

Elk Regulations

Licence fees are found on page 14. For more information on elk biology and management in Ontario, please visit ontario.ca/elk.

After disappearing from Ontario in the late 1800s due to pressures from human settlement, elk were restored to four areas of the province more than a decade ago. Thanks to the support and contributions of all involved, elk are once again an important part of Ontario's biodiversity. To find out more about the history of elk in Ontario and Ontario's elk management program, please visit ontario.ca/elk.

Information for All Elk Hunters

Elk hunting is new to Ontario and some of the regulations are different from moose and deer hunting. Carefully review the regulations and draw application instructions if you are interested in applying for an elk hunting opportunity in southern Ontario. Application and licence fees are found on page 14.

The elk hunt will take place only in parts of southern Ontario where the elk herd is now self-sustaining and can support limited hunting opportunities.

Firearms

Big game, including elk, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting elk can be found on page 24.

Dogs

Dogs may not be used to hunt elk. **EXCEPTION: Dogs may be used to track an elk that has been lawfully wounded in the hunt (see page 5 for more information).**

Attractants

In order to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease, products that contain bodily fluids (urine, gland oil, feces, saliva, etc.) of a member of the deer family (including deer, moose, and elk) are not permitted to be possessed or used for the purposes of hunting in Ontario. Hunters are allowed to possess and use artificial or plant-based products that can attract wildlife or be used as a cover scent.

Elk Hunting on Private Property

If you wish to hunt elk on private land, you must have with you a valid elk licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the ministry. The required form will be distributed by mail to elk seal and licence tag recipients or can be found at ontario.ca/hunting.



Modified Party Hunting for Elk

Party hunting for elk is permitted during the open season for elk **under a set of specific conditions listed on page 25, and with the additional restrictions described below:**

- A person may only party hunt with the holder of an elk seal if they are part of the seal holder's hunting group, with the seal number listed on their licence tag. Hunters wishing to party hunt for elk must apply to the elk draw as a group and list all members on the same application.
Note: A person hunting under the authority of a Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card and under the direct and immediate supervision of a member of the elk hunting group is permitted to participate in the elk hunt.
- Party hunting for elk is limited to a maximum of four hunters (including the seal holder, but not including apprentice hunters).
- Multiple parties may not hunt cooperatively.

Because of these restrictions, party hunting for elk is referred to as "Modified Party Hunting".

Sealing and Transporting Elk

An elk licence tag must be carried by the recipient at all times while hunting elk.

If you have killed an elk while hunting alone, you must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.**

If party hunting for elk, the party member who holds the game seal must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, **securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the instruction panel attached to the seal.** Only the seal holder is allowed to attach the game seal to the elk. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal an elk.

A person who seals an elk must notch out the month, day and time of the kill on the game seal.

Elk Hunter Mandatory Reporting Requirements

A hunter who has been issued an elk seal through the elk draw must complete and submit the **mandatory reporting questionnaire, either online or through the mail.**

Information for Ontario Residents Wishing to Hunt Elk

Who can hunt elk in Ontario?

A resident of Ontario may hunt elk under certain conditions if he/she is in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card **and** a current elk hunting licence tag **and** can meet one of the following criteria:

- The hunter has a game seal for a cow or bull elk; **OR**
- The hunter is party hunting in a group (see information on modified party hunting on page 53 and on general party hunting on page 25) with the person whose elk seal number is listed on their licence tag.

NOTE: Hunter apprentices may participate in the elk hunt if hunting with a mentor who has an elk seal or a mentor who is a member of a group in which another hunter has an elk seal.

To receive an elk seal and/or be eligible to purchase an elk hunting licence tag, a resident hunter must apply to the elk draw and pay the draw application fee. A hunter or a party of hunters who fails to get an elk seal through the draw process is **NOT permitted to hunt elk.** No refund of application fees is granted to an applicant who is unsuccessful in the draw.

There is currently no open elk hunting season for non-residents.

Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 30, for information on import, export and shipping.

Applying to the Elk Hunt Draw

Hunters may apply to the elk draw as a member of a group or as an individual. You can choose one of three ways to enter the draw for an elk seal:

- By calling the toll-free automated telephone application system at 1-800-288-1155 OR
- By going online to ontario.ca/outdoorscard OR
- By going to participating ServiceOntario centres.

Your chance of being drawn for an elk seal is the same whether you apply by telephone, online or at a participating ServiceOntario centre. **Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.**

If you wish to hunt in a party, you will need to apply as a group. If you apply to the elk draw as an individual, you will not be permitted to party hunt.

The deadline by which a telephone or online application must be completed is by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 10, 2014.

The deadline by which an application must be received is within regular business hours at participating ServiceOntario centres on June 10, 2014.

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Applying to the Elk Hunt Draw

Before You Apply – Advance Preparation

For the purposes of harvest management, elk seals are valid for areas smaller than a WMU, referred to as Harvest Areas. WMUs have been sub-divided into Harvest Areas and each Harvest Area has a separate quota.

- Review the map showing the 2014 Harvest Areas for elk hunting and the corresponding quota table on page 58. Using this information, determine your first choice of WMU-Harvest Area. Identifying a second choice is optional.
- Hunters will be randomly assigned the type of elk seal (e.g. bull or cow) according to the annual quota for each Harvest Area

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 and provide your current address. This will ensure that you will receive notification of your success in the draw and the option to purchase an elk licence tag.

If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011.

What Type of Applicant Are You?

To use the telephone or online application system, hunters must decide - prior to applying - which type of applicant they are.

There are three types of draw applicants:

- **Group Leader**
- **Group Member**
- **Individual**

Hunters applying as part of a group will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are. The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four, comprised of the Group Leader and up to three Group Members. **Once a group application has been submitted, changes to group members will not be allowed.**

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply. The Group Leader is the only member of the group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU and Harvest Area (refer to the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2014 Elk Draw on page 58). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choice(s). The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application.

Group Members

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader. Each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together in the draw.

Individuals

Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice(s) of WMU and Harvest Area (refer to the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2014 Elk Draw on page 58).

Applying by Telephone

For your convenience you may apply to the elk draw by calling the toll-free automated telephone application system at **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from **May 1, 2014, to 11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 10, 2014**. An application fee of \$16.95 (includes 13% HST) per hunter will be charged to your credit card.

There are numerous benefits to applying to the draw by telephone, including:

- User-friendly system
- Limits data entry errors
- Confirmation of draw entry.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A Touch-Tone™ telephone
- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- The 2014 Hunt Code representing the first and optional second choice Wildlife Management Unit and Harvest Area to which you would like to apply (see page 58).
- A valid VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card
- If applying as part of a group, to decide with your group if you are the Group Leader or a Group Member (refer to definitions above and specific instructions below).

When using the telephone application system, it is important to remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your phone. **Do not speak your answers.**

Group Leader Instructions and Worksheet

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Codes, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2014 Elk Draw on page 58.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is three plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call 1-800-288-1155 between **May 1 and June 10, 2014**.

This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), June 10. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Elk Draw option.

STEP 3 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. **Your Outdoors Card Number is:**

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 5 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming.

	WMU	Harvest Area	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number.

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit Expiry date for your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card and provides you with a 7- digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 9 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Elk licence/seal should you or your group be successful in the draw, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.**

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

STEP 10 As the last step, contact your Group Members and give them your seven-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Group Member Instructions and Worksheet

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, you are considered the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling. The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Your Authorization Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader), your Outdoors Card Number and credit card number with expiry date.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between **May 1 and June 10, 2014**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), June 10. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Elk Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt enter the seven-digit Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Group Reference Number:

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. **Your Outdoors Card Number is:**

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU and Harvest Area choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit Expiry date for your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number and provides your Authorization Number. Record your Authorization Number in the space below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 9 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Elk licence/seal should you or your group be successful in the draw, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.** At the end of the call you will be told the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself).

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Individual Applicant Instructions and Worksheet

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Your Authorization Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Codes, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the table titled Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2014 Elk Draw on page 58.

STEP 1 Call 1-800-288-1155 between May 1 and June 10, 2014.

This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:59 p.m. (ET), June 10. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Elk Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an Individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Harvest Area	Hunt Code
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

STEP 6 Enter the 4-digit Expiry date for your credit card.

Expiry Date: /
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number and provides your Authorization Number. Record your Authorization Number in the space below.

Authorization Number:

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Elk licence/seal should you be successful in the draw, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw.**

If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Applying By Internet

The website, ontario.ca/outdoorscard, will allow you to apply to the elk draw as a group leader, group member or as an individual.

The deadline for completing applications online is 11:59 p.m. (ET) on June 10, 2014.

To apply to the draw online, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card.
The charge to your credit card will be \$16.95 (includes 13% HST).
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units and Harvest Area to which you would like to apply.

You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. The information that you enter electronically online is your direct application to the draw. **Be sure to save a copy of your draw application receipt for future reference using the "Print Receipt" button once your draw application has been submitted.**

Applying at a Participating ServiceOntario Centre

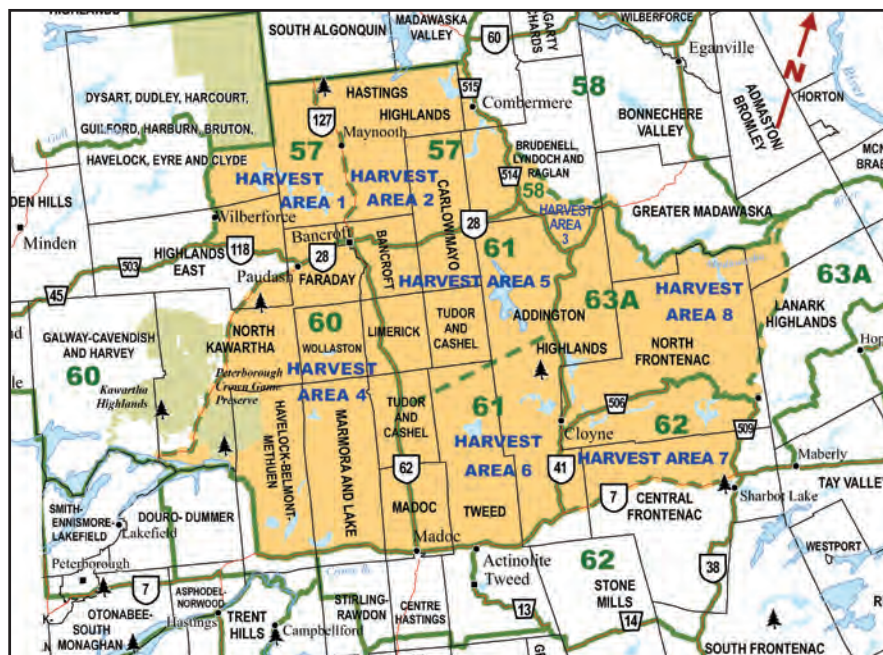
As of 2013, paper applications are no longer being used or accepted. A ServiceOntario representative will assist you in entering the draw electronically. **The deadline for completing applications at a participating ServiceOntario centre is within regular business hours on June 10, 2014.** Applications that are not received by June 10, 2014, will not be entered into the draw. To apply to the elk draw, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- The hunt code for your first and second choice (if applicable) Wildlife Management Units and Harvest Areas to which you would like to apply OR
- If applying as a member of a group, your group reference number provided to you by your Group Leader
- Payment of \$16.95 (includes 13% HST).

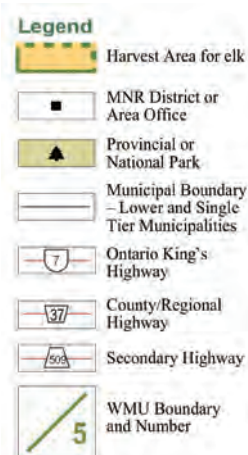
NOTE: Check your draw confirmation receipt prior to leaving the ServiceOntario centre to ensure your choices have been correctly entered.

Harvest Areas for Elk

For the purposes of harvest management, elk seals are valid for areas smaller than a WMU, referred to as Harvest Areas. WMUs have been sub-divided into Harvest Areas and each Harvest Area has a separate quota. Harvest Area boundaries are described in the table below the map.



For detailed information on WMU boundaries, go to ontario.ca/hunting.



Harvest Areas and Hunt Codes for the 2014 Elk Draw (Open Season Dates and Seal Quotas)

WMU	Harvest Area	Hunt Code	Description of Harvest Area Boundary	2014 Resident Open Season	Seal Quota	
					Bulls	Cows
57	1	100	The part of WMU 57 west of a line formed by Hwy 62 south of Maynooth and Hwy 127 north of Maynooth.	September 15 to September 28, 2014	1	1
57	2	101	The part of WMU 57 east of a line formed by Hwy 62 south of Maynooth and Hwy 127 north of Maynooth.		2	15
58	3	110	The part of WMU 58 south and west of the Madawaska River.		1	1
60	4	120	The part of WMU 60 east of Hwy 28.		1	3
61	5	130	The part of WMU 61 north of the northern edge of the Hydro One transmission line (X1P) running through Tudor, Grimsthorpe and Effingham Townships.		2	8
61	6	131	The part of WMU 61 south of the northern edge of the Hydro One transmission line (X1P) running through Tudor, Grimsthorpe and Effingham Townships.		2	14
62	7	140	The part of WMU 62 north of Hwy 7.		1	1
63A	8	150	The part of WMU 63A west of the former K&P Railway line.		1	1



Hunters who are drawn for an elk seal and choose to purchase their elk licence tag are not eligible to receive another elk seal in their name for five years, but may continue to be listed as a member of a group and party hunt for elk during this time. Hunters who are part of a group with an elk seal recipient are still eligible to receive an elk seal next year. A successful group applicant may be eligible to transfer their elk tag in certain circumstances. Please visit ontario.ca/elk or contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 for more information.

What should I know about collared/ear tagged elk?

Hunters should avoid harvesting elk that have been collared. These collared animals are an important component of ongoing elk research and monitoring programs (see page 5 regarding consumption of chemically immobilized animals). **No replacement seals will be issued in these circumstances.**

Draw Results and Information for Hunters Successful in the Draw

Draw applicants should call the toll-free Draw Results line at 1-800-288-1155 or go online to ontario.ca/outdoorscard to determine the results of the Elk Draw. This automated line and website are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 2 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record. Hunters who receive an elk seal in the draw and all members of his or her elk hunting group will be notified in early August that they are eligible to purchase an elk licence tag, and must do so before they can hunt elk. Only successful draw applicants will be notified.

Hunters who purchase an elk licence tag will receive their elk seal (if applicable).

2013 Elk Validation Tag Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

Total tags available.....	70
Total applicants entered in the draw.....	2,286

First Choice Applications by Area

57 Area 1	74
57 Area 2	816
58 Area 3	10
60 Area 4	46
61 Area 5.....	911
61 Area 6.....	365
62 Area 7	23
63A Area 8.....	41



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It's wildfire season, don't be the reason.

Safe Campfires are:

- Built** on bare soil or exposed rock
- Sheltered** from the wind
- Located at least **three metres** from the forest, overhanging branches or other flammable material
- Small**. A small fire is best for cooking and is easier to control and put out. The forest is no place for a bonfire.
- Put out as soon as possible:** douse with water then stir the ashes with a stick or shovel to uncover hot coals, and douse again.

Safe Campfires have:

- A pail of **water** and a shovel at hand to control the fire
- Someone tending** them at all times.

For more information contact your local Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Office or visit us at ontario.ca/fireprevention.

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