

# **Guided Deer Hunt**

# **Introduction:**

Thank you for your interest in hunting deer at Tejon Ranch. At Tejon Ranch we manage the wildlife to not only maintain the correct balance of animals, but to also enhance the quality of the game species on the Ranch. Our primary goal is to provide hunters with a memorable hunting experience with the best opportunity to pursue and harvest their desired quarry.

# <u>Goals:</u>

The goal of the Tejon Ranch deer hunting program is to enhance the overall population and quality of the deer herd, and with the aggressive management program that has been in place for the past number of years we are beginning to see the positive results. In order to improve the overall quality of the bucks on Tejon Ranch, the deer hunting program focuses on harvesting mature, heavy antlered deer. The harvesting of younger, light antlered, deer is not allowed under any circumstances. The determination of whether a deer fits the Trophy/Management criteria is at the sole discretion of your guide. Once it has been determined that the deer fits the desired criteria, the ultimate decision to harvest will rest with the hunter.

## Hunt Schedule:

Deer hunts are typically scheduled to begin the third Saturday of September and run through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. These hunts are scheduled as a two-day hunt over a three-day period, and are scheduled Monday through Wednesday, or Friday through Sunday. Your hunt will begin at 1:00 pm on the first day at the Tejon Ranch Wildlife Management Office (4427 Lebec Rd. Lebec, CA 93243). After finalizing your paperwork, viewing the mandatory orientation video, and meeting your guide, you will then be escorted to the hunting cabin, where you will settle in for your hunt. You will be required to sight in your rifle with your guide, ensuring your firearm is shooting accurately. You will then hunt the afternoon/evening of the first day, then hunt the morning and afternoon of the second day (day 2), followed by a brief hunt the morning for 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:

Hunts are one-on-one (one guide, to one client) and **do not carry a guaranteed harvest or shot opportunity**. Our guides, however, will do their very best 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 to a butcher or the taxidermist is not included. Hunters should be prepared with the means to transport their game to the processor and cape to taxidermist if desired. 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 <u>non-lead ammunition</u> 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, if you are successful on your hunt, please remember that i is the hunter's responsibility to have their deer tags counter-signed (validated) by the proper authority per the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.

## **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 Christine Haze, by calling (661) 663-4284 or email: <u>chaze@tejonranch.com</u>

<u>Hunt Price:</u> \$6,600.00/Each (Trophy Deer) <u>Hunt Price:</u> \$6,000.00/Each (Management Deer/ Non-Member) <u>Hunt Price:</u> \$4,500.00/Each (Management Deer/ Member)

## Notes:

\*Price does not include price of PLM tag (\$105.00) \*Price does not include \$35.00 liability insurance \*Non-hunting guests can be accommodated for \$150 per night \*No dogs are allowed at the cabins or on these hunts \*Non-Lead Ammunition Only

# **Deposit and Cancellation Policy:**

All hunts require a 50% (Non-Refundable) deposit at booking unless otherwise specified, with the balance and all required paperwork due (90) days prior to arrival. If paperwork and balance is not received 90 days prior to arrival, your hunt will be removed from the calendar and deposit will be forfeited.