



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Region 2 (West-Central Montana) Hunter Check Station Results

Opening Weekend | Oct. 22-23, 2022

Station	Year	No. of Hunters	Elk	Mule deer	White-tailed deer	Black bear	Moose	Sheep	Goat	Wolf~	Total animals	% Hunters w/ game	Snow depth ^a (in.)
Darby (includes harvest from HD 321 & HD 334)	2022	911	66	12	14	2	0	0	0	1	95	10.4	3
	2021	994	31	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	55	5.5	1
	2020	729	51	4	6	0	0	0	1	0	62	8.5	11
	2019	1,012	73	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	85	8.4	17
	2018	991	50	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	63	6.4	4
Anaconda	2022	195	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6.2	6
	2021	226	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	5.8	0
	2020	211	14	3	9	0	0	1	0	0	27	12.8	7
	2019	292	10	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	20	6.8	4
	2018*	Did not operate; Upper Clark Fork CWD surveillance check stations in operation instead											
Bonner	2022	710	10	2	64	1	0	0	0	0	77	10.8	5
	2021	910	13	9	44	2	0	0	0	0	68	7.5	0
	2020	635	11	5	28	2	0	0	0	0	46	7.2	23
	2019	1,021	16	3	53	2	0	0	0	0	74	7.2	6
	2018	962	25	10	39	1	0	0	0	0	75	7.8	0
All Stations (Opening day)	2022	1,816	84	18	78	3	0	0	0	1	184	10.1	
	2021	2,130	54	23	57	2	0	0	0	0	136	6.4	
	2020	1,575	76	12	43	2	0	1	1	0	135	8.6	
	2019	2,325	99	6	71	3	0	0	0	0	179	7.7	
	2018*	1,953	75	15	46	2	0	0	0	0	138	7.1	

*2018 Harvest totals do not include data from an Anaconda station; CWD surveillance stations are in operation in the Upper Clark Fork instead.

^aSnotel sites: Saddle Mountain (Darby), Peterson Meadows (Anaconda), Copper Camp (Bonner) & Hoodoo Basin (Fish Creek)

~Wolf harvest only reflects those wolves checked at the R2 check stations; it is not total reported harvest.

WEATHER: A big weather shift happened in the region just before opening day. Conditions changed from above average temperatures in the 60s with mostly dry conditions to highs in the 30s and 40s with significant moisture in some locations.

Fish Creek Opening Weekend

Station	Year	No. of Hunters	Elk	Mule deer	White-tailed deer	Black bear	Moose	Sheep	Goat	Wolf~	Total animals	% Hunters w/ game	Snow depth ^a (in.)
Fish Creek*	2022	200	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	6.0	4
	2021	210	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0	1
	2020	204	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	3.4	18
	2019	174	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	4.0	8
	2018	147	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.0	0

* Fish creek hasn't operated as consistently through the years as the other stations, and so totals are considered separately.