

MORGAN CREEK RANCH

RANCH RULES



1. For the safety of all parties, all hunters and guests must Check-In and Check-Out at the Morgan Creek Ranch Main Check-In location off CR-17 before accessing the Ranch. You are welcome to Check-In anytime during daylight hours, but no sooner than thirty minutes before sunrise each hunting day.
2. All hunters and non-hunting guests will be required to sign and return the Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release Form. All hunters and one (1) non-hunting guest must each sign the Risk Release form. This form also serves as a Ranch permit, and the hunter and guest must possess a copy while on the Ranch. Prior approval from the Ranch is required if you wish to bring more than one non-hunting guest or change guests during your hunt.
3. A form for reporting harvest is available at the Check-In. Bring the harvested animal and your harvest report form to the Check-In before leaving the Ranch. This is mandatory. Wildlife management depends on accurate reporting of each harvest.
4. You are welcome to hunt the Ranch for the species you have a license for, but we do not allow hunting for any other species. Fishing in the lakes and streams is not permitted during the RFW seasons.
5. Hunters must abide by all state laws and ranch rules. Violation of state laws, regulations, or ranch rules may result in expulsion from the Ranch and possible criminal prosecution.
6. We expect our ranch staff and 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 the agreement of CPW Officers, those that break game laws or ranch rules will lose their hunting opportunity.
7. Liquor or illegal drugs are not allowed on the Ranch. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on ranch property or before or during your hunt.
8. There are no services available on the Ranch, such as phone, towing, fuel, or tire chains.
9. For public safety and protection of ranch property, no overnight camping is allowed on the Ranch, and the following activities are not allowed: fires, woodcutting, target shooting or sighting in, building blinds or shooting stands, or gathering of artifacts.
10. All firearms are to be unloaded entirely (in both the magazine and chamber) and actions left open before entering any Ranch buildings or facilities. Each hunter is allowed to carry only one gun on the Ranch.
11. Be confident of your target and shoot in a safe direction and within your capability. Be aware of livestock, other hunters, Ranch staff, and buildings in the background. Do not take the shot unless you are absolutely sure of your kill.
12. Please give serious consideration to the other hunters who are still hunting in the area around you when you decide the time and manner you retrieve your game. Retrieval may be time-limited in certain areas to ensure equal opportunities for hunters and manage the safety of all parties.
13. Guides will be available at no cost to assist cow and doe hunters, but preference will be given to the bull elk and buck deer hunters. Guides will work with hunters to designate hunt areas based on their hunting experience and hunt type on a first-come, first basis to ensure the success of all public hunters. This will limit overhunting in certain areas and increase the public hunter success while limiting driving the wildlife from Morgan Creek Ranch. Hunting outside your designated area without prior approval from the Ranch will not be tolerated.

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14. Guides are not required, but if there is a circumstance where the hunter and/or their guest feels they need assistance, please call, text or return to the designated check-in location with a GPS location. Ranch personnel will be available to assist in game retrieval.
15. To protect habitat, reduce erosion, and repair costs, no vehicles are not allowed off established roads except for parking immediately next to the road. Hunters will be notified of any unusual road closures due to extreme or dangerous conditions at the time of Check-In.
16. The walk-in areas are fenced, and the gates are locked with signs posted “walk-in only.” Travel by motor vehicle is restricted to existing roads as shown on the map. In addition, four-wheel-drive vehicles are highly recommended, and access to the Ranch is through locked gates. ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, dogs, horses, and pack animals are not allowed on our Ranch.
17. A map will be provided at your initial Check-In showing topography, existing roads, location of the gates, and lock combinations. The areas of the Ranch that are not available to hunters and guests include areas around dwellings and livestock handling facilities, which are closed for the safety of all Colowyo employees, residents, agricultural tenants, hunters, and guests. Hunting access is not allowed on the Morgan Creek Ranch (“Ranch”) until the day of your hunt due to agricultural operations. Certain areas will be walk-in areas only; these areas will be clearly shown on the map you will receive at Check-In.
18. When passing through gates, please leave them as you found them. Fences and gates allow us to manage our grazing for livestock production and our wildlife management objectives. When in doubt, please close the gate.
19. Please respect the beauty of our Ranch and do not litter; pack out anything you bring in.
20. If a hunter harvests a collared animal, please return the collar to the outfitter at the hunter check-in or return it to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Craig Warehouse (1715 N Yampa Ave, Craig, CO 81625) or the Meeker Office (73485 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO 81641).