ARCHERY-ONLY AREA

1. The following MCE Ranch lands (located in Powell County) are open to hunting of big game only with the exception of equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP): Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (country road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road #5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W; then along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W; then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T8N, R10W; then along the southern boundary of Section 28, T8N, R10W; then along the prison fence line to the southwest corner of Section 27, T8N, R10W; then south to the southwest corner of Section 54, T8N, R10W; then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T8N R10W; then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T8N, R10W; then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (country road); then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T8N R10W; then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 26 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W; then along eastern portion of fence line in N20 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approximately 1/3 mile along the east side of Sections 30, 19 and 17, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line on the eastern edge of Bows Only Area. All hunting will be conducted on foot or by motorless bicycle or accompany hunters in the areas below the power line fence.

2. A laminated archery-only land use permit is required for all hunting in the Archery-Only Area and a valid Montana archery license. Any hunting activity by non-MCE staff of the MCE Ranch 1 Office building. Issuance of archery-only land use permits will start August 1st of each year and end December 31st of each year.

3. All hunting is restricted until you are cleared as per the MSP Check Point guidelines. Bicycles left unattended must be locked the vehicle and drive to the MSP Check Point. The officer at MSP Check Point will account for the persons in the vehicle and provide instructions on what to do. Exceptions: On the last Saturday of each month, a siren test is conducted between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 A.M. This is a short test of the siren. Hunters using the property can disregard this siren test.

4. For your safety, please be aware that there may be black bear with cubs, as well as cow moose with calves on the prison ranch. All big game animals may be hunted in the Prison Ranch’s Archery Only Area except for black bear and moose. Wolves may be hunted with a valid license.

RIFLE AREA

1. MCE Ranch lands west and north of the above-described Archery-Only Area are open year-round to recreational activities, including hunting of big game and upland game birds in accordance with current hunting regulations provided by FWP. Permission from the MCE Ranch Office is not required to access this area. There are no weapons restrictions, except as provided in hunting regulations.

2. North of the Elk Ridge Parking Area, motorized vehicles are allowed on all currently established roadways on MCE land. South of the Elk Ridge Parking Area and west of the prison fence line, motorized use is only allowed on roadways shown on the accompanying map for MCE land.

3. Motorized hunting retrieval, under escort and through established procedure, is allowed in the area west of the power line fence and south of the Elk Ridge Parking Area. The procedures for motorized game retrieval are the same as those outlined above for the Archery-Only Area. Hunters with rifles or ammunition of any type in their vehicles are not allowed to enter the archery-only area at any time. Other retrieval options include game cart, dragging, backpack, or horses.

4. Game animals that are wounded in the Rifle Area and cross into the Archery-Only Area, may only be pursued (under escort and through established procedure) if deemed incapacitated (unable to stand). To initiate a wounded animal retrieval, hunters must notify the MSP Check Point Officer.

5. Camping is allowed, except in designated parking areas and where posted otherwise. Camping is limited to 14 days during any 28-day period. Campers must clear the area before departing and leave minimal impacts. Weapons may not be left unattended in camps.

RULES & REGULATIONS

ARCHERY-ONLY & RIFLE AREAS

Access Dates: September 5, 2020 - January 1, 2021
Disclaimer - This map is not intended to depict property ownership outside of the Montana Correctional Enterprises Ranch hunting area. Contact the appropriate land management agency for information on public land ownership and travel guidelines.