General Rules for Hunting on the Silver Spur Ranches

Any violation of Colorado State Statutes or Regulations will result in notification of Colorado Parks & Wildlife. You have drawn a Ranching for Wildlife tag allowing you to access private property owned by Silver Spur Ranches. Be aware that these hunts are not guided hunts. Spur personnel will direct you to a specific hunt area for safety reasons, but you are expected to hunt on your own, unguided.

1. Refer to the enclosed map for directions to the ranch. The Silver Spur is large, approximately 58,000 acres, and is spread out over the entire area of North Park. **Printable maps of the ranch are now available on the CPW website.** Some ranch properties are signed, some are not.

2. All hunters **must** attend the pre-hunt meeting, which is held at 6:00 PM the night before the first day of your hunt at the Wattenberg Center. It is located on the north end of Walden. Go north on 125 out of Walden and turn right on County Road 42. There are signs for the county fairgrounds where the building is located. A map is included in your packet. A call to the hunt supervisor’s cell phone to let the ranch know that you are safely off the property at the end of your hunt is strongly recommended. Jason Burke – (307) 329-7031.

3. Hunters will not be allowed to walk onto the property from public roads of adjoining properties. All hunters are asked to report any game violations, suspected trespass, or illegal harvest to the nearest ranch staff or CPW Officer.

4. Camping is not permitted on the ranch, however, overnight camping is available in and near the Town of Walden. For further information, contact Colorado Parks & Wildlife in Walden at (970) 723-4625 or the Chamber of Commerce at (970) 723-4600.

5. No fires are permitted on ranch property.

6. Dogs and other pets are not permitted on ranch property.

7. All vehicles must stay on designated roads. No motorcycles, ATV’s or snowmobiles will be allowed on the property.

8. Only the authorized hunter may bear arms. Non-hunters accompanying the licensed hunter are allowed after signing the release/liability waiver.

9. All hunting will be done on foot. No firing from vehicles. No horses will be allowed on the property.

10. Hunting of other species or non-game is not allowed on the ranch.

11. Livestock concentration areas within the ranch are closed to hunting. Areas around the ranch residences are also closed. Most of the areas are marked on the map but some may only be posted, without being listed on the map. Beware of livestock, ranch staff, other hunters, and ranch facilities and employees while hunting in the field.
12. Please be aware that extreme caution should be used to put out all cigarettes, cigar butts, pipe ashes and matches. The ground can be extremely dry and catastrophic fires can be easily started. In the case of a fire emergency, please call 911 first and then report it to ranch headquarters in person or by calling (307) 329-7031 or (307) 327-6505.

13. Pack out your trash while on ranch properties.

14. **Hunter surveys must be returned to the Ranch. This is Mandatory.** The surveys will be included in your ranch packet. Our wildlife management program depends on these reports. **Failure to provide us with your hunter survey, whether you harvested an animal or not, will result in forfeiting your privilege to hunt on the ranch the next year.**

15. Alcohol or illegal drugs are not allowed on ranch property. Hunting while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be tolerated.

16. We expect our ranch staff as well as our hunting and non-hunting guests to adhere to all federal and state game laws and our ranch rules. In addition, we uphold the highest standards of fair chase and ethical hunting. With agreement of CPW Officers, breaking game laws or ranch rules may result in prosecution. Trespassing on neighboring lands, public or private, will not be tolerated. If you wound an animal and it goes onto neighboring property, contact CPW or the hunt supervisor. If you trespass without permission, you are on your own and may be subject to prosecution.

17. Please be thoroughly familiar with your firearm and have it properly sighted in. Know what is in the path of your bullet and don’t shoot if you don’t have a clear shot or if you are unsure about your shot. Avoid shooting into groups or herds of animals, and avoid excessively long shots. Help us eliminate the occurrence of wounded animals.

There are some locked gates on the ranch. If so, combinations will be given to our hunters at the pre-hunt meeting. If you encounter problems while on the ranch properties, contact:

**The Outfitter (307) 329-7031 or Outfitter’s Office (307) 327-6505 M-F, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** You must bring this packet, properly signed, to your pre-hunt meeting. Be sure to bring your hunting license with you every day of your hunt. Bring your hunter safety card if you are required to have one. You are responsible for being in compliance with the law.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife or the property owner may ask for your cooperation and assistance in collecting a tooth, reproductive tract or other body parts or ask you questions about the body condition of the animal you harvest as an aid in evaluating the season herd status. Instructions for making such collections will be sent under a separate cover or handed out at the meeting. Any help you can give us in this effort will be appreciated.

The ranch will be divided into hunting areas. The area to be hunted by each hunter will be assigned at the pre-hunt meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and GOOD LUCK!