

Elk Hunting Tips

Tip #1: When hunting a herd bull with cows, move in as close as possible and make a few cow calls so you will sound like a cow that has left the herd. Follow up by sounding like a spike bull that has moved in and trying to take one of his cows.

Tip #2: When making cow sounds, use at least two different calls with different tones. Double open reed calls to sound like more than one cow. This can add the extra bit of realism you need to trick that bull.

Tip #3: Break limbs, sticks, and maybe even roll a rock down the mountain when trying to call in a bull. Elk can be very noisy, so don't be afraid to do this. These little things can often change the outcome of your hunt.

Tip #4: Elk typically move to the parks and meadows in the evening and at night. Then move back to the dark timber to bed during the day. Try not to ever disturb the elk in their bedroom. If you can get in front of them, your chances of calling one in are much better when they are on the move between two areas.

Tip #5. Elk movement occurs during the first hour after dawn and before dark. To take the most advantage of your time Elk Hunting, you will need to hike to and from your stand by flashlight. Be prepared to sit quietly from 4:30AM to 10:00AM and then begin moving around, taking in the view, take some pictures or eat a snack and drink some water. Around noon, slowly proceed back to camp or move to another location being sure to glass each meadow at the tree lines and dark shadow areas. If you are going back to base camp for a bite to eat, do so slowly. Proceed back out at around 1:30PM or 2:30PM and plan on staying out until dark. Enjoy the time to also have fun, eat well and take care of yourself physically and mentally. If you do this, your chances of obtaining Elk are dramatically improved.

Tip # 6. Watch the Wind Carefully. The best hunters have learned that the wind shifts constantly, and must be continuously monitored. The wind is alive... it flows like moving water, carrying your scent of danger to a supersensitive nose. The Elk will smell you before you see them.

Tip # 7. Control Your Smell. Wearing outerwear washed in non-scent soap and stored in a clean plastic bag. Take care to never touch anything with the bare skin when traveling to and from your Elk Stand will make all the difference in the world. And for goodness sake, be sure to go to the bathroom only in camp... The Elk can smell human waste a mile off! Ignore this rule and pay the consequences.