

WINTER SLEIGH RIDE



SLEIGH RIDES ON THE NATIONAL ELK REFUGE

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About this activity

Experience a horse-drawn sleigh ride among thousands of elk at the National Elk Refuge; one of the most scenic and safe ways to experience wildlife in Jackson Hole. Sleigh rides onto the refuge are one of the most popular winter activities in the valley, allowing you a unique wildlife viewing experience and an incredible opportunity for photography. Available from mid-December through early April, through contractor Double H Bar, an experienced guide will lead you within 20-30 feet of the elk through an area not open to the general public. “It’s totally quiet and a beautiful environment and scenery,” says sleigh operator co-owner Jeff Warburton. “It’s unique and closer than you’re ever going to get to the elk.”

Things might look a little different this year, so here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center is not scheduled to be open this winter, but you can still purchase tickets and check-in for your sleigh ride at the outdoor ticket booth trailer located adjacent to the visitor center in the parking lot.
- Reservations are not required, but recommended, especially during peak busy periods.
- The sleigh ride, including transportation, takes about an hour and a half with about an hour on the sleigh.
- Dress warmly, bring a camera and binoculars to spot birds of prey in the distance.



Operationally, the sleigh rides on the elk refuge are running mostly normal, with a few extra safety precautions in place. But there are still measures our local businesses are taking to keep our community, and you, safe as well as things you can do to recreate responsibly.

- The staff will be following current local and state COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations so check the website for the latest updates.
- The trip involves a short bus ride to the refuge as well as a sleigh ride with people outside of your party, and masks will be required per state and local guidelines.
- Blankets will not be available on the sleigh and if you get cold easily, it’s recommended you bring your own.
- Indoor facilities will be closed at the start and end of your trip, so prepare to spend the whole time outdoors.