

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Most elk in Kansas are found on the Fort Riley Military Reservation. A free-ranging herd of wild elk on the 100,000-acre reservation provides limited hunting opportunities, allocated by a lottery drawing. Permits issued through the drawing are divided between military personnel stationed on the fort and Kansas general residents, and those permits are valid statewide, except for Morton County. Both either-sex elk and antlerless-only permits are allocated. The state is divided into three elk hunting units. Unit 1 is an area of Morton County where no elk hunting is currently allowed. Unit 2 is an area around Fort Riley, including parts of Clay, Dickinson, Riley and Geary counties. Unit 2A is the Fort Riley reservation. Unit 3 is the remaining part of the state.

Applications for the limited permits are due the second Friday in June (**June 9, 2023**), and must be made online. Applicants without internet access may call (620) 672-0728. Once a hunter receives an Either-sex Elk permit in the drawing, he or she is not eligible to apply again. A hunter who receives an Antlerless-only Elk permit in the drawing is not eligible to apply for another permit for a five-year period. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a bonus point to increase their odds of drawing limited permits in subsequent drawings.

Wild elk do exist on private lands in other areas of the state, although they are rare and difficult to locate. Since 2010, unlimited resident and landowner/tenant elk permits have been available over the counter to allow the harvest of elk causing crop damage or other conflicts, and to allow landowners the opportunity to maintain elk at desired numbers on their property.

## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Elk permits are available to Kansas residents, landowners, and tenants only. All individuals, regardless of land ownership or age, must have in possession a valid Kansas permit and carcass tag to hunt elk. In addition to the permit, a valid Kansas hunting license is required, unless exempt by Kansas law; a hunting license is not required while hunting on Kansas land you own or operate for agricultural purposes. A Kansas hunting license may be purchased online at GoOutdoorsKansas.com or at license vendors, and is valid one year from the date of purchase.

## HUNTER EDUCATION

Anyone born on or after July 1, 1957, must have hunter education. Anyone under 27 years old must carry a Kansas or other state approved hunter education card while hunting. In Kansas, you must be 11 years old to be certified and may not hunt without adult supervision until age 12.

Exemptions include youth 15 and younger who may hunt without hunter education if directly supervised by an adult 18 or older. Anyone 16 or older may purchase two deferrals of hunter education, called apprentice hunting licenses, for the same price as a regular hunting license. This license is valid one year from the date of purchase, and the holder must be under the direct supervision of a licensed adult 18 or older. Hunter education is not required while hunting one's own land.

Duplicate certificates are provided at no cost at KDWP regional, district and state park offices or by calling (620) 672-0773.

## POST-HARVEST INSTRUCTIONS

At the time of purchase, hunters will have the option of paper carcass tags or mobile/E-tag.

**PAPER TAGS:** Sign PERMIT prior to hunting to validate it. After an animal is harvested, the CARCASS TAG must be signed, dated and attached to the animal in a visible manner before the carcass is moved from the harvest site.

Paper permits and tags purchased through the internet must be printed on a desktop printer at the time of purchase. To protect non-waterproof paper tag, cut it from the permit, place in a clear plastic bag and attach it to the animal with a zip-tie or other secure manner.

The carcass tag must remain attached to the animal during transport and kept with the meat until it is consumed, given to another or otherwise disposed of.

Hunters using paper tags can complete a voluntary harvest report of turkey or big game animal if they wish to "bone-out" in the field.

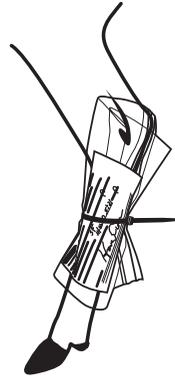
Go to: [ksoutdoors.com/harvest-reporting](http://ksoutdoors.com/harvest-reporting) and follow the online instructions on how to complete the harvest report for your animal.

**MOBILE/E-TAGS:** Hunters who choose e-tags at time of purchase will keep permit and tags on their mobile device through the GoOutdoorsKS mobile app. After harvest, open the "GoOutdoorsKS" mobile app and follow the instructions on the app for the e-tag appropriate for the species/sex of harvest. An e-tag confirmation number will work the same as harvest reporting for a hunter wanting to bone out an animal and transport only meat from harvest site.

**SURVEYS:** Hunters may be asked to complete online HARVEST SURVEYS at the end of the season. Information received helps biologists make decisions to manage a healthy game populations. A random sample of hunters will be contacted, making it important to update your address information each year when purchasing your permit/tags. Hunters surveyed will receive an email or a postcard with a link to direct them to an online survey. Questions about this survey or assistance in completing surveys may be obtained through the KDWP Research and Survey Office, (620) 342-0658. State law (K.S.A. 32-937) requires hunters receiving a harvest report card to complete the survey.

**REPORT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ANONYMOUSLY TO  
OPERATION GAME THIEF  
1-877-426-3843**

Equal opportunity to benefit from programs described herein is available to all persons without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, military or veteran status, disability status, marital or family status, genetic information or political affiliation. Concerns of discrimination should be sent to KDWP, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612. 07/23



## SEASONS (PROPOSED)

### UNITS 2 AND 3

**Muzzleloader:** Sept. 1-30, 2023  
**Archery:** Sept. 11 - Dec. 31, 2023  
**Firearm:** Aug. 1-31, 2023  
Nov. 29 - Dec. 10, 2023  
Jan. 1 - March 15, 2024

### UNIT 2A (Fort Riley)

**Muzzleloader:** Sept. 1-30, 2023  
**Archery:** Sept. 1-30, 2023  
**Firearm Any-Elk:** Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2023  
**Antlerless-only First Segment:** Oct. 1-31, 2023  
**Antlerless-only Second Segment:** Nov. 1-30, 2023  
**Antlerless-only Third Segment:** Dec. 1-31, 2023

### SHOOTING HOURS

1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**Application for limited permits are due the second Friday in June and must be made online at [GoOutdoorsKansas.com](http://GoOutdoorsKansas.com). Applicants who do not have internet access can apply by calling (620) 672-0728. Applicants can view draw results online two to four weeks after the close of the application period. Results are posted online at [ksoutdoors.com](http://ksoutdoors.com). Successful applicants should receive permits four to six weeks after the application deadline.**

### ONLINE APPLICATION PERIOD

#### UNIT 2A PERMITS:

May 9 - June 9, 2023

### ONLINE OR OVER THE COUNTER ON SALE

#### UNIT 2 & 3 ONLY PERMITS:

July 25, 2023 - March 15, 2024

## FEES

### ELK EITHER SEX (Any Elk)

General Resident .....	\$302.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant .....	\$152.50
Resident Youth (15 and younger) .....	\$127.50
Nonresident Tenant .....	\$302.50

### ELK ANTERLESS-ONLY

General Resident .....	\$152.50
Resident Landowner/Tenant .....	\$77.50
Resident Youth (15 and younger) .....	\$52.50
Nonresident Tenant .....	\$152.50

# 2023 Kansas Elk Regulations Summary



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