

Green Ranch at Golden Gate Canyon State Park

2024 Unit 38 Elk Hunters

The Green Ranch section of Golden Gate Canyon State Park (GGCSP) will again be open to limited access Elk hunting in 2024 for herd management purposes via a lottery process. Up to 60 Elk hunters will be allowed into the area during regular Colorado elk seasons, with a maximum of 10 hunters in each of the 6 seasons. To reach wildlife management goals, 7 Cow Elk and 3 Bull Elk Hunter Use Permits will be awarded for each season, with the exception of Archery. Archery Hunters may take either a Bull or a Cow Elk if they possess an over-the-counter either-sex Archery License.

Requirements:

-NOTE: No late season or JeffCo only Elk tags are valid for the Green Ranch

-New beginning 2019: Prior to applying for any Big Game Limited License, hunters must obtain a **Qualifying License**

-All hunters (including youth 12-17) are responsible for obtaining a valid and proper license for Colorado Game Management Unit (GMU) 38

-A non-refundable application fee of \$10.00 payable to Colorado Parks and Wildlife

-Attendance of one 2024 Orientation Session upon successful draw for the Green Ranch Permit (or one within the last 4 years)

-A Hunter Use Permit Fee of \$100.00 with a successful draw to be assessed at an orientation session

Rules:

-Licenses listed as Private Land Only (PLO) are not valid in any portion of GGCSP or Ralston Creek State Wildlife Area

-Many of the licenses needed to apply for the Green Ranch are Limited and require a separate application with CPW by April 2, 2024

-Leftover Limited Licenses go on sale
Aug 1, 2024 at 9am

-Each hunter may apply for one Green Ranch Permit for each valid GMU 38 tag they possess

-Each hunter may only be awarded ONE Green Ranch Permit, unless they have a Cow and Bull tag for the same season, in which case they can hunt both sexes with purchase of a second Green Ranch Permit

-Green Ranch Permits are non-transferable

-Green Ranch Permits are for Elk hunting only, no Small Game or Deer hunting allowed

-The only scouting opportunity will be directly following orientation sessions

Qualifying Licenses:

-2024 Spring Turkey

-2024 Annual Small Game

-2024 Annual Combination (Small Game and Fishing)

-Veteran's Lifetime Resident Combination (Small game and Fishing)

-First Responder Lifetime Combination

-All Colorado Parks and Wildlife regulations apply

-No group applications are accepted and no preference points are issued

-A valid daily or annual parks pass is required for all vehicles (can be purchased at self-serve stations or Visitor Center; KCW on vehicle registration is allowed)

-All vehicles must be parked in the designated hunter parking area

-No parking on county or state highways

-All access and game retrieval is walk-in walk-out

-Only Horses, pack animals and wheeled carts are permitted; no motor vehicles allowed beyond the hunter parking lot

-Access is day-use only from 5:00 am to 8:00 pm

-No camping or fires permitted on the Green Ranch

-Adult hunters may have one non-hunting guest, youth may have two

-All guests are required to have a valid guest permit on them at all times

How To Apply:

-Applications to hunt on the Green Ranch in 2024 can be submitted in one of two ways;

- 1.) Visit the park Visitor Center during normal business hours to obtain one
- 2.) Download a copy and submit via mail to:
Golden Gate Canyon Green Ranch
Attention Green Ranch
92 Crawford Gulch Road
Golden, CO 80403

<http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/GoldenGateCanyon/Pages/HuntingGreenRanch.aspx>

-Applications must be **received** at Golden Gate Canyon State Park by 5:00 PM MST July 31, 2024

-Drawing will be conducted on August 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM MST

-Only successful applicants will be notified

-2024 Orientation Sessions dates will be announced August 1, 2024 following the draw

Green Ranch Information:

The Green Ranch, acquired by the State in 1955, 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 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 open to persons holding a Green Ranch Hunter Use Permit for the 2024 Big Game season.

2024 Green Ranch Hunting Slots

***Archery:** Sept. 3-13 and Sept. 23-30

Muzzleloader: Sept. 14-22

1st Rifle: Oct. 12-16

2nd Rifle: Oct. 26 – Nov 3

3rd Rifle: Nov. 9-15

4th Rifle: Nov. 20-24

*Archery hunters cannot hunt during the regular Muzzleloader Season, but are eligible to hunt either/both Archery date ranges listed above