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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 in the foothills of the mountains. Though this is a special permit area for elk, if you are lucky enough to draw a permit, there are opportunities for trophy bulls. Of the eight Big Timber ranches we currently hunt only two require a special permit for elk. The remaining Big Timber Ranches are hunted with a general elk or deer license. All antelope hunts require a special permit. Our ranch hunts are fully guided, spot and stalk hunts. We use 4x4 vehicles to access the ranches we hunt. Accommodations include a comfortable lodge in Big Timber 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 provide them with the best possible hunting experience.

PRIVATE LAND ARCHERY HUNTS

ARCHERY ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT: \$5700 per hunter 2x1

1X1 HUNT: \$7200

Lodging and meals included.

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

Hunt Dates:

Hunt #1 Sept 7-13

Hunt #2 Sept 14-20

Hunt #3 Sept 22-28

Hunt #4 Sept 29-Oct 5

Hunt #5 Oct 6-12

Archery Special Permit Areas for Elk and Antelope

If you want to apply for one of our special permit areas please check the draw area with us before applying. Better non-resident draw success in 900-20.

Elk either-sex Archery Only Season: 900-20 Elk Cow Archery Season Only: 005-00

Antelope ArchEquip Only: 900-20 Antelope Archery Only: 510-20, 570-20, 340-20

Archery Season Dates:

*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2018 Hunting Information in early February.

Archery Only Season Dates for Elk/Deer: September 1 - October 14

Archery Only Season Dates for Antelope: September 1 - October 5 *

ArchEquip Only Season Dates for Antelope: August 15 - November 12



PRIVATE LAND RIFLE HUNTS

RIFLE ELK HUNT: \$5500 per hunter 2x1

RIFLE COMBINATION ELK/DEER HUNT: \$6500 per hunter 2x1

RIFLE DEER HUNT: \$3500 per hunter 2x1

Hunts Include: lodging and meals
4-6 hunters, 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

HUNT DATES:

**Hunt #1 Oct 19-25 Hunt # 2 Oct 26- Nov 1 Hunt # 3 Nov 2-8
Hunt #4 Nov 9-15 Hunt # 5 Nov 16-22**

Rifle Special Permit Areas: Elk either-sex Rifle: 570-20 & 580-22 Elk Cow: 005-00

Antelope Rifle: 510-20, 570-20, 340-20 *Check the draw area with us before applying.

Rifle Season Dates: (*Season dates subject to change due to MFWP release of 2018 Hunting Information in early February)

Rifle-Elk/Deer: October 20–November 25 Rifle-Antelope: October 6–November 11*

HUNTING ON TROPHY OPPORTUNITY RANCH

For the archery and rifle hunter focused on trophy elk, mule deer and whitetail deer, ABO has added a special trophy opportunity ranch that can be hunted with a general license. I have been guiding and outfitting for twenty years and the topography of the landscape of this ranch provides the most unique combination of land management, wildlife conservation and trophy hunting opportunity with a general tag that I have ever encountered. We use a combination of 4 wheelers, hiking and horses for this hunt.

ARCHERY SEASON

ELK HUNT: \$7500 per hunter
COMBO ELK/DEER HUNT: \$10,500/per hunter
DEER HUNT: \$4000/per hunter

2 Hunters Per Week – 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)
Hunts include lodging and meals.



HUNT DATES:

Hunt #1 Sept 7-13

Hunt #2 Sept 22-28

Hunt #4 Sept 29-Oct 5

Hunt #4 Oct 6-12

This ranch is hunted with a general license. However, a portion of the ranch is a special permit area. The ranch provides plenty of great hunting without the special permit area. However, we encourage you to apply for the special permit unit along with your general license application.

Archery Special Permit Area – 900-20

RIFLE SEASON

ELK HUNT: \$7500 per hunter

COMBO ELK/DEER HUNT: \$10,500/per hunter

DEER HUNT: \$4000/per hunter

2 Hunters Per Week – 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)
Hunts include lodging and meals.

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Rifle Special Permit Area - 580-21

Yellowstone Ranch Hunts – These unique hunting and fishing opportunities

are conveniently located 5 minutes from Big Timber and offer 8 miles of Yellowstone River frontage. The Yellowstone ranches landscape of brush and cottonwood trees, plenty of water and many channels make for great water-fowl and turkey hunting. Both ranches have a healthy deer population. 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.



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HUNTING AND FISHING OPTIONS FOR THE YELLOWSTONE RANCHES

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: *2016 dates listed. MFWP will post 2018 turkey, duck and geese dates in the Spring of 2018.

Deer Season: Oct 20-Nov 25 Application Deadline for General Draw March 15

Turkey Season: Spring *April 12-May 18 Application Deadline March 3
Fall *Sept 1-Jan 1 Application Deadline July 28

Duck & Geese Season: *Sept 28-TBA

DAY RATES FOR ARCHERY & RIFLE HUNTING: \$900 per day/hunter

Harvest Fee for Day Rate Hunts: \$1500 elk \$1000 deer

Day hunting rates do not include accommodations or any meals.

HUNTING LICENSES/PERMITS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE HUNTS.

(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 general licenses for elk and deer to hunt the majority of our ranches. Only two of the eight ranches we hunt require special elk permits. Hunters who want to hunt these ranches will need to apply for a special elk permit for those areas. (Special Permit Areas listed under hunt dates.)

In order to apply for a special elk or deer permit you 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. Remember all our private land ranches, but two, are hunted with a combination elk/deer license.



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Archers who apply for the 900-20 area will need to purchase a bow & arrow license at the time they apply for the special unit area.

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. We recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance. Travel Guard www.travelguard.com is one that has been used by several of our clients.

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 lodge with bedding and towels.
All meals during your hunt
Field care of trophies
Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates do not include:

Transportation to Montana
Personal toiletries
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

Gratuities

Clients often ask how much to tip their guide and cook. Standard in the industry is 10-15% of the cost of the trip, divided between your guide and cook at your discretion. For example, a \$5000 hunt @ 10% = \$500 tip (\$400 guide/\$100 cook). Gratuities are 100% discretionary. Always appreciated, they provide validation that our clients have had a good time and that we have done a good job.



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 whether to meet us at the lodge or at ABO Headquarters. If you plan to stay in Big Timber prior to 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: **Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport** (BZN) and **Billings Logan International Airport** (BIL) are the two closest airports to Big Timber. The following airlines service Bozeman and Billings:

Delta 1-800-325-1999
United 1-800-864-8331

American 1-800-433-7300
Alaska 1-800-252-7522

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 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, Montana is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.



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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 booking a hunt with Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters on the Lazy E-L Ranch, your accommodations will be a lovely vacation lodge on the West Rosebud River. This spacious, charming retreat offers comfortable beds and full bathrooms. 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!

ARCHERY SEASON ELK HUNT: \$5500 per hunter/Lodge

4 HUNTERS – 7 DAYS (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day) – 2X1 Hunt

HUNT DATES:

Hunt #1 Sept 6-12 Hunt #2 Sept 23-29

RIFLE ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT: \$6500 per hunter/Lodge

6 HUNTERS - 7 DAYS (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day) – 2X1 Hunt

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Special Note to Hunters: I will not be guiding the Lazy EL Ranch hunts as I will be guiding ranch hunts in Big Timber during that time. However, I have carefully chosen Patrick O'Shea as your lead man. Patrick is an experienced guide who has hunted with me for many years. He knows every inch of the ranch! Patrick along with our other experienced guides Justin Hash 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 and you time to site in your rifles before dark.

Please check in with Patrick to confirm your arrival time.

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)

Guests Flying: Plan to fly into the **Billings Logan International Airport** (BIL).

Most major car rental agencies are available at the Billings airport.

The following airlines service Billings:

Delta 1-800-325-1999

Frontier 1-800-432-1359

Northwest 1-800-225-2525

Horizon Air 1-800-547-9308

United 1-800-864-8331

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