

X-Bar Hunter Management Area 2016

The **X-Bar Ranch Hunter Management Area** (HMA) is open to hunting for pronghorn, elk, waterfowl (at Sodergreen Lake only), rabbits, and predators/furbearers (ONLY when NO pronghorn antelope seasons are open) in accordance with current seasons and regulations as published by the Game & Fish Commission and with the following limitations. Deer, mountain lions, and bears are infrequent on the X-Bar Ranch HMA; however permission slips for these species are available to provide access through the HMA to reach huntable USFS lands on Sheep Mountain.

- **No access is granted west of the South Sheep Mountain Road January 31 through March 31 to protect wintering wildlife.** Daytime non-consumptive uses are permitted on Office of State Lands property outside of the “Archery” and “Limited Range Weapon” only areas from April 1 through August 15. No permission slip is required for non-hunting activities.
- **Each hunter** must have a **permission slip** and a **vehicle pass** to the specific hunter management area. **Anyone without Department permission shall be subject to trespass charges.**
 - Non-hunting/ non-permitted persons may assist in game retrieval on the HMA as long as they are accompanying a permitted hunter and do not possess a firearm or bow.
- **You may receive either a Strouss Hill or an X-Bar Ranch HMA (antelope hunting) permission slip—NOT BOTH.**
- **Archery Antelope** Hunting Access: (Area 45; *apply online starting July 11 at 8:00 AM*)
 - Forty (40) permission slips will be issued on a first-come, first served basis.
 - Entire HMA August 15 – September 14, and, “Archery Only” portion September 15 – October 31.
- **Regular (Firearms) Antelope** Hunting Access (Area 45 *apply online July 11 – August 1*):
 - Hunting is restricted to limited range weapons in portions of the HMA.
 - Twenty (20) permission slips will be issued through a **random drawing** for each of the following periods: September 15 – 18, September 19 – 25, Sept 26 – Oct 2, October 3 – 9, October 10 – 16, & October 17 – 31.
 - **Terrain on the HMA is very flat. Always be certain of your target and what is beyond!**
- **Elk** Hunting Access (Area 9; *apply online starting July 11*)
 - Unlimited permission slips will be available for access to hunt elk from September 1 – January 31.
- **Deer** (Area 76), **Mountain Lion** (Area 7), and **Bear** (Area 8) Hunting Access:
 - *Apply online starting July 11*
 - Unlimited number of permission slips available for access through the X-Bar Ranch HMA September 1 through October 31.
- **Other listed species** (Predators, Furbearers, or Waterfowl): *apply online starting July 11*
 - Unlimited number of permission slips available for access to the HMA October 1 – March 31.
 - Predator hunting permission slips are only available at the Laramie Regional G&F Office
 - 528 South Adams, Laramie, WY 82070 (8:00 – 5:00, Monday – Friday)
- Abide by all signs and posted areas. Leave all gates as found. No camping or fires allowed.
- Temporary blinds for hunting may be erected as long as the **hunter’s name and current address are clearly printed on the exterior** and it is completely removed before the hunter’s permission slip expires. The hunter is responsible for any damage done to blinds left in the field.
- Motorized travel is allowed on designated roads ONLY. Designated roads are posted with a white arrow.
- **HUNTERS MUST PARK IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS ONLY.** While retrieving harvested animals, hunters may park at the nearest point along a designated road.
- **Report violations by calling 1-877-WGFD-TIP** (1-877-943-3847). Future hunting and fishing opportunities depend on compliance with all ranch rules as well as Game and Fish laws and regulations.
- **Discharge of a firearm within 300 yards of livestock or buildings is prohibited.** Do not shoot in the direction of livestock, buildings, roads, windmills, stock tanks, or any object other than the animal you are hunting.
- Do not damage fences, range improvements, or harass livestock. Livestock has the right of way.
- If you harvest an animal on deeded land, mail the landowner coupon to the ranch where the animal was harvested. Please see the map to determine land ownership.

Flying Heart Ranch, LLC
209 Gabrielson Lane
Laramie, WY 82070

Office of State Lands and Investments
No coupons please

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The Hunter Management Program, as part of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Access Yes Program, manages hunters on large sections of private lands and, by doing so, preserves hunting opportunities for hunters. A Hunter Management Area (HMA) may refer solely to private lands or a combination of private, state trust, and federal lands within ranch boundaries.

The X-Bar Ranch Hunter Management Area is located approximately twenty miles southwest of Laramie on Highway 230 on property belonging to the Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments and the Flying Heart Ranch. As part of the Hunter Management Area agreement, a unique set of Ranch Rules is created cooperatively with the landowner. It is the hunters' responsibility to know, understand and comply with all Ranch Rules and Game and Fish Commission Regulations. Hunters agree to comply with these rules in order to access the Hunter Management Area. Failure to comply will likely result in fines and/or the termination of access privileges.

ONLY CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROADS are open to motorized travel on this HMA. **Designated roads** are defined as "only established roads marked as open by a Department white arrow sign." Roads without white arrow signs are closed to vehicles!

Hunters: Don't let the illegal riders and gate-busters degrade big game habitat and steal our hunting opportunities.



**Report
all illegal
off-road abuse!**

Contact your game warden or local law enforcement

**1-877-WGFD-TIP
(1-877-943-3847)**

- ▶ Photograph or copy license plate, ORV sticker or VIN
- ▶ Photograph vehicle, tracks or other evidence, with identifiable landmarks
- ▶ GPS or map location of violation
- ▶ Record: When, where, who, and what you saw

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers offers **REWARDS** for information leading to conviction of anyone abusing public hunting and fishing areas. Learn more at www.backcountryhunters.org



For safety, remember to **park only in designated areas** and **ensure a safe backstop** before any shot is taken!



The Wyoming Game & Fish Department commends these landowners for their contributions to habitat, sound wildlife management, and hunter access. Hunters should abide by the ranch rules and respect the landowner and the land for continued access opportunities. **Remember, we are guests on their property.**