



Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

2025 Hopi Hunting Proclamation



The Hopi Tribe's Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) is pleased to announce the 2025 big game hunting opportunities for **elk** and **deer** on the Hopi Reservation. These opportunities are available to both **Hopi Tribal members** and **non-members** who meet eligibility requirements.

This **2025 Tribal Hunting Proclamation** outlines the legal framework, seasons, and enforcement for all big game hunts administered by WEMP and approved by the Hopi Tribal Council.

SEASON DATES

License Year: **August 05 – December 31, 2025**

- **Permit Sales Begin:** 9:00 AM, Monday, **August 05, 2025**
- **Permit Sales End:** 12:00 PM Friday, the last day of sale for that hunt
- **Sales Close for General Hunt Draw Submission** Friday, **September 05, 2025** @ noon

WHO CAN HUNT?

Archery Hunts: Open to Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members Only

Requirements:

- Completed Hunt Application
- Permit Fee (includes processing fee)

Minor Hunts (Ages 14–17): Open to Enrolled Hopi Youth Only

13-year-olds may apply but must turn 14 before the hunt. Must show proof of hunter education and be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

Requirements:

- Completed Hunt Application
- Permit Fee (Includes processing fee)
- Proof of Hunter Education (complete at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/>)

General Elk Hunts: Open to Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members First

Requirements:

- Completed Hunt Application by **September 05, 2025**
- **\$20 Processing Fee**
- Permit Fee after being drawn

General Deer Hunts: Open to Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members Only

Requirements:

- Completed Hunt Application by **September 05, 2025**
- **\$20 Processing Fee**
- Permit Fee after being drawn

 Left-Over Elk and Deer Permits (First-Come, First-Serve)

Available to: Hopi Tribal Members & Members of Federally Recognized U.S. Tribes and Canadian First Nations starting **September 23, 2025** @ 9 am.

Note: These permits sell **very quickly**. Contact the Department **before applying**.

Requirements:

- Completed Hunt Application
 - **\$20 Processing Fee**
 - Permit Fee
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HOW TO APPLY

- ✓ **Make sure you are eligible**
- ✓ **Submit a complete application package:**
 - **Archery/Minor: OTC**
 - Hunt Application
 - Permit Fee (Processing fee is included in permit fee)
 - **General: Draw**
 - Hunt Application
 - Processing Fee (\$20.00 due at time of application submission)
 - Permit Fee due **after** being drawn

Accepted:

- In-person: WEMP Office, Monday–Friday: 8 AM – 5 PM or Friday (Final Day of Sale): Until 12 PM
- Mail: *The Hopi Tribe, WEMP- Hopi Hunting Application, P.O. Box 123, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039*
- Email: Email your completed application and a copy of your payment receipt from the Treasurer's Office to: **HopiHunt@hopi.nsn.us**.

Payment Instructions: Check, money order, or Treasurer's Office receipt

By Mail: Only **checks** or **money orders** are accepted by mail. **NO CASH** will be accepted. Make checks/money orders payable to: **The Hopi Tribe**

Hand-Delivered Payments: Accepted forms of payment include:

- Checks or Money orders
- *Copies of receipts* from the **Hopi Treasurer's Office** for **credit/debit card** or **cash** payments

Note: Checks and money orders will be deposited at the end of the business week. A **\$20.00 fee** will be applied to any returned checks.

Single payments for multiple application processing and/or permit fees are allowed. All forms of payment must include:

- Name(s) of applicant(s)
- Fee amount(s)
- Type of hunt(s) (e.g., deer, elk, archery)

Obtaining Permits

Permits can be picked up:

- **In person** at the WEMP Office (located in the **Honahni Building** of the Hopi Tribal Complex in Kykotsmovi, AZ)
- **By mail**, subject to normal processing and mailing delays. When requesting permit by mail, include an **additional \$5.00 processing fee** with permit fee. Permits for **OTC (Over-the-Counter)** sales will be mailed immediately upon processing.

APPLICATION PROCESS for DRAW

- ✓ Once drawn, pay **within 2 weeks** of notification
 - Payment deadline is critical (**September 19, 2025**)
 - Pay following the payment options above (Check, money order, or Treasurer's Office receipt)

MANDATORY

✓ **ALL HUNTER MUST Attend Hunter Orientation:**

- 📍 **August 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM,** Hopi Wellness Center – Archery
- 📍 **September 29, 2025, at 6:00 PM,** Location TBD – All other hunts

🚫 **Failure** = 1-year ineligibility, \$50 late fee to reinstate eligibility

✓ **Harvest Check-In:** Within **24 hours** of harvest. All harvested deer/elk must be **checked** for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Teeth will also be collected for aging.

✓ **Turn in Post-Hunt Survey:** Due **first Friday after your hunt ends**

- Submit in-person, by Email (HopiHunt@hopi.nsn.us), or through Google Forms Link
- **Failure** = ineligibility to hunt in 2026
- \$50 fee may waive penalty (survey must still be submitted)

SUMMARY OF STEPS FOR BIG GAME DRAWING

1. **Confirm Eligibility:** Ensure compliance with General Requirements and that post-hunt surveys from prior hunts are complete (or late fee paid and survey submitted).
2. **Obtain Application:** Visit WEMP office or request by email.
3. **Complete Application Package:** Fill out form, include required processing fee.
4. **Submit Before Deadline:** Deliver in person or by email; do not rely on postmark.
5. **Wait for Drawing:** WEMP drawings conducted per species.
6. **Receive Notification:** If drawn, follow instructions to pay permit fee.
7. **Pay Permit Fee:** Within two weeks of notification.
8. **Attend Orientation:** Must attend before hunt.
9. **Receive Permit:** Carry permit and photo ID when hunting.
10. **Hunt & Report:** After hunt, submit any harvest report/survey by the deadline to maintain good standing.

♂ BAG LIMITS

- **Deer:** 1 per person/year (Tribal Members only)
- **Elk (Tribal Adult):** Up to 2/year (at least one must be Archery/Antlerless/Depredation hunt permit)
- **Elk (Tribal Minor):** 1/year
- **Elk (Non-Tribal):** 1/year (if eligible)

✗ ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Poaching Includes:

- Hunting without a valid permit
- Using another's permit
- Taking unauthorized species

Penalties: Report violations to Hopi Law Enforcement Services or WEMP

- Hunt termination
- Weapon seizure
- Up to 5-year ban for repeat violations

BACKGROUND CHECK

- All applicants are subject to a background inquiry through HLES for any prior or pending violations related to fish and wildlife laws on tribal or state lands, or for court-ordered restrictions.
- **No refunds** will be issued if an applicant becomes ineligible to participate in a hunt for which payment has already been made.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

2025 HOPI BIG GAME HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Hunt #	Species	Hunt Dates	Game Unit	# Of Permits	Fee: Hopi Member	Fee: Non-Hopi	App Fee:	Application Deadline
MANDATORY Orientation for ARCHERY - AUGUST 27, 2025 Hopi Wellness Center @ 6 PM								
110	Archery Antlered Deer*	Aug 28- Sept 7, 2025 Nov 6-16, 2025	1 & 2	Unlimited	\$75	N/A	\$0	<i>August 25, 2025</i>
210	Archery Any Elk*	Aug 28- Sept 7, 2025 Nov 6-16, 2025	1 & 2	Unlimited	\$75	N/A	\$0	<i>August 25, 2025</i>
MANDATORY Orientation for ALL other hunts- SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 -TBD @ 6 PM								
233	Minor Any Elk*	Oct 2–12, 2025	1 & 2	20	\$70	N/A	\$0	<i>September 26, 2025</i>
221	Antlerless Elk~	Oct 16–26, 2025	1	25	\$100	\$200	\$20	<i>September 5, 2025</i>
222	Antlerless Elk~	Oct 16–26, 2025	2	25	\$100	\$200	\$20	<i>September 5, 2025</i>
201	Antlered Elk~	Nov 27–Dec 7, 2025	1	25	\$125	\$300	\$20	<i>September 5, 2025</i>
202	Antlered Elk~	Nov 27–Dec 7, 2025	2	25	\$125	\$300	\$20	<i>September 5, 2025</i>
133	Minor Antlered Deer*	Dec 26-31, 2025	1 & 2	10	\$40	N/A	\$0	<i>September 26, 2025</i>
101	Antlered Deer~	Dec 26–31, 2025	1	20	\$75	N/A	\$20	<i>September 5, 2025</i>
102	Antlered Deer~	Dec 26–31, 2025	2	20	\$75	N/A	\$20	<i>September 5, 2025</i>

*Includes Processing Fee

~\$20 Processing Fee

Mandatory Orientation location for ALL other hunts has not yet been confirmed and will be announced when available. You may attend either orientation before your hunt

