

# Tribes approve 2021-2022 hunting seasons

Tribal Council has approved the off-reservation hunting regulations, as recommended by the Branch of Natural Resources-Wildlife. Please login to tribal website: [hunting.warmsprings-nsn.gov](http://hunting.warmsprings-nsn.gov)

Or order by email: [wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org](mailto:wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org)  
Or phone 541-553-2001. For permits requested by phone, come by Natural Resources office to pick up your permits and regula-

tions. Please take advantage of off-reservation hunting tags. These opportunities take hunting pressure off the reservation due to fire closures, which help improve wildlife

populations. Please make sure off reservation hunting takes place on public (unclaimed) lands. It is the hunter's responsibility to know where you are hunting, where you are allowed

to hunt, what weapons are allowed to use, and what the bag limit is. For questions regarding hunting please contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-553-2001.

OFF RESERVATION HUNTS:		
Off-Reservation Hunt	Open Season	Bag Limit
General Buck Deer	Aug. 1 – Oct. 31 & Dec. 1 – Jan. 31	Open to buck deer with visible antler (Except Metolius Unit - refer to regs below)
Archery Buck Deer	Nov. 1 – 30	Open to buck deer with visible antler (Except Metolius Unit - refer to regs below)
Ceremonial Deer	Open Year Around	Open to either sex deer (Except Metolius Unit - refer to regs below. These hunts will be specific to units and sex when issued)
White-tail Deer	Open Year Around	Open to white-tail deer of either sex
John Day Canyon Buck Deer: Rifle	Nov. 1 - 30	Open to bucks with visible antler (5 draw permits available)
Metolius Unit Buck Deer Hunts Special Regulation Dates		
Metolius Buck Deer Rifle:	Aug. 1– Oct. 15	Open to buck deer with visible antler
Metolius Buck Deer Muzzleloader:	Oct. 16 – Oct. 31	
Metolius Buck Deer Archery:	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	
ELK OFF RESERVATION		
General Elk Archery	Aug. 1 – Oct. 1	Open to any elk with archery only.
Early & Late Elk Rifle	Sept. 1 – Oct. 1 & Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	Spike bulls and Antlerless Elk with rifle. Closed to branch antler bulls rifle hunting. Any elk with a bow is allowed.
General Bull Elk Rifle	Oct. 17– Nov. 30	Open to bull elk with visible antler.
SPECIAL ANIMAL HUNTS		
Pronghorn:	Aug. 1 – Oct. 31	Either sex pronghorn antelope.
<b>Bighorn sheep</b> John Day Ram (2 tags) John Day Ewe (2 tags) Lo Deschutes Ram (2 tags) Lo Deschutes Ewe (2 tags) Aldrich: Murderers Crk (1 tag)	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30	One ram per tag. Tags will be awarded to Tribal members through a public drawing.
Black bear	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31	Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year and sows with cubs.
Cougar	Entire Year	Either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.

Off reservation hunting is designated for off-reservation (unclaimed) public lands. Illegally harvesting wildlife on the reservation using off-reservation tags, or harvesting the wrong sex, can have great long-term negative impacts to the tribes' wildlife populations.

Overharvesting wildlife and illegally harvesting females reduces wildlife population numbers for multiple generations. Please help protect the tribes' wildlife resources by reporting poaching violations to 541-553-2033 or 541-553-1171.

There is mandatory reporting of all hunter harvest. Failure to report harvest results for off-reservation and reservation hunts will result in a loss of hunting privileges for subsequent tags. Please be honest with your hunter reporting. If you are issued a tag, you have the right to hunt and harvest an animal. Harvest and hunting information is important for the wildlife department in determining wildlife population sizes, herd compositions and hunting pressure.

In addition, this information helps us determine where there are and are not animals, which helps focus our habitat restoration efforts on the reservation. Your continued support and participation with hunter reporting is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you for your participation!*  
CTWS Branch of Natural Resources.

## FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON SCHOOL IS COMING BACK.



Anticipation is building for students to return to full-time and in-person school this fall. For kids and families, this can be a mix of anxiety, excitement and opportunity. Local school districts are updating their health and safety plans to serve the needs of their students and families. Learn how your district is preparing at [Oregon.gov/readyschools](http://Oregon.gov/readyschools).



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