



HUNT AT † TEJON

Quality Deer Management (QDM) Deer Hunt

Introduction:

Thank you for your interest in hunting deer at Tejon Ranch. We at Tejon Ranch do our best to manage the wildlife not only to maintain the correct balance of animals on the Ranch, but to also enhance the quality of the game species to make this vast 270,000 acre property ecologically balanced and provide hunters with the best opportunity to pursue the best possible quarry. Nowhere is this truer than with the deer management at Tejon Ranch.

QDM Goals:

The goal of the Tejon Ranch deer hunting program is to enhance the overall population and quality of the deer herd. We have now had a number of years of aggressive management and are beginning to see the positive results; we will continue this management plan through the fall 2018 season, and well into the future. In order to improve the overall quality of the bucks on Tejon Ranch, the deer hunting program focuses on harvesting both mature, heavy antlered, multi-point deer, as well as, mature deer that exhibit characteristics that do not possess the attributes to meet our management goal. Harvesting younger, light antlered, immature deer is not allowed. The determination of whether or not a deer fits the QDM criteria is at the sole discretion of your guide. Once it has been determined that the deer fits the QDM criteria, the ultimate decision to harvest will rest with the hunter.

Hunt Schedule:

QDM deer hunts are scheduled to begin September 22nd and end December 7, 2018. These hunts are scheduled as a two-night, two-day hunt, and are scheduled Monday through Wednesday, and again Friday through Sunday. Your hunt will begin at 12:00 pm on the first day when your guide picks you up at the Tejon Ranch Wildlife Management Office (4427 Lebec Rd. Lebec, CA 93243). After settling into the hunting cabin where you will stay for the duration of your hunt you will be required to view a video orientation, you will then sight in your rifle with your guide ensuring your gun is sighted in with the required **non-lead ammunition**. After you have settled in, viewed the orientation video, and sighted in your rifle, you will then hunt the afternoon/evening of the first day. You will then hunt the morning and afternoon of the second day (day 2), followed by a brief hunt the morning of

the third day (day 3) in hopes of filling your tag. At the completion of the morning hunt on the third day you will return to the cabin for clean-up and a 10:00 am departure. **Please remember that this hunt, as well as all guided hunts on Tejon Ranch, are hunt to harvest.**

What to Expect:

QDM hunts are one-on-one hunts (one guide to one client) and **do not carry a guaranteed harvest or shot opportunity**, our guides, however, will do everything they can to ensure your hunt is enjoyable and successful. Lodging, meals, and basic game care (field dressing of the harvested animal) are included, but transportation of game off ranch is not included and hunters should be prepared with the means to transport their game to the processor and cape to taxidermist for trophy animals. When hunting the fall season at Tejon Ranch, you should be prepared for changing field conditions and varying weather; we recommend that in addition to good hiking boots, you bring a variety of layers to be prepared for these conditions. Please remember that Tejon Ranch only allows **non-lead ammunition** to be used on the property, we recommend that you take the time to ensure your rifle is sighted in prior to your arrival. Additionally, please remember that it is the hunter's responsibility to have their deer tags counter signed by the proper authority per the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations if you are successful on your hunt.

Conclusion:

Again, we thank you for your interest in hunting deer at Tejon Ranch. We look forward to hosting you on your hunt. Should you have any questions or special needs for your hunt, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Percy-Noblia (Game Management Department), by calling (661) 663-4255 or email: spercy@tejonranch.com

Hunt Price: \$5,000.00/Each (Any QDM Deer)

Hunt Price: \$3,000.00/Each (QDM Management Deer, Non-Member)

Hunt Price: \$2,500.00/Each (QDM Management Deer, Member)

Hunt Price: \$2,000.00/Each (QDM "Youth" Management Deer)

"Youth Hunter" must be 18 years of age and under, and includes 1 non-hunting ride along)

Note: Price does not include PLM tag (\$75.00)

Note: Price does not include \$30.00 liability insurance

Note: Non-hunting guests can be accommodated for \$150 per night.

Deposit and Cancellation Policy:

All hunts require a 50% (Non-Refundable) deposit at booking unless otherwise specified, with the balance due on arrival. Any cancellation must be in writing (fax or email) and needs to be received and verified by the Tejon Ranch Wildlife Management Department within (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the hunt. If proper notification is received within the allotted timeframe your deposit may be rolled into another available guided hunt, of the same dollar value and within the current hunting season. If proper notification of cancellation is not received in allotted timeframe or you fail to show up for your scheduled hunt any deposit will be forfeited.

***Note: If the hunt is scheduled within 30 day cancellation period, it is understood no transfer is available.**