

Rules

Failing to adhere to these rules may result in a fine, forfeiture of harvest opportunity, confiscation of harvested animal, and ineligibility to participate in future bison harvest opportunities. The recipient shall be liable for any damages to property resulting from failure to adhere to these rules.

- Pursuit of bison may only occur in areas designated on the unit map that will be provided to harvest recipients. Safety areas extend 600 yards from the nearest building or campsite. [View Map](#).
- Harvest recipients may only attempt to harvest during their assigned harvest dates.
- **Harvest success is not guaranteed.**
- All bison harvests are restricted to one bison less than two years in age unless otherwise specified or you have been selected for one of the two any bison harvests.
 - **TWO** bison harvests will be randomly selected for an opportunity to harvest any bison of any age or sex.
- The harvest recipient is responsible for accurately identifying the age of the bison **before** shooting a bison.
- Shooting is only permitted from ½ hour before sunrise up to a ½ hour after sunset.
- **Lead-free bullets are required.** We recommend bullets 140 grain or larger.
- Archery weapons are not allowed.
- Harvest recipient and any person with the recipient must wear hunter orange.
- Vehicles, ATVs and UTVs are permitted only on established, designated roads. No off-road motorized travel. Game carts, sleds, and/or pack animals are permitted for retrieval.
- **Do not harvest a bison with pink or blue ear tags.** These bison are either part of research study and cannot be consumed or have been imported for genetic management.
- The harvest recipient is required to field dress and pack out all edible portions of the harvested bison.
- **No wanton waste.** All four quarters and the edible portions along the spine (loins and hump) must be removed.
- Bison are very large and difficult to field dress. Harvest recipients are responsible for safely killing, dressing, and packing out the required portions of the harvested bison.
- **American Prairie reserves the right to deny or end a bison harvest at any point.**
- Harvest recipients are required to [view this Montana Fish & Wildlife Parks Bison Hunting Video](#). The video provides information on bison hunting and tips for success in the field before and after the shot. Information specific to the Greater Yellowstone Area is not applicable. Our bison herd is brucellosis free.
- Harvest recipients **must check-in in person** with American Prairie staff before accessing the property to review orientation packet, confirm bison harvest permission, and verify compliance with rules set forth.
- Harvest recipients **must check-out in person** with American Prairie staff to verify age and sex of harvested animal.