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PRIVATE LAND HUNTING INFORMATION PACKET 2014



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PRIVATE LAND HUNTING ON BIG TIMBER RANCHES

Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters is lucky enough to headquarter in Big Timber, Montana with some unique ranches just minutes away. Local landowners of these properties have been gracious enough to allow us the opportunity to offer our hunters and anglers access to some very special hunting and fishing areas. One such ranch is 20,000 acres of rolling hills just twenty minutes north of Big Timber. With the Crazy Mountains as the backdrop the ranch flourishes with wildlife as Little Timber Creek and Swamp Creek meander through the hillsides. Though this is a special permit area for elk, if you are lucky enough to draw a permit, there are opportunities for trophy bulls. With a general deer license you can harvest a mighty fine mule deer or whitetail deer. Of the eight plus ranches we currently hunt this is the only one that requires a special permit for elk. The other ranches may be hunted with a general season combination license or individual elk and deer licenses. All antelope hunts require a special permit. Our ranch hunts are fully guided, spot and stalk hunts. We hunt by horseback, vehicle or both. Accommodations include a comfortable tent camp or a private hunting cabin with all meals provided.

*A plus for our private land hunters is our ability to move from ranch to ranch during the hunt in order to give them the best opportunity for harvesting an animal.

PRIVATE LAND ARCHERY HUNTS

ARCHERY COMBINATION ELK/DEER HUNT: \$4000 per hunter

4 hunters, 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

Season Dates:

*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2014 Hunting Information in early February.

Archery Only Season Dates for Elk/Deer: September 6 - October 19

Archery Only Season Dates for Antelope: September 6 - October 10

ArchEquip Only Season Dates for Antelope: August 15 - November 10

Hunt Dates:

Hunt #1 Sept 5-11 Hunt #2 Sept 14-20 Hunt #3 Sept 22-28

Hunt #4 Sept 30-Oct 6 Hunt #5 Oct 8-14

Special Permit Areas: *If you want to apply for one of our special permit areas please check the draw area with us before applying. Expecting a 60-65% non-resident draw success in 900-15.

Elk either-sex ArchEquip Only: 900-15 Elk either-sex Archery Season Only: 900-15

Elk Cow Archery Season Only: 580-80 Antelope ArchEquip Only: 900-00

Antelope Archery: 510-00, 570-00, 340-00



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DAY RATES FOR ARCHERY & RIFLE HUNTING: \$600 per day/hunter

Day hunting rates do not include accommodations or any meals.

PRIVATE LAND RIFLE HUNTS

RIFLE COMBINATION ELK/DEER HUNT: \$4500 per hunter

4-6 hunters, 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

Season Dates:

*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2013 Hunting Information in early February.

Rifle-Elk/Deer: October 25 – November 30

Rifle-Antelope: October 12 – November 10

HUNT DATES:

Hunt #1 Oct 24-30 Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7 Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15

Hunt #4 Nov 17-23 Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1

Special Permit Areas: Elk either-sex Rifle: 580-22 Elk Cow: 580-80

Antelope Rifle: 510-00, 570-00, 340-00 *Check the draw area with us before applying.

A unique hunting and fishing opportunity on a Big Timber ranch is just 5 minutes out of Big Timber and offers 5 miles of Yellowstone river frontage. The E Bar E's landscape of brush and cottonwood trees, plenty of water and many channels make for great water fowl and turkey hunting. The ranch has a healthy deer population as well. The fishing is phenomenal so bring your fly-rod! Archery and rifle hunting are available for deer and turkey. These combo hunts are based on the season and what licenses you hold. Accommodations and meals are not included with these hunting options. We recommend the Grand Hotel in Big Timber for accommodations.



HUNTING OPTIONS

Duck & Geese: \$250 a gun/per day (guided)

**Fall Combination Hunt: \$500.00 a gun/per day (guided)
(Duck/Geese/Turkey)**

Deer: \$2,300 per hunter 3 day hunt

Fall Turkey: \$300 per person/per day (guided)

Spring Turkey: \$350 per person/per day (guided)

Walk & Wade Fishing: \$250 per person/per day

Licenses Required:

Deer – Apply online for a general draw license, www.fwp.mt.gov

Turkey, Ducks and Geese - Purchase licenses online through MFWP
www.fwp.mt.gov

Season Dates: *2013 dates listed. MFWP will post 2014 turkey, duck and geese dates in the Spring of 2014.

Deer Season: Oct 25-Nov 30 Application Deadline for General Draw March 15

Turkey Season: Spring *April 13-May 19 Application Deadline March 7
Fall *Sept 1-Jan 1 Application Deadline July 25

Duck & Geese Season: *Sept 28-TBD

Hunting Licenses/Permits are not included in the price of the hunt.

(For more information on license & permit prices refer to the [General Hunting Information Packet](#) or go online to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, www.fwp.mt.gov.)

Resident and Non-resident hunters will need only a general deer license for deer hunting on the Big Timber ranches. For the special permitted elk area, hunters will need to apply for a special permit for that area. Any hunter that wants to apply for a special elk or deer permit must first apply for a general elk/deer license through the draw. You can apply for both the general draw and a special permit at the same time.



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DEPOSIT & PAYMENT POLICY

A partial deposit of \$1000 is required to book your hunt. The \$1000 partial deposit will be refunded if you do not draw a license. The drawing takes place in mid-April. The remainder of the deposit (50% of the cost of the hunt) is due when the draw is posted. The balance of the hunt is due 30 days prior to your hunt and is non-refundable. Hunts not fully paid by this date will be considered cancelled. Trip Cancellation Insurance, which we recommend, is available at:

http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta_arc=150573&pcode=GREAT

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

All Hunt Prices include a \$50 fee for the MOGA Hunter/Angler Defense Fund

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The rates include:

- Comfortable sleeping accommodations in cabins or tent camp
- All meals during your stay on the ranch
- Use of horses, mules, tack and rifle scabbards (if used)
- Field care of trophies
- Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates do not include:

- Transportation to Montana
- Montana hunting licenses and permits
- Hunting equipment including guns and ammunition
- Sleeping bags, pillow, towels and personal toiletries
- Fishing Licenses
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Transportation of trophies to final destination
- Any additional transportation cost
- Gratuities for guides and cook



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATE LAND HUNTING ON BIG TIMBER RANCHES

Plan to arrive in Big Timber the afternoon before your hunt. Please check in with ABO (406-579-3866) prior to arrival to let us know your planned arrival time in Big Timber. Leave your cell phone number so we can call and confirm a meeting place and time. If you plan to stay in Big Timber before or after your hunt we recommend the hotels below.

The Grand Hotel (www.thegrand-hotel.com) (406-932-4459) is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. The hotel provides a wonderful full breakfast but not before 8:00 am. It has a well-stocked vintage bar which serves lunch and dinner. But for those with a "grander" palette it sports a fabulous restaurant that serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**.

The Super 8 Motel (www.super8.com) (406-932-8888) has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Country Skillet is across the street and opens at 6:00 AM.

Guests Driving: Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.

Guests Flying: Plan to fly into the **Bozeman International Airport** (BZN) or the **Billings Logan International Airport** (BIL) the day before your trip begins. Most major rental car companies are available at either airport. If you are not renting a car we will provide you with shuttle service from the Bozeman Airport to the your hunting destination and return you to the airport in Bozeman at the end of your trip. The cost of this service is \$300 round trip per vehicle. (Example – If we are picking up 4 clients and their gear in one vehicle, the cost would be \$75 round trip per person. If we are picking up 1 client, the cost would be \$300 round trip for that one client.)

The following airlines service Bozeman and Billings:

Delta 1-800-325-1999

Northwest 1-800-225-2525

United 1-800-864-8331

American 1-800-433-7300

Horizon Air 1-800-547-9308

Frontier 1-800-432-1359

The service is usually very good into Bozeman and Billings. However, Bozeman is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Check out **Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or (info@mttravel.com) for some of the best air fares available. Remember, Billings is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.



PRIVATE LAND HUNTING ON THE LAZY E-L RANCH

The Lazy E-L Ranch is a working cattle ranch nestled at the foot of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. With five miles of river frontage, wildlife abounds in this spectacular, unspoiled setting. The ranch offers a high quality hunt with the opportunity to see many animals and to pick a respectable size elk or deer. Hunting reservations are made through Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters but to view the Lazy E-L Ranch website go to www.lazyel.com.

When you book a private land hunt with Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters on the Lazy E-L Ranch accommodations include either the Shorey cabin, a restored historic cabin and a "5" star tent camp on the West Rosebud River or the Roscoe Riverside Retreat, a lovely vacation lodge on the West Rosebud River.

The Shorey cabin has one main room with a sitting area and woodstove. Adjacent to the cabin is the kitchen house with a wood burning cook stove. The cabin retains its old-fashioned authenticity, as there is no electricity or running water. Now, do not worry, we are not expecting you to haul water from the river! We provide the kerosene lamps and the water! The Shorey cabin is a favorite of hunters and anglers who want the feel of a backcountry camp but a nice cabin atmosphere come evening to share a great meal, good company and fun stories. Our "5" star tent camp is set up to give you amenities like a bathroom, shower and comfortable cots for sleeping. ABO's excellent camp cook prepares and serves hearty meals.

The Roscoe Riverside Retreat Lodge (www.roscoeriversideretreat.com) is more suited for the hunter who is looking for less rustic accommodations. This spacious, two-story, charming retreat offers comfortable beds, full bathrooms, electricity and running water. ☺ It is located just outside the Lazy EL Ranch with a lovely view of the river. Clients staying at the retreat will enjoy eating across the street in the dining room at The Grizzly Bar & Grill. The Grizzly Bar & Grill, a favorite local spot and known for its' good food, is owned and operated by Patrick and Jennifer O'Shea. Patrick guides and Jennifer cooks for all ABO's Lazy EL Hunts. Hunters love Jenn's food whether served at the Shorey Cabin or at the Grizzly Bar & Grill.



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ARCHERY SEASON ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT: \$4000 per hunter

4 HUNTERS – 7 DAYS (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

HUNT DATES:

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Hunt #3 **Sept 22-28**

Hunt #4 **Sept 30-Oct 6**

Hunt #5 **Oct 8-14**

RIFLE ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT: \$5000 per hunter/Shorey Cabin

\$5500 per hunter/Lodge

6 HUNTERS - 7 DAYS (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

HUNT DATES:

Hunt #1 **Oct 24-30**

Hunt # 2 **Nov 1-7**

Hunt # 3 **Nov 9-15**

Special Note: Hunt # 3 is during the deer rut

Hunting Licenses/Permits are not included in the price of the hunt.

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Lodge stay includes bedding & towels
All meals during your hunt
Use of horses, mules, tack and rifle scabbards
Field care of trophies
Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates do not include:

Transportation to Montana
Sleeping bags, pillow, towels and personal toiletries for Shorey Cabin/Tent Camp
Personal toiletries for lodge stay
Montana hunting licenses and permits
Hunting equipment including guns and ammunition
Fishing Licenses
Fishing equipment including rods and flies
Transportation of trophies to final destination
Any additional transportation cost
Gratuities for guides and cook

Special Note to Hunters: I will not be guiding the Lazy EL Ranch hunts as I will be guiding wilderness hunts during that time. However, I have carefully chosen Shawn Doss as your lead man. Shawn is an experienced guide who has hunted with me for many years. He knows every inch of the ranch! Shawn along with our other experienced guides Patrick O'Shea and Bob Lile will do everything within their power to give you the best hunt possible.



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATE LAND HUNTING LAZY E-L RANCH

Guests Driving: The ranch is located in Roscoe, MT.
Directions from Billings: Go west on Interstate 90 to Columbus; at Columbus go south on 78 to Roscoe. Driving time from Billings to the ranch is approximately 1.5 hours.

Directions from Bozeman: go east on Interstate 90 to Columbus; at Columbus go south on 78 to Roscoe. Driving time from Bozeman to the ranch is approximately 3.5 hours.

Plan to arrive by 3:00 pm the day before your hunt begins. You will **meet** your guides at the **Grizzly Bar & Grill located just before you get to the ranch.** This gives the guides time to get you settled, fit you to a horse and you time to site in your rifles before dark.

Please check in with Shawn or Patrick to confirm your arrival time.

Shawn Doss – cell 406-698-4798

Patrick O'Shea – cell 406-425-4333

Cell service is not very good at the ranch so two good emergency numbers are (406) 328-6789 (the Grizzly Bar & Grill) or 210-722-3817 (Sarah Mayo)

The guides check in with Sarah daily.

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