

10 Proven Methods for Bowhunting Roosevelt Elk at NOON Today

WIN PRIZES !!

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Roosevelt Elk Intro

- *Cervus canadensis roosevelti*
- Rooseys found in Coastal CA, OR, WA, BC, AK
- Larger bodies, taller/narrower/darker racks
 - P&Y 225 Roosey, 260 Rocky Typ, 300 non-Typ
- Smaller herds
- Typically not migratory



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Roosevelt



Rocky Mountain



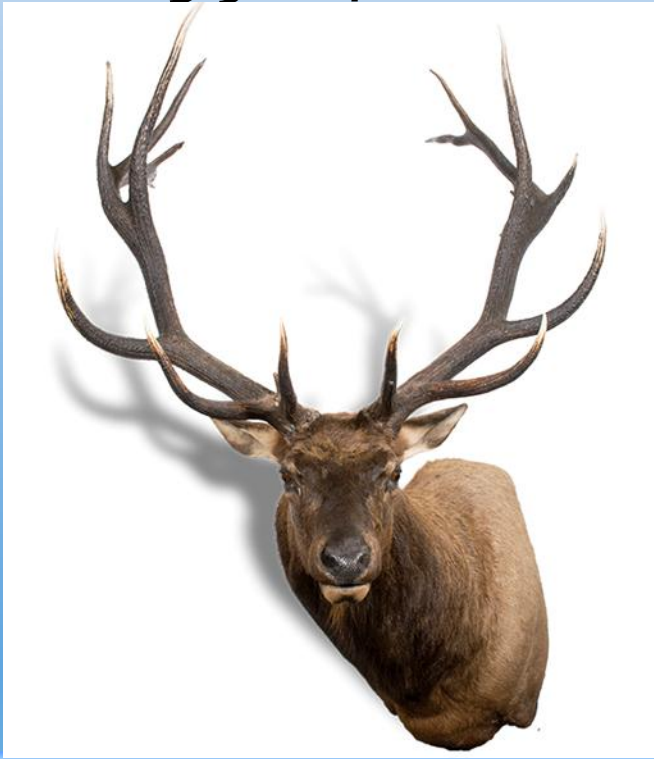
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WORLD RECORDS

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ROOSIE



ROCKY



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1. Preparation

- GEAR
 - Waterproof electronics
 - Rain gear: top end waterproof, breathable, lightweight, durable
- Shooting
 - Situational shots (cow call stop, tree near target, crouched/knees, rain ...)
 - 3D shoots(WSAA,TSC,CCB,Luck Shot), shooting in brush, 5 yd shot
- Scouting
 - Not just looking for elk, look for locations ... confidence elk will be there
 - Learn the area, wallows, beds, wind patterns, routes, clear trails, cameras
 - Look, Listen, Learn
- Meat care plan ... bags, knives, packs, meat wagon, cooler



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2. Finding Roosies

- Find water, find Rockies; not so with Roosies
- Hot weather → cooler timber, NW benches, deeper holes
- Roosie country = logging country
 - Constantly changing
 - Clearcuts (2-8 yrs: primary feeding, 8-12 yrs: feeding & beds)
 - “Dog hair” and Jack fir (12-20 yrs)
 - Heavy canopy (20-30 yrs)
 - Big timer (30+ yrs)
 - Timber snacks (selective logging)
- Sloughs, abandoned homesteads, creek bottoms



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Clearcut



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Doghair / Jack Fir



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Heavy canopy timber



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Timber snacks



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Bare floor Big Timber



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3. Beat The Sun

- Hunting first light is essential
- At least ½ hour prior to legal shooting which is ½ hour prior sunrise
- During hot weather or clear moonlit nights, make that even earlier to locate elk in darkness
 - Location bugle
 - Silent “patterning” elk movement



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4. Send off the Sun

- Last light hunt 2nd highest priority
- Evening hunt starts at least 2 hours prior to sunset
- Stay past dark to locate elk/bulls for morning



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5. Take Care of #1

- Off season conditioning (hiking, biking, strength)
- Eat well
 - avoid foods that don't agree (Greasy, spicy, acidic, heavy)
 - Proteins, carbs, fluids
- Mid day Cat naps



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6. 10 sounds to get a bull to “bite”

1. Locator bugle
2. Grunt
3. Chuckle
4. Popping grunt
5. Breaking branches/brush
6. Raking/scraping/rubbing a tree
7. Cow talk
8. Lost cow
9. Excited cow
10. Estrus scream; buzzing mew



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7. Put on a sneak with a Deek

- try a decoy like Miss September
- Cross an open/exposed area
- Draw him in, help him commit
- Move in
- **BE CAREFUL !!!**
 - Hang a flag/streamer/caution tape (windicator)



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8. Throw the book at them

- Ambush
- Spot and stalk
- Long call setup
- Call and pressure
- Tree stand/ground blind
- Push ... focuses elk on pusher
- ... and more
- COMBINE into a complete situational playbook



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9. Locate the Ladies

- Find the cows, the bulls are around
- Calf calls, lost cow, locator bugle
- Calves give up the herd
- Works in late season too



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10. Avoid detection

- The nose knows
 - Wind, Wind, Wind
- Beat the eyes with a good disguise
 - Break up your pattern (camo, facepaint, cover)
 - No movements when close
 - 270 degree ungulate vision
- No reason to fear the ears
 - When calling, sound like an elk
 - When silent go stealthy, no unnatural noises



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Where to get more

- Magazines (Extreme Elk, Elk Hunter, Horns and Hooks)
- Videos (BRO, Angry Spike, ZMA, Titan Outdoors)
- TV (Uncommon Ground, Team Elk, Horns and Hooks TV)



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Q & A



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