

2019-2020 ELK SHOULDER SEASONS

Always check individual hunting district regulations



Shoulder seasons will take place in 57 hunting districts.

A shoulder season occurs outside the 5-week general firearms season. The seasons focus on antlerless elk harvest on **private land** and are not intended to replace or reduce harvest during the existing general archery and 5-week general firearms season. In order for shoulder seasons to be effective, everyone must work together – FWP, landowners and sportsmen.

Hunters can use their General Elk License, Elk B License or Elk Antlerless Permit obtained through a limited drawing or over-the-counter (OTC), depending on the hunting district.

Application deadline for Antlerless Elk Permits is March 15 and limited B Licenses is June 1. OTC and any surplus B Licenses are available for purchase beginning August 12. Check for availability at fwp.mt.gov.

Region	Valid in Hunting District(s)	License Type	Shoulder Season Dates
1	HD 101 and 109	Antlerless Elk Permit by drawing only	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
2	HD 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 290, 291, 293 and 298	002-00 OTC B License †	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
	HD 217	002-00 OTC B License †, B License by drawing only; General Elk License (archery only)	Aug 15 – Feb 15*
	HD 204 and 262	002-00 OTC B License †	Aug 15 – Sep 6, Oct 26 – Feb 15 *
	HD 240	Antlerless Elk Permit by drawing only	Oct 26 – Feb 15*
	HD 283	002-00 OTC B License †	Oct 26 – Feb 15*
	HD 292	002-00 OTC B License †	Aug 15 – Dec 1*
3	HD 311	B License by drawing only or General Elk License	Dec 2 – Feb 15 *
	HD 312, 390 and 393	OTC B License	Aug 15 – Aug 31, Dec 2 – Feb 15
	HD 312, 390 and 393	General Elk License	Dec 2 – Feb 15
	HD 317 and 391	B License by drawing only	Dec 2 – Feb 15
4	HD 411*, 412, 445, 446, 449, 451 and 452	004-00 B License by drawing only. HD 411 B License by drawing only. General Elk License.	Aug 15 – Sep 6, Oct 21 – Feb 15
	HD 421, 422, 423, 444 and 447	004-00 B License by drawing only. HD 411 B License by drawing only. General Elk License.	Aug 15 – Sep 6, Oct 26 – Feb 15
5	All R5 except portions of HDs 510, 520 and 560	B License by drawing only or General Elk License	Aug 15 – Sep 6, Oct 21 – Oct 25, Dec 2 – Feb 15*
	Portion of HD 520 south and east of West Fork of Rock Creek	B License by drawing only	Aug 15 – Sep 6, Oct 21 – Oct 25, Dec 2 – Feb 15*
6	HD 620, 621, 622, 630, 631, 632,	699-00 B License by drawing only	Dec 15 – Jan 15
	HD 680, 690	696-00 B License by drawing only	Dec 15 – Jan 15

*** Some licenses are not valid in all hunting district portions or for all shoulder season dates as described. See individual hunting district regulations**

† OTC B Licenses for these hunting districts must be purchased before Oct 26

Hunters should start early in the year to establish contacts and build relationships with landowners who may offer access for Montana's elk shoulder season hunts.

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