



SHIELD RANCH CHERRY CANYON

Shield Ranch Cherry Canyon Family Hunting

Dear Gen 4 Ranch Stewards,

We hope you'll be able to make it out to Cherry Canyon this year. Here are dates available for hunts during the fall/early winter. Please request dates by email to Vera and Bob with Meredith and Blake copied. Please try to schedule your hunt by September 1st. If that's not possible, please send your request at least 6 weeks in advance of your arrival date so that Terry can manage his work schedule with your visit in mind.

The Ranch schedule allows us to offer one hunt per next gen group annually. Please limit your group to no more than four persons total — three is even better when it works.

Because bull elk are the cornerstone of our lease hunting program, and to ensure we manage a sustainable population of trophy bulls over time, we are limiting the harvest of bull elks to one per next gen member (or spouse, or guest) each ten years.

We will review all harvest restrictions annually.

MLDP Mule Deer Season Dates – Nov 4th thru Jan 28th

MLDP White-tailed Deer Season Dates – Sept 30th thru Feb 29th

Happy Hunting,

Bob and Vera

Scheduling and Harvest

Please check the Cherry Canyon Google Calendar for potential available dates.

Harvest per Group

1 bull elk*

1 mature Aoudad ram

1 mature buck (mule or whitetail)**

Unlimited

- Management mule deer
- Management whitetail
- Female Aoudad
- Feral hogs

*1 bull elk per each next gen (or spouse) every 10 years

**A second trophy buck may be allowed after conclusion of lease hunting (early January) depending on population and year-to-date harvest.

Family & Guests Hunting

The Land Steward will provide tags when you arrive at the Ranch and provide guidance on the number and sex of mule deer, white-tailed deer, aoudad and elk available for harvest per the restrictions and opportunities listed above.

Feral and Exotic ungulates: Harvest of feral pigs is encouraged. Other than white-tailed deer, mule deer, aoudad, and elk, no other wildlife are allowed to be harvested. Shooting of other wildlife species is strictly prohibited.

Before arriving at the Ranch, all guests (hunters and non-hunters) must complete and sign a release form. These can be found on the [Shield Ranch Family website](#). Waivers are located there for all three Ranches. You can choose to download a .pdf, sign it, and email it to the Land Steward. Or you can have your guest complete the online form – no printing required (preferred).

All hunters must possess a valid Texas hunting license.

Mule deer and white-tailed deer must be tagged using the TPWD-issued MLDP tags and harvest information recorded on the MLDP data sheet immediately upon arrival back at the Lodge or Willow Spring Bunkhouse. It is assumed that the Land Steward will be accompanying you on each hunt and will be available to take measurements. Taking measurements and completing the paperwork are TPWD requirements!

It is the responsibility of the family and guest hunters to process their game and to arrange for its disposition. Distribution/Donation of meat locally can be arranged with the Land Steward.

Safety:

- Never have a loaded gun in vehicles, ATV's, Lodge or Willow Spring Bunkhouse.
- Before taking a shot, clearly identify your target and shoot only in a safe direction.
- Never discharge your firearm from a moving vehicle.
- Alcohol and firearms do not mix.
- Rely on the advice of the Land Steward as to which animals to harvest.

