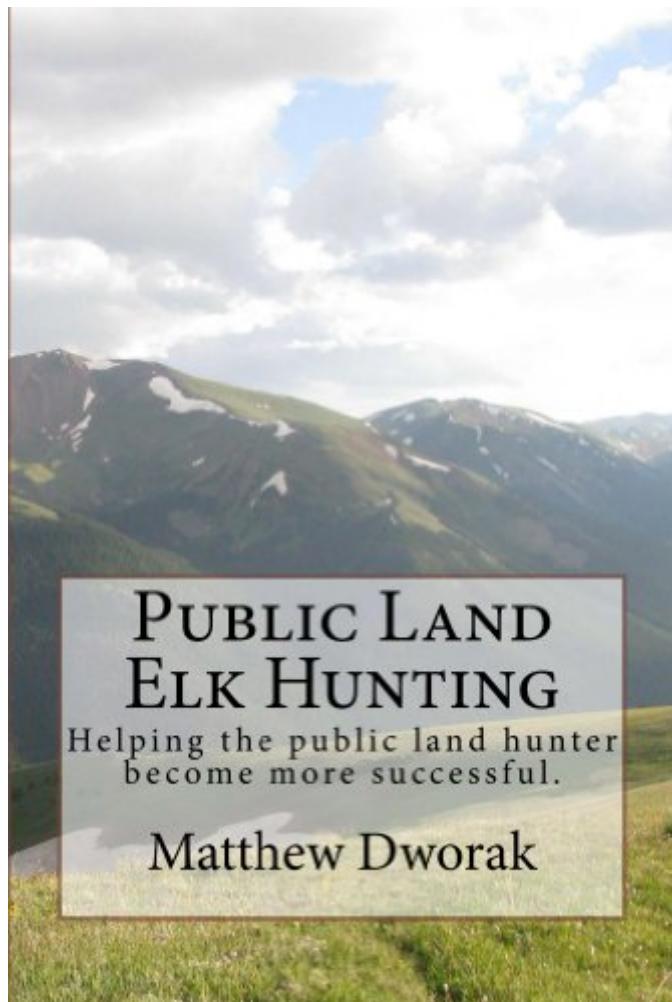


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# Public Land Elk Hunting



## **Synopsis**

Have you ever dreamt of heading out West to chase elk? Or maybe you've been hunting elk without as much luck as you'd like to have. With twenty-plus years of elk hunting experience, learning the hard way how to ensure success each season, my goal is to help the new hunter shorten that learning curve. Do you understand preference points, know what a location bugle is, and have a Plan A, B and C in place for any elk hunting encounter? While it's impossible to cover every detail that makes for a successful hunt, this book gives you the tools to understand the basics and the resources to further your elk education.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The book is certainly okay for a true novice. By true novice, I'm referring to someone with very little hunting experience. In reality, this book boils down to multiple gear lists and general tips. Most hunters, who have had unsuccessful hunts, can come up with much of the same advise: go where the other hunters are not. The author's main premise is such advise. Consequently, the gear lists also focus on the necessity of reaching less crowded public hunting grounds: light weight back

packing. I would recommend this book if you are thinking about getting into hunting or have hunted a little in the past but want to commit more time to it. The book serves its purpose as a decent starting spot. The book, however, misses opportunities to engage the reader with more information about Elk, i.e.: migratory patterns, biology, mating, herd dynamics, etc.

I really liked reading this and have gone back several times to it. We hunt deep in a wilderness area where it's 15 miles driving from the main road to the trailhead, and another 4-5 miles of hiking to where we setup. This guide reinforces that by suggesting bivouac hunting as a solid tactic. It's also full of gear lists, which are a good starting point for customizing your own. There are tips on where to hunt, what to look for, when to be out, etc. Highly recommended for starting elk hunters.

The subjects I was interested in (elk and how to find them on public land) did not get as deep a discussion as I was hoping for, and some subjects that I thought could have been left out entirely (selection and use of rifles and bows) were included and in my opinion took away from what should have been the focus of the book. There are many other better sources of information on archery and rifles, and the information included in this book was not particularly helpful and in the case of rifles consisted of the opinions of one of the author's hunting friends.

Lots of good resources, thoughts and ideas. I love backpacking, so the author's style really got me itching to get outside. Being relatively...well... Bad at elk hunting I hope for more: "elk do 'this' around 'this' time of day, so look for terrain that looks like 'such' on a topo map. Ask the biologist 'these' questions" etc. worth the 3 bucks for gear and map resources. Shoot, it was worth 3 bucks to have someone explain that the "biologist" all these books and forums are talking about is the game warden! "Noob problems".

there's an awful lot in this book about things like rifle cartridges and other things that decently educated hunters will probably know plenty about. I enjoyed reading the book, and it helped get me excited for my elk trip Â“ but I didn't learn very much about elk. I did however consider a worthwhile read Â“ especially for the price. The book does a good job of helping you understand what it takes to do well hunting on public land Â“ which is what it is for.

This book was just what I'd been hoping for. Excellent overview of strategy, practices, and tips for all aspects of elk hunting; where to look, how to plan, animal behavior, tactics, resources, etc. It helps

that the author lives in the same region as me, so the types of hunts he describes are exactly the type I'm doing. Got the Kindle edition for \$3.99 and it was worth way more than that.

The author is predominantly a bow hunter. Most of his tactics and advice work for the bow hunting seasons, but may not be as effective during late season rifle seasons. However even with that said this is a great book for any beginner. This will be my second season up and I plan on implementing a bunch of his tactics. It was also helpful for me to analyze my first season and understand the items I did right, the items I could do better and the items I did completely wrong! I have more confidence in my next season and will be keeping this book with me to help me plan in the field.

I have recently read a number of elk hunting books in preparation for my first elk hunt. I would recommend this book to any new elk Hunter . The rifle section is the only chapter I got bored with. Other than that I really thought the author nailed it.

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