

Colorado Hunt Planner



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Thanks for checking out my hunt planner. I hope this helps you. Please listen to the podcast to help explain each item. Good luck to you on your hunt and reach out with questions.

Getting started checklist

- ☐ Call a [Colorado Parks and Wildlife \(CPW\) office](#) to request a packet of information and that includes the hunting brochure that applies to your species. Headquarters in Denver might be best.
- ☐ [Regulation brochures](#) - find the ones that apply to you if online copy is fine.
- ☐ Start your method of saving for your hunt
- ☐ Read through the regulation brochures
- ☐ Take a hunter safety course, find your old card or request a new one from your state.

Goals

Goal question	Response
What is your primary motivation for going on this hunt?	
What kind of experience do you want to have?	
Who is going with you?	
What are the group's limitations?	
Rifle, Archery or Muzzleloader?	
Target species?	
How much time can you spend hunting?	
What's your budget?	
DIY or Outfitter?	
What time of the year works best?	

CPW website browsing checklist

1. [CPW homepage](#) - click on each of the following tabs to become comfortable with where things are at. Here are some noteworthy things to take a look at. Many areas of this site send you back around to other parts making it confusing.
 - a. Things to do
 - i. [Hunting](#)
 1. Most recent videos posted here. They are worth a watch to see what's new.
 2. Click on the Big game, small gam, turkey or waterfowl tab depending on your target species. I will give you specific links to come back to so don't worry about remembering where the things you find are.
 - ii. [Big game season dates](#)
 - iii. [Off highway vehicle](#) (4 wheelers and UTVs)
 1. [OHV registration](#)
 - b. Learn
 - i. [Hunter education](#)
 - c. Places to go
 - i. [CPW office locations](#)
 - ii. Maps
 1. [Game management unit maps](#)
 2. [CPW hunting atlas](#)
 - d. [Buy and apply](#) - This is where you spend all your money

Regulations

Record the major regulations that you think you may forget that will be difficult to remember or regulations that are far different then what you are used to. Enter them under categories to keep them organized

- [Big game Brochure](#)
 - [Big Game corrections](#)
- [Sheep and Goat Brochure](#)
- [Turkey Brochure](#)
- [Mountain Lion](#)

1. Example: General Laws

- a. Orange vest and orange hat, no orange camo, must be solid
- b.
- c.

2. Example: Hunt codes

- a. D-M-021-O2-R means Deer, Male, unit 21, second season, Rifle
- b.
- c.

3.

- a.
- b.
- c.

Tags

Tag acquisition:

Tag Goal	Example: I want to hunt OTC this year and then plan to hunt 3 years from now doing a limited draw.	
Preference points	Use this for future years to track how many points you have Example:	
	Deer	1
	Antelope	4
	Elk	2
	Moose, Goat and Sheep	2 weighted points
My Season Options:	Example: Archery, Muzzleloader, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or late season.	

Researching tools

- ☐ Brochures
 - ☐ [Big game Brochure](#)
 - ☐ [Sheep and Goat Brochure](#)
 - ☐ [Turkey Brochure](#)
 - ☐ [Mountain Lion](#)
- ☐ [Draw and Hunting statistics](#)
- ☐ [OnX Maps](#)
- ☐ [Google Earth](#)
- ☐ [Game management unit maps](#)
- ☐ [CPW hunting atlas](#)

Success Decision Charts

Decide your following success rates to guide your research on season, location, and how you're going to get the tag.	Species: Elk
Draw/Tag success	Example: 100% - Do over the Counter
Hunt success	Example: 15%

Decide your following success rates to guide your research	Species: Mountain Goat
Draw/Tag success	Example: >5%
Hunt success	Example: >80%

Tag Research

Hunt Codes that match success from above	Research notes
D-M-010-O2-R	Big bucks Need 8+points 105 applicants 6 tags 5% chance of drawing 60% hunt success in 2019 70% hunt success in 2018 60% hunt success in 2017
D-M-010-O3-R	Waste of points, low success
D-M.....	

Best Tags to go after

Based on your research record this years list of what you are applying for

Elk	E-E-851-W2-R
Deer	D-M-035-O2-R
Turkey	
Moose	
Goat	