

Unit 38 Elk Hunters

Golden Gate Canyon State Park will be opening the Green Ranch section of the park to limited access elk hunting for wildlife management purposes again in 2011. A lottery drawing will be held at the park to determine who will be allowed to hunt.

The Green Ranch, acquired by the State in 1995, is 3,500 acres of heavy aspen and pine forests interspersed with several large meadows. The elevation ranges from 7,500 feet to 9,400 feet. Macy Gulch is the main drainage. The Green Ranch boundaries are not yet designated on topographical maps, but the area is on the Blackhawk 7.5 minute quadrangle and includes portions of sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 16, and 17. Currently the Green Ranch is closed to public use, but the majority of it will be opened to persons holding a Green Ranch hunting access permit.

A total of 70 elk hunters spread over seven different hunting slots* will be allowed into the area during the regular Division of Wildlife elk seasons. Each hunting slot will have a maximum of 10 hunters. To reach wildlife management goals, 5 cow elk and 5 bull elk hunting access permits will be given for each hunting slot (archery excepted). Archery hunters may take either a bull or a cow elk with their over-the-counter either-sex archery license. Hunters who have a hunting access permit for elk, and are also licensed to hunt deer, may hunt deer on the Green Ranch during the hunting slot for which they have an access permit. No deer hunting only access permits will be issued.

A non-refundable \$10.00 application fee must be submitted with each application. The access permit fee of \$100.00 for successful applicants also remains in effect.

Each hunter may have one other non-hunting person accompany him or her while hunting.

2011 Hunting Periods

<u>Hunting Slot #</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1	Archery	Sept. 6 – Sept. 11	6 days
2	Muzzleloader	Sept. 12 – Sept. 17	7 days
3	Archery	Sept. 19 – Sept. 25	7 days
4 (Limited)	1 st Season - Elk	Oct. 15 – Oct. 19	5 days
5	2 nd Season - Rifle	Oct. 22 – Oct. 30	9 days
6	3 rd Season - Rifle	Nov. 5 – Nov. 13	9 days
7 (Limited)	4 th Season - Rifle	Nov. 16 – Nov. 20	5 days

* Note dates: A hunting slot may not be for an entire regularly established DOW season.

Please send only one application per hunting slot. Applications received without application fee enclosed will not be processed.

Rules and Regulations

- A valid Colorado elk-hunting license will be required. All cow elk applicants must have been successful in the DOW limited license draws for unit #38. All muzzleloader hunters must have drawn a statewide muzzleloader license for the sex they wish to hunt. A photocopy of limited licenses is required with the application.
- Each hunter may apply for more than one hunting slot (if the hunter is eligible for that slot), but may apply for each hunting slot only once. Hunters who apply for more than one hunting slot will be assigned a hunting access permit for the first hunting slot for which they are successfully drawn. Hunting slots will be drawn in chronological order with archery being first, muzzleloader being second and so on.
- **Non-refundable application fee of \$10.00 must accompany each application. (Payable to Colorado State Parks)**
- **Access permit fee of \$100.00 for successful applicants.**
- No group applications are accepted.
- No preference points are awarded.
- Hunting access permits are non-transferable.
- All State Park and Division of Wildlife laws apply.
- A valid daily or annual park pass is required for all vehicles. A daily pass is \$6.00 per day. They are available at the Visitor Center.
- All vehicles must be parked at the designated hunter parking area. Only one vehicle will be permitted per access permit. **No parking on public roads.**
- All access and game retrieval is walk-in, walk-out from the parking area. Horses and pack animals are permitted, but no motorized travel beyond the parking lot is allowed.
- Access is for day-use only from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There is no camping allowed on the Green Ranch, but camping and cabins are available at the park.
- No fires are permitted on the Green Ranch.

Drawing Dates

- Applications for hunting access permits must be received at Golden Gate Canyon State Park by 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2011.
- The drawing will be conducted internally at Golden Gate Canyon State Park on August 1, 2011.
- Notification to successful applicants will be mailed by August 2, 2011.
- **Only successful applicants will be notified.**
- Successful applicants will be required to attend a mandatory orientation and remit the access permit fee. Scouting will be allowed after all orientation sessions.
***(No weapons on scouting days)

Orientation Dates

August 6 or August 20 at 10:00am @ Visitor Center Columbine Room

Orientation is Mandatory

For an application, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Golden Gate Canyon State Park (Attn: Green Ranch)
92 Crawford Gulch Road
Golden, CO 80403

For more information, please call: (303) 582-3707 ext. 17