

LONE ELK PARK



Lone Elk Park is a wildlife management area where elk and bison roam freely within park boundaries. It's fun to ride through the park trying to spot them, and the many other animals that live in the park. Feeding the wildlife is against the rules, including fish and geese. Dogs are not allowed, even if they stay in your vehicle, so keep your furry friend at home.

#1. Before it was a park, Lone Elk was an ammunition testing range for the federal government. You'll see concrete structures throughout the park that were firing stations, observation stations, bullet traps and ricochet walls. As you enter the park, find the tower firing station. They fired .50 caliber machine guns from here during World War II. Climb to the top. How many steps are there? _____



#2. Go inside the Visitor's Center. There is a display case in the back room with two white-tailed buck mounts. Look at their antlers. These types of antlers are called "non-typical" because they didn't grow normally. One of the mounts has "drop tines" (down-pointing tines). Which one is it? The one on the right or left?

#3. Now turn around and look at the display about the history of Lone Elk. This talks about how the park got its name. When it was decided the "lone elk" needed some company, local schoolchildren helped raise money to buy a herd of elk. Each child who helped received a certificate saying they were part of the "Lone Elk Club". Whose name is shown on the certificate in the display? _____



#4. When you leave the Visitor's Center, walk or ride down to the far end of the parking lot. There the road splits. If you go left, you will see a couple of the ricochet walls still standing. If you go to the right, you will see a bullet trap on the hillside. The bullet trap has multiple sections to it. How many sections are there?
