Quick Facts



Weight

350 -900 Pounds

Height

4 to 5 feet at the shoulder

Winter Coat Head, neck and legs are dark brown, while the sides and backs are much lighter

Summer Coat

Deep and red-brown

Antlers

Grow annually on male elk up to 40 pounds in weight

Food

Grass, forbs, shrubs, fruits, and trees

Young

Calves born late May early June, 25-30

pounds

Breeding

Late September to early October

Goal Population

500-900

Management

Elk are primarily grazers and browsers. They prefer a landscape with open young habitat. The DNR manages state land by cutting old timber to create forests, by planting food plots, and by using prescribed burning.



Hunting

Elk hunting is frequently called the hunt of a lifetime for many Michigan residents. Elk hunting is the primary tool used to maintain the balance between elk numbers and habitat, while also addressing crop damage concerns. Elk hunting has occurred annually since 1984. Between 30,000 and 40,000 people apply for a chance to hunt elk every year. The number of licenses issued generally ranges from 100-400 and depends on the current population and condition of the habitat.

Enhancing

Through an important partnership effort with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the DNR is working to improve elk viewing areas and elk viewing education as well as materials and programs.



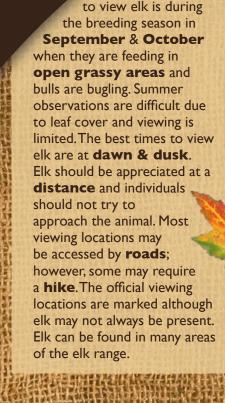


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Viewing Guide



Elk Viewing

The most

popular time





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