

Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

2026 Hopi Hunting and Trapping Proclamation

The Hopi Tribe's Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) is pleased to announce the 2026 Hunting and Trapping opportunities for **elk** and **deer** on the Hopi Reservation. These opportunities are available to both **Hopi Tribal members** and Members of Federally Recognized U.S. Tribes and Canadian First Nations who meet eligibility requirements.

This **2026 Hopi Hunting and Trapping Proclamation** outlines the legal framework, seasons, and enforcement for all big game hunts administered by WEMP and approved by the Hopi Tribal Council. Please read the Hopi Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for hunter eligibility and other pertinent information. It is Hunter's responsibility to be educated and informed on the Hopi Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026 BIG GAME HUNTING

IMPORTANT DATES

License Year: **July 09 – December 31, 2026**

- **Permit Sales Begin:** 9:00 AM, Thursday, **July 9, 2026**
- **Sales Close for General Hunt Draw Submission** Friday, **July 31, 2026 @ 12 pm**
 - **Draw will be held** Tuesday, **August 4, 2026**
 - **Payment Deadline** Friday, **August 21, 2026 @ 12 pm**
 - **Leftover Sales begin** Tuesday **September 1, 2026 @ 9 am**
- **ALL OTC and Leftover Permit Sales End:** 12:00 pm the **Friday before each hunt** start date

HOW TO APPLY

- ✓ **Make sure you are eligible**
- ✓ **Submit a complete application package:**
 - **Archery/Minor: OTC**
 - Completed Hunt Application
 - Permit Fee
 - **General Deer/Elk: Draw – Deadline Friday July 31, 2026**
 - Completed Hunt Application
 - **\$20 Processing Fee**
 - Permit Fee after being drawn
- ✓ **Submit:** Deliver in person or online @
- ✓ **Accepted:** Payment will be accepted at the
 - Treasurer's Office (928)734-3123 by Check, cash, card, money order OR
 - Mail Money Order to: *The Hopi Tribe, WEMP- Hopi Hunting Application*
P.O. Box 123,
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

APPLICATION PROCESS for DRAW

- ✓ Once drawn, notification will be sent via email.
 - ✓ Pay **within 2 weeks** of notification
 - Payment deadline is critical (**August 21, 2026**)
 - Payment will be accepted at the Treasurer's Office by Check, money order, or card
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WHO CAN HUNT?

Archery Deer/Elk Hunts: Open to Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members Only

General Elk Hunts: Open to Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members First

General Deer Hunts: Open to Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members Only

Minor Hunts (Ages 12–17): Open to Enrolled Hopi and Non-Hopi Youth (if available) FCFS

Requirement:

- Proof of Hunter Education
- *11-year-olds may apply but must turn 12 before the hunt. Must show proof of hunter education by hunt date and be accompanied by an adult while hunting.*

Minor Any Elk: Hunters, please state on the application which 10 days out of the July 31-August 30 season you will be hunting

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

Available to: Members of Federally Recognized U.S. Tribes and Canadian First Nations

Note: These permits sell **very quickly**. **Contact WEMP before applying**. Sales begin **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

MANDATORY

- ✓ **Attend 1 Hunter Orientation:** **July 29 and September 29, 2026**, at 6:00 PM, Location/Zoom TBD
 - **Failure** = 1-year ineligibility.
 - ✓ **Harvest Check-In:** Within **24 hours** of harvest. All harvested deer/elk must be checked for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Teeth will be collected for aging.
 - ✓ **Turn in Post-Hunt Survey:** Due **first Friday after your hunt ends**
 - Submit in-person, by Email (HopiHunts@hopi.nsn.us), or online
 - **Failure** = ineligibility to hunt in 2027
 - \$50 fee may waive penalty (survey must still be submitted)
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BAG LIMITS

- **Deer:** (Hopi Enrolled Members only): One deer per calendar year. If hunters harvest a deer during the over-the-counter archery deer season, they may not harvest another deer (general hunts) during that calendar year.
 - **Elk (Hopi Enrolled Adult):** Up to 2/year (at least one must be Archery/Antlerless/Depredation hunt permit)
 - **Elk (Hopi Enrolled Minor):** 1/year
 - **Elk (Non-Hopi):** 1/year (if eligible)
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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, website, or request by email.
 3. **Complete Application Package:** Fill out form, include required processing fee.
 4. **Submit Before Deadline:** Deliver in person or submit online
 5. **Wait for Drawing:** WEMP assigns random numbers; drawing 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 harvest report/survey by the deadline to maintain good standing.
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TRAPPING/SMALL GAME

SEASON DATES

License Year: **July 9, 2026 – June 30, 2027** (except bobcat)

- **Permit Sales Begin:** 9:00 AM, Tuesday, June 02, 2026

HOW TO APPLY

- ✓ **Make sure you are eligible**
- ✓ **Submit a complete application package:**
 - **Hunting and Trapping Application**
 - **Hunting and Trapping License Fee:** allows take of predators, furbearers, and migratory game birds
 - **and permit fee/tag fee** (bobcat and mountain lion)
- ✓ **Accepted:** Payment will be accepted by
 - Check, cash, card, money order at Treasurer's Office (928)734-3123 or
 - Mail Money Order to: *The Hopi Tribe, WEMP- Hopi Hunting Application*
P.O. Box 123,
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Small Game: Rabbit, Prairie Dog, Squirrels, Quails, and Doves

- Open to **Hopi Tribal Members** only with Hopi Tribal Membership card
- Season Dates: Open year round
- **Bag Limit:**
 - **Cottontail & Jackrabbits** - Daily bag limit: 10 in aggregate
 - **Prairie Dogs & Squirrels** - Daily bag limit: 10 each
 - **Scaled and Gambel's Quail** – Daily bag limit: 10 in aggregate
 - **Eurasian Collared and Mourning Doves** – Daily bag limit 15 in aggregate

Furbearers: (except bobcats)

- Open to Tribal and Non-tribal members.
- Must obtain a **valid Hopi Hunting and Trapping permit**
- **Season Bag Limit:**
 - Coyote: 50
 - Fox: 50
 - All others: unlimited

Bobcat: Season date- **November 3, 2026- March 31, 2027**

- Open to Tribal and Non-tribal members
- Must obtain a **valid Hopi Hunting and Trapping permit and**
- **Bobcat permit for each bobcat taken**
- **Season Bag Limit:** 50 (either sex) or until all tags sold

Mountain Lion:

- Open to Tribal and Non-tribal members
- Must obtain a **valid Hopi Hunting and Trapping permit and**
- **Mountain Lion permit**
- **Season Bag Limit:** 1 (either sex)

MANDATORY

- ✓ You must check your traps at least once a day.
- ✓ **Harvest Check-In at WEMP office:** Thursday of each week or within 24 hours for Mountain Lion
- ✓ **Turn in Post-Hunt Survey:** Due **first Friday after your hunt ends**

- Submit in-person, by Email HopiHunts@hopi.nsn.us or PNutumya@hopi.nsn.us
- **Failure** = ineligibility to hunt in 2027

\$50 fee may waive penalty (survey must still be submitted). Please call WEMP with any questions.

✗ ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Camping in restricted areas:

- Designated Wildlife Protected areas: NO CAMPING
 - Range Units 254, 263, 573, and Blue Canyon area

Hunting in closed areas:

- Spider Mound community and Moenkopi Community including Pasture Canyon Park are closed to hunting

Poaching Includes:

- Hunting without a valid permit
- Using another's permit
- Taking unauthorized species
- Hunting where not permitted

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.
- Applicants found to have provided false or misleading information may face revocation of hunting privileges, monetary fines, or other penalties based on the severity of the violation.
- **No refunds** will be issued if an applicant becomes ineligible to participate in a hunt for which payment has already been made.

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THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

2026 HOPI BIG GAME OPPORTUNITIES

Hunt #	Species	Hunt Dates	Game Mgt Unit	# Of Permits	App Fee:	Fee: Hopi Member	Non-Hopi	App Due:
233	Minor Any Elk*	July 31- August 30, 2026 (10-day limit)	1 & 2	15 Hopi/ 5 Non-Hopi/OTC	\$0	\$70	\$200	07/24/2026
110	Archery Antlered Deer*	Sept 10-27, 2026 November 12-25	1 & 2	Unlimited/ OTC	\$0	\$75	N/A	9/04/2026, 11/06/2026
210	Archery Any Elk*	Sept 10-27, 2026 November 12-25	1 & 2	Unlimited/ OTC	\$0	\$75	N/A	9/04/2026, 11/06/2026
133	Minor Antlered Deer*	Oct 2-10, 2026	1 & 2	15/OTC	\$0	\$40	N/A	9/25/2026
211	Antlerless Elk~	Oct 22–Nov 1, 2026	1 – West	25/Draw	\$20	\$100	\$380	7/31/2026
212	Antlerless Elk~	Oct 22–Nov 1, 2026	2 – East	25/Draw	\$20	\$100	\$380	7/31/2026
201	Antlered Elk~	Dec 3-13, 2026	1 – West	20/Draw	\$20	\$125	\$480	7/31/2026
202	Antlered Elk~	Dec 3-13, 2026	2 – East	20/Draw	\$20	\$125	\$480	7/31/2026
101	Antlered Deer~	Dec 26–31, 2026	1 – West	15/Draw	\$20	\$75	N/A	7/31/2026
102	Antlered Deer~	Dec 26–31, 2026	2 – East	15/Draw	\$20	\$75	N/A	7/31/2026

* No Application Fee

~ \$20 Application Fee

N/A = Not Available to Non-Hopi Members.

2026 HOPI TRAPPING/SMALL GAME OPPORTUNITIES

Permit Type	Hunt #	Season Date	# Of Permits	Hopi Tribal Member	Non-Hopi Member
Minor Hunting & Trapping License		July 9, 2026 – June 30, 2027		Free	\$40
Adult Hunting & Trapping License		July 9, 2026 – June 30, 2027		\$25	\$200
Bobcat Permit	600	Nov 3, 2026- Mar 31, 2027	150	\$10	\$40
Bobcat CITES Tag				FREE	\$5
Mountain Lion Permit	700	July 9, 2026 – June 30, 2027	5	\$50	\$250
Trap Registration Permit Number		Lifetime		\$5	\$40
Mail Application Processing Fee				\$5	\$5