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# Private Land Archery Hunting Information Packet | 2022

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# Archery Season & Application Deadlines

\*Season dates are subject to change due to [MFWP](#) release of 2022 Hunting Information in early March.

**Archery Only Season Dates for Elk/Deer:** September 3 - October 16

Application Deadline: April 1

Drawing: April 15

**Archery Season Dates for Antelope:** September 3 - October 7

Application Deadline: June 1

Drawing: Early August

**900 Series Dates for Antelope:** August 15 - November 13

Application Deadline: June 1

Drawing: Mid-June



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# Archery on Big Timber Ranches

The Big Timber Ranch hunts are located just minutes outside of Big Timber, MT on thousands of acres of rolling hills with flowing creeks. Elk and deer roam the countryside in healthy populations. All of the Big Timber ranches are hunted with a General License for elk and deer. All antelope hunts require a special permit. We take a limited number of hunters to provide the best hunting experience. 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.

## Hunt Prices – Big Timber Ranches

### **ARCHERY ELK/DEER COMBO HUNT – BIG TIMBER RANCHES**

\$6000 per hunter 2x1

\$7500 per hunter 1x1

Hunt price includes lodging and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber.

### **900 ARCHERY ANTELOPE HUNT – BIG TIMBER RANCHES**

\$2500 per hunter 2x1

\$3000 per hunter 1x1

Hunt price includes lodging and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber.

## Hunt Dates – Big Timber Ranches

### **ARCHERY ELK/DEER**

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

Hunt includes lodging and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber

**Hunt #1:** Sept 2-8

**Hunt #2:** Sept 9-15

**Hunt #3:** Sept 16-22

**Hunt #4:** Sept 23-29

**Hunt #5:** Sept 30-Oct 6

### **900 ARCHERY ANTELOPE**

2-4 hunters, 4 days (arrival day, 3 days hunting, departing at the close of the last hunt day)

Hunt price includes lodging and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber.

**Hunt Dates:** TBD with the Outfitter at the time of booking - **Season Begins August 15**



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# Archery on the Divide Ranch

The Divide Ranch is a rarity. The ranch offers archery hunters a unique trophy hunting opportunity with a General License. This hunt focuses on trophy opportunities for elk, mule deer, and whitetail deer. The distinct topography provides a game friendly habitat that is sustained by thoughtful land management and wildlife conservation. We use a combination of 4-wheelers, hiking, and horses for this special hunt.

## Hunt Prices – The Divide Ranch

Hunt prices include lodging and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber

### **ARCHERY ELK HUNT**

\$7500 Per Hunter Weeks 1 & 5

\$8000 Per Hunter Weeks 2, 3, & 4

### **ARCHERY COMBO ELK/DEER HUNT:**

\$12,000 Per Hunter Weeks 1 & 5

\$12,500 Per Hunter Weeks 2, 3, & 4

### **ARCHERY DEER HUNT:**

\$5500 Per Hunter

## Hunt Dates – The Divide Ranch

### **ARCHERY ELK/DEER**

2-4 Hunters Per Week – 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

Includes options for tree stand and/or spot and stalk hunting

Hunts include lodging and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber

**Hunt #1:** Sept 2-8

**Hunt #2:** Sept 9-15

**Hunt #3:** Sept 16-22

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**Hunt #5:** Sept 30-Oct 6



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# Archery on the Lazy E-L Ranch

The Lazy E-L is a 12,000 acre family owned ranch nestled at the foot of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness just outside Roscoe, Montana. With 5 miles of river frontage, wildlife abounds in this spectacular, unspoiled setting. The ranch offers a high-quality hunt with opportunity for harvesting respectable size elk. Not only a good place to hunt, the beauty and history of the Lazy E-L Ranch is movie set worthy.

Your accommodations will be in a lovely vacation lodge on the West Rosebud River and just minutes from the ranch. This charming retreat offers comfortable beds and full bathrooms.

Clients staying at the retreat will enjoy eating in the dining room at The Grizzly Bar & Grill, located just outside the ranch. 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 E-L Hunts. Hunters love Jenn's food!

## Hunt Prices – Lazy E-L Ranch

### **ARCHERY ELK HUNT**

\$7000 2x1 per hunter

\$8500 1x1

This ranch is hunted with a general license.

## Hunt Dates – Lazy E-L Ranch

### **ARCHERY ELK HUNT**

4 Hunters per season – 7 days (arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

Hunt cost includes lodging and meals

**Hunt #1:** TBA

### **Special Note to Hunters from the Outfitter, Cameron Mayo:**

I will not be guiding the Lazy EL Ranch archery hunts as I will be guiding wilderness hunts 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 will do everything within their power to give you the best possible hunt.



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# What's Included and Not Included For Private Land Hunting

## 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 bow & arrows/guns & ammo
- Fishing Licenses
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Transport of trophies to final destination
- Any additional transportation cost
- Gratuities for guides and cook

### **Gratuities**

Clients often ask about gratuity amounts for guides, cooks and staff. Gratuities are 100% discretionary. Obviously, if you ask us, we are going to tell you to tip generously, as we know the long, hard hours our team works to give you the best possible ABO experience. Twenty percent of the cost of the hunt divided at the Client's discretion is a good place to start. Gratuity is always appreciated and provides validation to our team that the Client has had a good time and that they have done a good job.



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# Deposit & Payment Policy

A partial deposit of \$1000 is required to book your hunt. If you do not draw a license, the \$1000 partial deposit will be rolled over to the following year, if we have space available, or refunded. 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 and is non refundable. 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 canceled. We recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance. Montana Outfitters & Guides Association suggests Global Rescue travel insurance.

<http://www.montanaoutfitters.org/travelersinsurance/>

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

**All hunts will include an additional fee of \$50 added to your final invoice for the Hunter/Angler Defense Fund.** This fund was set up by Montana Outfitters & Guides Association for the purpose of defending non-resident hunting and fishing rights in the State of Montana. (Information on HADF can be found in the General Hunting Information Packet.)

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# Travel Arrangements | Big Timber & Divide Ranches

Plan to arrive in Big Timber the afternoon before your hunt begins and plan to depart the morning after your hunt ends. You will be staying in the ABO Lodge at ABO Headquarters. Check in time is 4:00 pm. Check out time is at 10:00 am.

## **ABO Headquarters & Lodge**

[1263 Hwy 10 West](#)

[Big Timber, MT 59011](#)

## Driving to Big Timber

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.

## Flying into Bozeman or Billings

The service is usually very good flying into Bozeman and Billings. However, Bozeman is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Remember, Montana is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.

**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      American 1-800-433-7300

United 1-800-864-8331      Alaska 1-800-252-7522

Most major rental car companies are available at either airport. **We recommend you rent a car or use the limo service listed below and that you book your rental car or limo service at the same time you book your flight.** Rental cars can be in short supply in the fall, so plan ahead. This is a very busy time of year and all our “hands” are engaged in preparing a great hunt for you. Classic Limo offers an excellent roundtrip service from Bozeman to Big Timber. Last year it was cheaper than renting a car.

**Classic Limo- 406-585-5466**



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# Travel Arrangements | Lazy E-L Ranch

## Driving to Roscoe:

The ranch is located in Roscoe, MT.

The Lazy E-L Ranch  
Lazy EL Ranch Road  
[Roscoe, MT, 59071](#)

Grizzly Bar and Grill  
[1 Main Street,](#)  
Roscoe, MT, 59071

**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 sight in your rifles or bows 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)

## Flying into Billings

The service is usually very good flying into Billings. However, there are limited flights into Montana, so make your reservations early. Remember, Billings is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.

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

The following airlines service Billings:

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Delta 1-800-325-1999  | American 1-800-433-7300 |
| United 1-800-864-8331 | Alaska 1-800-252-7522   |

Most major car rental agencies are available at the Billings airport. **We recommend you rent a car or use a limo service and that you book your rental car or limo service at the same time you book your flight.** Rental cars can be in short supply in the fall, so plan ahead. This is a very busy time of year and all our "hands" are engaged in preparing a great hunt for you.



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# Hotels, Food & Local Shops

If you plan to stay in Big Timber, Bozeman or Billings prior to your hunt we recommend the following:

## **BIG TIMBER, MONTANA**

### **Hotels**

**The Grand Hotel** ([thegrand-hotel.com](http://thegrand-hotel.com)) (406-932-4459).

**The Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast** is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. It has recently been purchased and is undergoing another renovation but is still in operation. Each room is unique. A well-stocked vintage bar is popular with the locals and serves lunch and dinner.

**Note: Due to labor shortages, please check the hotels website for updates on hours and food service.**

**The Super 8 Motel** ([super8.com](http://super8.com)) (406-932-8888).

**The Super 8 Motel** has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Bakery, located on McLeod Street in downtown Big Timber opens at 6:00 AM.

### **Food & Shops**

Stroll along McLeod Street for fun and unique shops with great prices. Don't miss **Gusts Department Store** (it will take you back in time), **Cinnabar Creek** for a great espresso and gifts, and the **Bakery** for breakfast, lunch and yummy treats. Stop for a delicious sandwich and cookie at **EarthWise General Store** and browse their Made in Montana and special health products. Take in the real flavor of Montana at **The Timber Bar** with its delicious "made in house" food and top it all off with a broad assortment of both local and national refreshing craft beers. For pizza and salads, check out **Iron Star Pizza Co.** and don't miss Big Timber's own microbrewery, **Circle T Taproom.** **Sweet Cast Angler** is a good place to pick up any extra flies or fishing supplies. **The Fort** offers any last-minute needs from sleeping bags, hunting & fishing gear, gifts, food and "spirits" to name a few.



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## BOZEMAN, MONTANA

**The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West** ([holidayinnexpress.com](http://holidayinnexpress.com)) (406-582-4995). The **Holiday Inn Express** is a small, friendly hotel conveniently located at 2305 Catron Street. The Inn has a breakfast bar that opens at 5:30 each morning, comfortable rooms, pool and exercise facility. They provide shuttle service to the airport. Make your reservations early. The summer is a busy time for tourists while the fall is filled with college related activities.

**The C'mon Inn** ([cmoninn.com](http://cmoninn.com)) (406-587-3555). The **C'mon Inn's** heavy timbered look with Montana's big game animals perched on rocks and above waterfalls has the charm and feel of a mountain lodge. Comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, several hot tubs, a breakfast bar and shuttle service to the airport leave you wanting for little. The Outback Steakhouse is conveniently located next door. The C'mon Inn is located off Interstate 90 at Exit 305 on East Valley Center Road.

Bozeman is a delightful old western town with great restaurants, wonderful art galleries, the Museum of the Rockies and many other fun places to shop and visit. Be sure to check out **HEAD WEST**, [headwestbozeman.com](http://headwestbozeman.com), a western apparel and gift shop on Main Street in downtown Bozeman. If you need libations for your mountain trip, you will not want to miss a visit to **Single Barrel Liquor & Bar**. This unique boutique liquor store with an attached cozy cocktail bar is located on the West side of Bozeman and is a local favorite.  
**4535 Valley Commons Drive, Suite 101, Bozeman, MT 59718**  
[singlebarrelbozeman.com](http://singlebarrelbozeman.com) 406-577-2163

## BILLINGS, MONTANA

**Boothill Inn & Suites** ([boothillin.com](http://boothillin.com)) (406-245-2000) 242 East Airport Road, Billings, MT 59105

**Northern Hotel** ([northernhotel.com](http://northernhotel.com)) (406-867-6767) 19 N Broadway, Billings, MT 59101

There are many good hotels in Billings from which to choose. These are two that have consistently received good reviews.



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# Hunting Licenses and Permit Information

For more information on licensing, permits and how to apply for the draw refer to the General Hunting Information Packet or go online to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).

## General Non-Resident Elk and Deer Licenses

**Non-resident and resident hunters will need general licenses to hunt elk and deer in Montana.** All of the ranches Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters hunt, require only a general elk/deer license.

## Permit Requirement for Antelope Licenses

**Resident and Non-resident hunters must draw a special permit to archery antelope hunt in Montana.** We would suggest you apply for the Archery 900-20 antelope permit.

## Hunter Education Requirement

**Before you go online to apply, be aware of the following:**

**Hunter Education Requirement for Archery & Rifle Hunters - If you were born after January 1, 1985,** you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season. **When you apply online for your license, you will need to have your certificate number, the date you received it and the state in which you received it as proof that you have completed a hunter safety course.**

## Bowhunter Education Requirement

**Before you go online to apply, be aware of the following:**

To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow license, **a hunter must provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation Course, or provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.** You will need the license number, date it was issued and state from which it was issued.



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## **Bow and Arrow Licenses**

**Archers will need to purchase a bow & arrow license.** You can purchase your bow & arrow license at the same time you apply for the general draw or you can wait until you draw to purchase it. See details below under Bowhunter Education Requirement. If you are already in the Montana system as an archery hunter, then you will not be required to provide this information.

## **Licensing Process Summary**

**Our ABO staff is ready to assist you with any questions you may have about hunting in Montana with our outfit. Our office will walk you through each aspect from booking, to licensing to arrival and everything in-between.**

**Special Note: As a service to our booked hunters, we do all their online license applications due to the complexity of the licensing process in Montana. This takes the burden off of them, helps alleviate errors in license and permit choices and allows us to maximize their chances of drawing.**