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The Michigan Natural Resources Commission is a seven-member public body whose members are appointed by the governor and subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. The NRC has exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game and sportfish. The commission conducts monthly, public meetings in locations throughout Michigan. Citizens are encouraged to become actively involved in these public forums. For more information visit Michigan.gov/NRC.

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History of Elk Management in Michigan

Michigan's elk herd is a wildlife management success story. Historically, elk were found in southern Michigan but had disappeared by the late 1800s due to unregulated harvest and market hunting. Today's elk herd is the result of seven elk brought from the western United States and relocated to Wolverine, Michigan in 1918. The first elk hunts, held in 1964 and 1965, were in response to the growing elk population and a desire to control elk numbers. Though the hunts were a success, they were not immediately continued. The first elk management plan was written in 1975, and hunting began again in the 1980s. The elk management plan was updated in 1984 and again in 2012, recognizing the importance of elk viewing and making hunting the preferred method for controlling elk numbers and distribution.

Where can I learn more about elk management in Michigan?

Visit Michigan.gov/Elk for more information on elk management, biology, and population status.

2021 Elk Drawing and Weighted Lottery System

How does the drawing and weighted lottery system work?

Hunters are selected using a weighted drawing system that began in 2003. Drawing applicants who are not selected for a license receive one additional chance for future drawings. In each drawing, an applicant's total number of entries is equal to the number of chances earned in past drawings plus one chance for his or her current application.

Another way of thinking about the lottery system is to imagine a chance as a piece of paper with your name written on it that's dropped into a hat with other names. A hand will reach into the hat and draw a name. If you have five chances, then five papers with your name will be added to the hat, increasing your chances of being drawn.

For more information on the elk lottery system, watch the "Elk Weighted Lottery System Explained" video at Michigan.gov/Elk.

I have three chances from past drawings. If I apply for a license this year, how many chances will I be entering the drawing with?

If you apply for a license this year, you will enter the drawing with a total of four chances.

How many chances do I need to be successfully drawn?

There is no set number of chances to be successfully drawn, and there's no guarantee that an applicant will eventually receive a license even with a large number of chances. The weighted drawing system provides some advantage to hunters who apply consistently year after year while still offering an opportunity to all applicants, including those applying for the first time. The number of elk licenses available each year (260) is very small compared to the number of license applicants (over 44,000).

What happens to my chances if I'm successful in the drawing?

Chances are reset to zero for all successful applicants, including those who choose not to purchase their license. Those who purchase an elk license are subject to an ineligibility period for future drawings, as explained on page 12.

What happens if I'm not selected in the drawing?

You will be issued one chance for future drawings.

Where can I check my chances?

Check your chances at Michigan.gov/Elk. Chances are tracked by customer ID. To ensure that all your chances are considered in the drawing, you should apply with the same ID used to apply in previous years. If your ID changes, call 517-284-WILD (9453) before the application deadline to ensure your chances are combined under your current ID.

What will happen to my chances if I stop applying?

You must apply at least once every five years to retain your chances. Chances are reset to zero for applicants who do not apply for five consecutive years.

Can nonresidents apply in the elk drawing?

No. Elk licenses are issued to Michigan residents only.

With over 40,000 applicants, how do you make sure successful applicants are drawn from all over the state?

The elk drawing system also ensures that the percentage of hunters selected from a given region (Upper Peninsula, northern Lower Peninsula, and southern Lower Peninsula) equals the percentage of individuals who applied from that region. For example, if 30 percent of all applicants reside in the northern Lower Peninsula, 30 percent of selected hunters will be residents of that region.

How to Apply for a Limited-License Hunt

How many licenses can I apply for?

From May 1 – June 1, you can apply for one elk license or one elk chance.

How much is an application?

Applications are \$5.

How do I know if I'm eligible to apply for the drawing?

You are eligible to apply if you are a Michigan resident and are 1) hunter safety-certified or 2) an apprentice hunter or 3) licensed under the Mentored Youth Hunting Program.

What identification do I need to apply for the drawing?

You will need to have a valid Michigan driver's license OR a State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State) OR a DNR Sportcard (issued by retail license agents or at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses).

I'm only 9 years old. Can I apply for the elk drawing?

Yes. If you are licensed under the Mentored Youth Hunting Program, you can purchase an application for the elk drawing. If drawn successfully, you can purchase an elk license. See the Mentored Youth Hunting Program section for more information.

I am an apprentice hunter. Can I apply for the elk drawing?

Yes. If drawn successfully, your accompanying hunter must also have a 2021 elk hunting license. Their license does not have to be the same management unit or season dates as yours. See the Apprentice Hunting License section for more information.

How do I apply for a hunt?

First, you must choose your application type. There are three options:

- Bull or Antlerless; you are willing to harvest a bull or antlerless elk
- Bull only; you are only willing to harvest a bull elk
- Chance only; you do not want a 2021 elk license but would like to earn an additional chance for future drawings.

Then, purchase your application at a retail license agent or online at Michigan.gov/Elk. Finally, make sure to check your receipt for accuracy and retain it as proof of your application.

If I apply for bull or antlerless, what license could I be awarded?

If successfully drawn, you will be issued one of these two licenses:

1. Any-elk – valid for taking either a bull or an antlerless elk;
2. Antlerless-only – valid for taking antlerless elk only.

If I apply for bull only, what license could I be awarded?

If successfully drawn, you will be issued an any-elk license valid for taking either a bull or an antlerless elk.

If I apply for a bull only license and am not successful, will I be entered into the drawing for an antlerless tag?

No. Bull only applicants will only be entered into the drawing for one of the 80 any-elk licenses available in 2021.

How do I apply for a chance-only?

A chance-only application can be purchased for \$5 at a retail license agent or online at Michigan.gov/Elk. When purchasing, select “Chance Only.” Do not select a hunt. You will not be entered into the drawing for a license. Instead, you will be issued an additional chance to be used in future drawings.

The receipt I received is not printed clearly or has an error. What should I do?

You are responsible for obtaining a DNR application receipt that accurately states your customer ID and hunt choice. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

I'm having trouble applying. What should I do?

You may call 517-284-WILD (9453) for assistance.

How do I know if I was successful in the drawing?

You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results online. They will be available at Michigan.gov/Elk on July 6.



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Hunting Hours

Time Zones A and B: Hunting Hours for Elk ONLY

When is it legal for me to hunt during the day?

You may hunt one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset (adjusted for daylight saving time). For hunt dates not listed in the table, please consult your local newspaper.



Zone A counties: Alpena, Presque Isle

Zone B counties: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego

| Hunt Periods | Date | Time Zone A a.m. | Time Zone A p.m. |
|----------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Hunt Period 1 | Aug. 31 | 6:24 | 8:44 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 1 | 6:25 | 8:42 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 2 | 6:27 | 8:40 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 3 | 6:28 | 8:39 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 17 | 6:45 | 8:12 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 18 | 6:46 | 8:10 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 19 | 6:47 | 8:08 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 20 | 6:48 | 8:06 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 1 | 7:02 | 7:45 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 2 | 7:03 | 7:44 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 3 | 7:03 | 7:42 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 4 | 7:05 | 7:40 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 11 | 7:32 | 5:22 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 12 | 7:33 | 5:22 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 13 | 7:34 | 5:22 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 14 | 7:34 | 5:22 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 15 | 7:35 | 5:22 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 16 | 7:36 | 5:22 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 17 | 7:37 | 5:23 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 18 | 7:37 | 5:23 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 19 | 7:38 | 5:23 |
| Hunt Period 3* | Jan. 12 | 7:50 | 5:43 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 13 | 7:40 | 5:45 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 14 | 7:39 | 5:46 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 15 | 7:39 | 5:47 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 16 | 7:38 | 5:48 |

| Hunt Periods | Date | Time Zone B a.m. | Time Zone B p.m. |
|----------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Hunt Period 1 | Aug. 31 | 6:31 | 8:52 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 1 | 6:32 | 8:50 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 2 | 6:34 | 8:48 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 3 | 6:35 | 8:46 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 17 | 6:52 | 8:19 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 18 | 6:53 | 8:18 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 19 | 6:54 | 8:16 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Sept. 20 | 6:55 | 8:14 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 1 | 7:09 | 7:53 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 2 | 7:10 | 7:51 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 3 | 7:11 | 7:49 |
| Hunt Period 1 | Oct. 4 | 7:13 | 7:47 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 11 | 7:40 | 5:29 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 12 | 7:41 | 5:28 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 13 | 7:42 | 5:28 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 14 | 7:43 | 5:28 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 15 | 7:43 | 5:29 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 16 | 7:44 | 5:29 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 17 | 7:45 | 5:29 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 18 | 7:45 | 5:29 |
| Hunt Period 2 | Dec. 19 | 7:46 | 5:30 |
| Hunt Period 3* | Jan. 12 | 7:48 | 5:50 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 13 | 7:48 | 5:52 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 14 | 7:47 | 5:52 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 15 | 7:47 | 5:54 |
| Hunt Period 3 | Jan. 16 | 7:46 | 5:55 |

* This hunt period will be held only if additional harvest is needed to achieve population management goals after Hunt Periods 1 and 2.

2021 Elk Management Units

For detailed descriptions of elk hunt unit boundaries go online to Michigan.gov/DNRLaws or contact a DNR Customer Service Center.

September and October Hunts



December Hunt



Successful Applicants

I was successful in the drawing! Now what?

Congratulations! In a few weeks, you will be mailed a packet of information about your hunt, including assigned hunt period, elk management unit, type of license (any-elk or antlerless-only) and mandatory elk hunt orientation class details. We will mail the packet to your address listed with the Secretary of State, so make sure that your mailing address is up to date.

I was selected for Hunt Period 1 but would prefer to have Hunt Period 2. Can I switch?

No. Hunt assignments cannot be changed.

I was drawn for an antlerless-only license but would prefer an any-elk license. Can I switch?

No. License types cannot be changed.

I was selected for Unit I but would prefer unit H. Can I switch?

No. Units types cannot be changed.

2021 Elk Seasons and License Quotas

| Hunt Period | Season Dates | Elk Management Unit (Public and Private Land) | Any-Elk License Quota | Antlerless - Only License Quota |
|-------------|---|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Aug.31 - Sept. 3 Sept. 17-20 Oct. 1-4 | X | 30 | 70 |
| 2 | Dec. 11-19 | H, I, X | 50 | 110 |
| 3 | Jan. 12-16, 2022 | *See below | *See below | *See below |

*This hunt period will be held only if additional harvest is needed to achieve population management goals after hunt periods 1 and 2.

Ineligibility Periods for Elk License Recipients

I was issued an antlerless-only elk license. When can I start applying for another elk license?

You are ineligible to apply for, obtain, or purchase an elk license or chance for 10 years. For example, those issued an antlerless-only license in 2021 are ineligible from 2022 through 2031.

Is the ineligibility period the same for those issued an any-elk license?

No. Those issued an any-elk license are ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase a future elk license for the remainder of their life.

Could I still be awarded an elk license through the Pure Michigan Hunt?

Yes! Elk license recipients can continue to apply for the Pure Michigan Hunt and, if selected, will receive an any-elk license. Nonresident winners of the Pure Michigan Hunt will not be awarded an elk license. Learn more about the Pure Michigan Hunt at Michigan.gov/PMH.

Elk Receipt Purchase

I was drawn successfully. Where can I purchase the elk receipt?

You can purchase your elk receipt online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses or at a license agent. Find a license agent at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenseAgents. Your license will be mailed to you after you purchase your \$100 elk receipt and complete the mandatory elk orientation class, explained on the next page.

When can I purchase the elk receipt?

The elk receipt will be available for you to purchase when drawing results are available on July 6.

When will I receive my elk license (kill tag)?

Your license will be mailed to you after you purchase your \$100 elk receipt and complete the mandatory elk orientation class, explained on the next page. We recommend purchasing your elk receipt and completing the orientation by the deadline provided in your hunter packet to ensure you receive your kill tag prior to the start of your hunt.

I was selected in the drawing but can't buy my elk receipt. Why not?

A base license is required for everyone who hunts in Michigan. While an application may be purchased prior to obtaining your base license, you must purchase your 2021 base license before you can purchase the elk receipt.

Do I have to carry my hunting license when hunting?

Yes, you must carry your elk license and the identification used to purchase that license and present them upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a tribal conservation officer or any law enforcement officer.

| License by Age | Resident Age: Up to 9 | Resident Junior Age: 10-16 | Resident Age: 17+ | Resident Senior Age: 65+ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mentored youth license | \$7.50 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Application for license drawing | \$5 | \$5 | \$5 | \$5 |
| Base license | N/A | \$6 | \$11 | \$5 |
| Elk receipt | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |

Mandatory Elk Hunt Orientation

What is the elk hunt orientation?

It is a mandatory course that all successful applicants must complete prior to their elk hunt. The orientation will cover hunter safety, elk biology, tuberculosis surveillance, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, elk unit map reading tips, and recommended hunt locations.

How do I take the course?

In 2021, the course will be held virtually. You will need a computer and internet access to complete the course. In the weeks prior to your hunt date, the elk orientation course will become available online at Michigan.gov/Elk. The Hunt Period 1 course will likely open in July, and the Hunt Period 2 course will likely open in November. You will receive additional information about the start date and content of your course. The course consists of a series of videos you must watch and then electronically sign an affidavit verifying you have watched the videos in their entirety.

What if I'm unable to complete the orientation virtually?

If you cannot complete the orientation virtually, please call 517-284-WILD (9453) to discuss accommodations.

I was successful for Hunt Period 2. Can I take the Hunt Period 1 orientation?

No. The orientation is specific to the hunt period. Each hunter will receive a packet with details and instructions on their assigned hunt and hunt orientation. To receive your license, you must complete your assigned Hunt Period orientation course.

What is my deadline for finishing the course?

You must complete the course at least two weeks before the start of your hunt.

After I complete the orientation, how will I receive my license?

After purchasing your elk receipt and completing the orientation, you will be mailed your elk license and additional materials to help your efforts afield. We will mail it to your address listed with the Secretary of State, so make sure that your mailing address is up to date.

Elk Hunt Transfer Program

I was successfully drawn for a license, but now I cannot hunt this year.

What can I do?

Your drawing success may be transferred to an eligible person you know or donated anonymously to individuals on the DNR transfer waiting list.

Who is eligible to receive a hunt transfer?

1. Youth hunters, ages 16 and younger, who applied for an elk license and were unsuccessful in the current-year license drawing.
2. Any person who has been diagnosed with an advanced illness.* An application for a license in the current-year drawing is not required. Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers.

*Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL - 333.5653]. See Legislature.michigan.gov.

What is the DNR transfer waiting list?

Those who are eligible to receive a hunt transfer can register for the waiting list to receive a donated elk hunt. The registration period to join the list is March 1 – July 10. There is no guarantee that everyone on the list will receive a donated hunt. Visit Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers to learn more about the hunt transfer program.

How do I transfer my drawing success?

You must submit a transfer request using forms available at Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers. If a hunt recipient is not named on the form, the hunt will be offered to an individual on the DNR hunt waiting list.

What will happen to my chances if I transfer my drawing success?

Chances are reset to zero for all successful applicants, even if drawing success is transferred.

Can I sell my drawing success?

No. It is unlawful for an individual to receive a fee, other consideration or service of value, either directly or indirectly, for transferring drawing success to another person or assisting and/or guiding that person in the hunt which has been transferred.

Mentored Youth Hunting

What is the mentored youth hunting program?

The mentored youth hunting program allows youth hunters 9 years of age and younger to hunt with a mentor who is at least 21 years of age, has hunting experience and possesses a valid Michigan license to hunt other than an apprentice license.

What can mentored youth hunt with their license?

The mentored youth license is a “package” license to hunt small game, waterfowl, turkey (spring and fall) and deer, trap furbearers, and fish for all species. It also allows hunters to apply for or purchase additional licenses including antlerless deer, bear, elk and fall turkey. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found in the Michigan Hunting Digest or online at Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting.

I'm a mentored youth hunter. Can a successful applicant transfer their drawing success to me?

Yes, but only if you applied for an elk license and were unsuccessful in the current-year license drawing.

Apprentice Hunting License

Can I purchase an apprentice hunting license?

If you do not have a hunter safety certificate and are 10 years of age or older, you may purchase a base apprentice hunting license.

How many times can I purchase an apprentice hunting license?

As an apprentice hunter, you may purchase this license for two license years before you must successfully complete a hunter safety course.

I'm not a resident of Michigan. Can I purchase an apprentice license?

Yes. The base apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents. However, only Michigan residents can apply for an elk license.

Can I hunt by myself with an apprentice license, or do I need to hunt with someone else?

When hunting as an apprentice hunter, you must be accompanied by someone 21 years of age or older who has a regular, current-year hunting license for the same game you are hunting.

I'm a youth apprentice hunter. Do I have to hunt with my parents?

If you are an apprentice hunter who is 10-16 years of age, your accompanying hunter must be your parent or guardian who is at least 21 years of age. The accompanying hunter must have a regular, current-year hunting license for the same game species that you are hunting.

How close do I need to be to my accompanying hunter during the hunt?

Your accompanying hunter must be able to come to your immediate aid and stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

Does my accompanying hunter need to have an elk license for the same unit and hunt period as me?

For hunting elk, your accompanying hunter needs a 2021 elk hunting license, but it does not have to be for the same management unit or season dates as your elk license.

I'm an accompanying hunter. How many apprentice hunters can I supervise?

You may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters.

Equipment Used to Take Elk

What equipment can I use to kill an elk?

All firearms, crossbows and bows that are legal for hunting deer in Michigan are also legal for elk hunting, except the use of buckshot is not allowed. Please refer to the current year's Hunting Digest, available at Michigan.gov/DNRDigests, for specifications.

Do I have to wear hunter orange?

Yes, you must wear a cap, hat, vest, jacket or rain gear of hunter orange. The hunter orange garments must be your outermost layer and visible from all sides. Hunter orange includes camouflage that is not less than 50 percent hunter orange.

I have a concealed pistol license. Am I allowed to carry my pistol while hunting?

Yes. The prohibition on carrying any other type of firearm does not apply to pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license, or under a specific exception from the CPL requirement.

Can I hunt elk from a tree stand?

Yes, it is legal to hunt elk from elevated platforms, tree stands or ground blinds on public and private lands in the elk management unit for which you are licensed.

When can I set up my tree stand?

Elevated platforms, tree stands or ground blinds may be placed on public land from Aug. 15 through five days after the close of the elk season, or if successful, five days after harvesting an elk.

What information do I have to tag my tree stand on public land with?

In legible English, you must permanently affix your name and address, Michigan driver's license number, or DNR Sportcard number to the ground blind or tree stand.

What kind of materials can I use to attach my hunting platform to a tree on public land?

You cannot use any item that penetrates through the bark of the tree. Hunting platforms cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws or bolts; however, a “T” bolt or similar device supplied by a tree stand manufacturer can be used. Screw-in tree steps are illegal on public lands.

Can I hunt with someone who is a member of a federally recognized tribe hunting under treaty-authorized regulations?

A person accompanying a hunter lawfully engaged in treaty-authorized hunting may not harvest a game animal unless also lawfully licensed as a treaty-authorized hunter or as a state-licensed hunter for the applicable species and season.



Elk Herd Health

Can elk contract Bovine tuberculosis?

Yes. Bovine tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease that primarily affects cattle; however, other animals may become infected. TB has been detected in Michigan elk. Heads from harvested elk must be submitted to the Michigan DNR for mandatory TB testing. Learn more at Michigan.gov/BovineTB.

Can elk contract Chronic Wasting Disease?

Yes. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a contagious, neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose. To date, CWD has not been detected in Michigan elk. Any elk seen acting abnormal should be reported to the Michigan DNR. Learn more at Michigan.gov/CWD.

Precaution About Lead in Wild Game

Should I be concerned about lead?

Elk shot with rifle bullets containing lead, particularly copper-jacketed and hollow-point bullets, can have particles of lead remaining in the meat, some too small to be seen or felt. Lead can be harmful to humans and wildlife, even in very low amounts. If you have questions about the health effects of lead exposure from lead fragments, call the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 and/or look through the information on the DNR website at Michigan.gov/WDM. You may also contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-648-6942 or visit Michigan.gov/MDHHS.

Commercial Hunting Guides on State Land

What do I need to do to guide elk hunters on state-owned lands?

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned land must receive written authorization. Guides are required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit Michigan.gov/WildlifePermits or contact a DNR Customer Service Center for more information.

What do I need to do to guide elk hunters on National Forest lands?

Commercial guiding on National Forest (NF) lands requires a federal special use permit. Applications can be obtained through any NF office or by calling a Hiawatha NF: 906-428-5800; Huron-Manistee NF: 877-444-6777; or Ottawa NF: 906-932-1330.

Support Sportsmen Against Hunger

How can I donate the meat I harvest?

The Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to support the effort to provide processed wild game meat to local families in need. You can help in one of two simple ways. First, tell your license agent that you would like to make a cash donation when you purchase your hunting license. Second, consider donating a portion of your processed game (donations can be accepted only if the processing is done by a licensed processor). For more information, call 517-853-3663 or go online to SportsmenAgainstHunger.org.

Poachers Beware: Hunters are Watching

How do I report suspected poaching?

If you witness a natural resource violation, report it immediately. You can do this by texting or calling 800-292-7800 -- phone lines are open 24/7. You may remain anonymous!

The Safari Club International-Michigan Involvement Committee is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of an individual or individuals illegally killing elk or moose in Michigan. To report information on the illegal killing of elk or moose in Michigan, please call or text the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Report All Poaching hotline at 800-292-7800.



Need information?

Contact a DNR office listed below or visit us online.

Customer Service Centers (CSC) are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga CSC

427 U.S. 41 N.
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651

Bay City CSC

3580 State Park Drive
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141

Cadillac CSC

8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727

Crystal Falls Field Office

1420 W. U.S. 2
Crystal Falls, MI 49920
906-875-6622

Detroit Metro CSC

1801 Atwater St.
Detroit, MI 48207
313-396-6890

Escanaba CSC

6833 U.S. 2, U.S. 41 and M-35
Gladstone, MI 49837
906-786-2351

Gaylord CSC

1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-3541

Lansing CSC

4166 Legacy Parkway
Lansing, MI 48911
517-284-4720

Marquette CSC

1990 U.S. 41 S.
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-6561

Naubinway Field Office

P.O. Box 287
W11569 U.S. 2 E.
Naubinway, MI 49762
906-477-6048

Newberry CSC

5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5131

Norway Field Office

520 W. U.S. 2
Norway, MI 49870
906-563-9247

Plainwell CSC

621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6851

Roscommon CSC

I-75 and M-18 South,
8717 N. Roscommon Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5151

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P.O. Box 798
4131 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
906-635-5281

Traverse City CSC

2122 S. M-37
Traverse City, MI 49685
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