



# ELK

## Management in Michigan



### Our Goals

#### Manage

A Sustainable Elk Population in Balance with Habitat

#### Hunt

To Control Elk Numbers, Herd Composition and Distribution

#### Enhance

The Public Understanding of Elk Management in Michigan

# 1

## Manage

### Sustainable Elk Population in Balance with Habitat



Focus habitat management efforts within the elk management area where the benefits are greatest and will have the greatest impact.

Forests on state-land will be managed to contain roughly 26 percent aspen trees, approximately 1000 acres of wildlife openings, and the total amount of open or upland brush acres will increase to 6-7 percent. Private landowners within the elk range will be offered information and assistance to help them meet both DNR and landowner needs.

## Monitor elk numbers, distribution and habitat

Aerial surveys will be performed to determine elk numbers and distribution. The population will be maintained within the goal range of 500-900 elk so that crop damage, disease concerns and forest regeneration are minimized and recreational opportunities are maximized.

## Monitor elk herd health

Testing of all hunter-killed elk for bovine tuberculosis is mandatory. Disease monitoring in elk will continue at the current level and will be evaluated annually and modified as necessary to maintain effectiveness.





# 2

## Hunting

### the Primary Method to Control Elk Numbers, Herd Composition and Distribution

Encourage relationships between hunters, the DNR, private landowners, and hunting guides.

Hunting is an effective wildlife management technique for controlling both numbers and distribution of elk. Positive interaction among hunters, DNR staff, guides and private landowners will result in an elk hunt that addresses private landowner concerns, is more successful as a management tool and is more enjoyable for the hunter. The DNR will assist with private landowner concerns with elk in a timely manner that offers the landowner options to address their concern.





# ELK VIEWING MAP

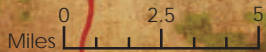


### Legend

- Elk Viewing Areas
- Roads
- Rivers & Streams
- Highways
- State Land
- Private Land
- DNR Offices

### Spot us by GPS

	Latitude N	Longitude W	
	By Road	By Hike	
1	45.185438°	-84.590372°	---
2	45.163343°	-84.499068°	---
3	45.26595°	-84.476635°	🌲
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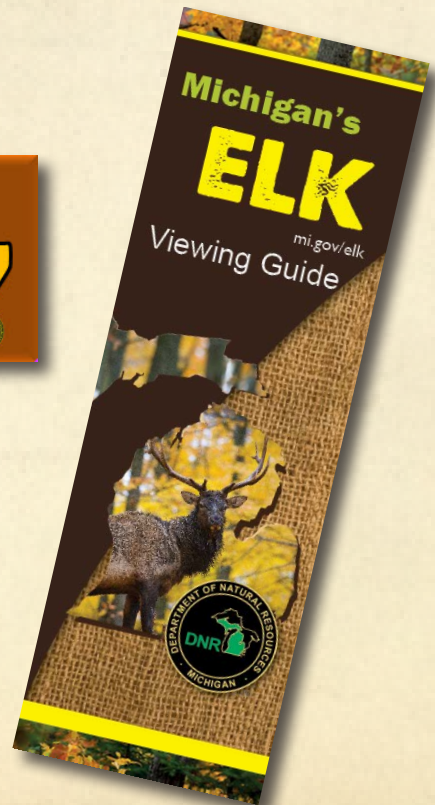


# 3

## Enhance Public Understanding of Elk Management in Michigan

Develop and implement an elk communication strategy to ensure consistent and accurate information.

Working with conservation partners, the DNR will provide information for elk viewing and ways to incorporate elk management into an education setting. An annual update about elk management will be available to relate results of habitat management, surveys, hunting information.





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