys who like hot showers, sleep in a bed, nice meals and facilities. We drive to the hunting areas each morning which is a 15-25 min drive depending on where we are hunting. The hunt consists of glassing along the way, spotting, sitting on stand and stalking in to shooting range. Area elevation is from 10,000 feet being the top to 7500 being the lower end of what we hunt. The terrain is mountainous creek drainages up high with pine and aspen forests. Then the lower elevation has oak brush, berry bushes, juniper and cedar with sage openings. There is terrain that is easy to access on foot and there is back country that is more vertical for those that are more able. The more able you are the more options we have for places for you to hunt. Elk like to find the steepest nastiest places to reside.

### **NON Hunters: Must be approved prior to booking pending availability of lodging and paid in full at booking. Guests cost \$1500**

Prices do not include license or gratuity.

Gratuity is not mandatory but is an industry standard and MUCH appreciated!

Recommended Gratuity - Guides: 10%-15% of Hunt Cost, Support Staff/Packout Crew, Cook: \$50-\$100 per guest served.

In order to reserve a hunt we require a 50% deposit returned with our contract.

Remaining balance is due no later than 30 days prior to your hunt unless you are bringing cash.

We hope this is helpful for you to plan a hunt with us. If you have any questions please shoot us an email. [jerad@westelkoutfitters.com](mailto:jerad@westelkoutfitters.com)

**Success Statistics:** On average we have maintained 60% on shot opportunity on our guided rifle elk hunts. Archery Guided Elk Hunts we have run about 40-50% shot opportunity.

When coming on a hunt whether its guided, semi-guided, or a drop camp hunt you must understand that hunting elk can be a very challenging task. There are many factors that come into play that can make a hunt better and some can make it much tougher. Weather is the biggest factor along with hunting pressure around us. Cattle can be moved in or out of an area at any given time that can affect how the elk use the areas. We do our best to make adjustments when these things come up. Most people are mindful that these things can come up and are respectful.

Disclosure:

1. It is your responsibility to sight your gun in and check it at a local range if you need to prior to your arrival (Stengals Gun Range). Expect a concrete bench at the range. Bring needed rest if you need to check your gun.
2. Guides drive what they have. That may be a tacoma, 4 runner, suburban, or 4 door truck. Mid-size vehicles do the best on our back country roads.
3. Bring a gun that you are going to hunt with that isn't a show piece. Guns are going to get scratched and banged up some, riding in vehicles as well as crawling through some of our thick woods.
4. We have some great cooks and they receive high praise each year. If you have special food needs please communicate with us so we can make sure you needs are taken care of.
5. Guides. Your guide may be a resident of the area and we have some guides that are not residents but are well experienced guides who travel several states guiding from Alaska to Mexico. A guide position with us is a seasonal position so everyone has other jobs and planning and scheduling conflicts come up so some guides are only available for certain seasons. Younger guides have more flexibility with scheduling as most don't have families and will be on the schedule more often. Guides will spend time ahead of your hunt scouting and locating game. Your guide for archery elk will have calling abilities. We don't expect guides to be callers for the rifle seasons. Some will carry a call to stop elk for a shot during the rifle seasons or they will use their voice to stop elk.
6. Your physical ability plays a huge roll in being able to get in and out of certain hunting areas. As seasons progress the elk will seek out the roughest toughest areas to call home. Your inability to get into those areas that can be traversing some steep hillsides up and down can limit your chances for success.
7. Private land access is limited. Some places that we have access to will not have elk on them until certain seasons. Elk move around a lot and will come and go from these properties. Count on your hunt to be on primarily public land.
8. For the most part over the last 16 years we have had great clients who come out and enjoy their time with us and leave as friends. Please be respectful and mindful of the staff and others in camp. If you choose to be a problem in camp we will be asking you to leave. Thank you!