



Non-resident Big Game Hunting in Saskatchewan

Hunting is a popular outdoor pursuit for people of all ages in Saskatchewan; hunters from all over the world come to Saskatchewan because of its high-quality hunting opportunities for a variety of game species.

Saskatchewan's laws are designed to provide effective management of wildlife populations to ensure hunting opportunities are available now and into the future. This includes managing outfitting, outfitter allocations and hunting areas in the province.

Non-resident hunters may hunt big game in Saskatchewan under two scenarios.

Scenario 1

When hunting on provincial Crown lands or private lands, non-resident hunters must use the services of a provincially licensed outfitter.

Outfitter allocations for non-resident hunters are only valid for white-tailed deer, moose and/or bear and only within a number of specific wildlife management zones.

Refer to the annual Saskatchewan Hunters' and Trappers' Guide for additional details.

A non-resident for the purpose of hunting in Saskatchewan is someone other than a Canadian resident.

Scenario 2

Non-resident hunters may hunt big game on First Nation reserve lands. To do so, non-resident hunters must have prior permission to access these lands by the First Nation Chief and Council.

First Nation individuals often offer outfitting services to non-resident hunters to hunt on these First Nation reserve lands.

Should a non-resident hunter retain the service of an outfitter to hunt on reserve lands, it is their responsibility to ensure that the outfitter is operating pursuant to existing Band by-laws.

Outfitting is a commercial operation and is therefore not considered a Treaty Right.

Note: New for 2017

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment will work with individual First Nations to develop annual harvest levels for white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose and elk on First Nations reserve land.

The number of export permits issued to non-resident big game hunters, who are clients of First Nations outfitters, will be based on the annual harvest level established for each First Nation.

There will be a limited number of these permits available and it is important that clients have discussions with their First Nation outfitter, in advance of harvesting any big game animal, to confirm the status of their assigned annual harvest level for big game species and the corresponding availability of export permits.

Legal requirements

The following list will assist non-resident big game hunters in ensuring they remain compliant with provincial law while hunting in Saskatchewan.

- When hunting on provincial Crown land and private land you must use the services of a provincially licensed outfitter.
- If hunting on First Nation reserve lands, ensure that you have prior permission from the First Nation Chief and Council and hunting is confined within the reserve land; with or without the services of a First Nation outfitter.
- All provincial laws on hunting apply outside of First Nation reserve lands.
- Familiarize yourself with all hunting laws applicable to the reserve lands you intend to hunt on.
- First Nations have the legal authority and autonomy to develop hunting laws that are specific to its own reserve lands.
- Provincial export permits are required to take the antlers, meat or parts of an animal harvested on First Nation reserve land out of Saskatchewan.
- Export permits are available at any Ministry of Environment field office and are identified in the annual Saskatchewan Hunters' and Trappers' Guide.

Specific information on licencing, seasons, draws, regulation changes, etc. is made available each year in the Hunting and Trapping Guide. The guide is available online at saskatchewan.ca/hunting or at any Ministry of Environment office.

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