



VERMEJO ELK HUNTS

PREMIUM BULL ELK

- Our most popular hunts are during the elk rut. Peak rut activity (bugling and coming to calls) typically occurs late September archery and early October rifle hunts.
- Bugling bulls can be located, then called into range by an experienced guide using a variety of calls and tactics.
- Outside of the elk rut, hunting activity typically involves many hours spent “glassing” and riding in a vehicle to find animals. Once animals are located spot and stalk tactics are used to get within range of bulls.
- All hunts are performed from a modern, 4x4 vehicle* with experienced Vermejo hunt guides, who we try to pair with hunters based on the needs and abilities of our hunting guests.
- Vermejo offers 5 day hunts out of both our Headquarters lodging and high-country Costilla Fishing Lodge.
- The Headquarters hunts are limited to no more than 16 archery hunters or 28 rifle hunters, and Costilla is limited to no more than four archery hunters or eight rifle hunters.
- Our management plan is to take only mature bulls in their prime (7 years or older).
- A hunter can expect the average hunt to commonly have opportunities at 310-320” (B&C gross) class bulls.
- Due to high demand, party size is generally limited to four hunters.
- We do not sell antlers or guarantee success, we sell an experience; if you are simply looking for an enormous trophy animal, Vermejo is not the place for you.

*Due to the vast terrain covered during our hunts, we do not offer horseback hunts.

**We do not commonly offer combination deer and elk hunts due to New Mexico hunt regulations. However, combination hunts can be arranged on a very limited basis.

MANAGEMENT BULL ELK

- Management bull elk hunts are one of the more difficult hunts offered at Vermejo. These 5-day hunts require patience, as the probability of finding and harvesting a management bull that meets our criteria is far less than that of harvesting a premium elk.

MANAGEMENT BULL ELK (cont.)

- Vermejo defines a management bull elk as a 5 X 5 bull whose body composition and features indicate that the bull is past his prime; or a bull with deformed pedicles causing at least one side of the antlers to be deformed.
- In addition, any velvet bull, after the rut, is considered a management bull.
- Bulls with broken points and bulls that have deformations that create a non-typical antler configuration that would be considered a “trophy” class animal are not management bulls.
- It is the guide’s call as to whether a bull qualifies as a management bull.
- Management bulls can be unique in that those with at least one deformed antler are one of a kind.

PREMIUM COW ELK

- Our Premium Cow Elk hunts are often referred to as “an everything but the antlers, total Vermejo experience”. In other words, you get the same accommodations, all the amenities and excellent service that is provided for a premium bull elk hunt at a reduced price point.
- These hunts are an opportunity to take home some of the best organic wild game meat found anywhere. Most hunters will agree that cow elk meat is better than that of a bull elk.
- For those who want to experience a high-end Western elk hunt but are more interested in putting high quality meat in the freezer than a trophy on the wall, this is a great option.