



# *Passion & Prey*

## *European Hunting Services*

### **Muntjac & Chinese Water Deer hunting in England**

#### **Country:**

England covers the central and southern two-thirds of the island of Great-Britain. England is Britain's best-known area, the largest and most populous country in the United Kingdom. It is also one of the most influential cultural centers of the world. Its largest city is London, which is also the capital of the United Kingdom.

With an area of 130,395 km<sup>2</sup>, England is the largest territorial unit of the United Kingdom. It includes offshore islands, the largest being the Isle of Wight, but also the Orkney, Shetland, Hebrides and Isle of Man. It is bordered by Scotland to the north, Wales to the west, and the North Sea, the Atlantic, the Irish Sea and the English Channel from other directions. The latter separates the country from France. The distance between these two countries is 34 kilometers in the narrowest part of the Strait of Dover. English Channel is located near Folkstone and it is a direct link to the European mainland. The Franco- English border is in the middle of the tunnel.

Most of England's landscape consist of low hills and plains with upland and mountainous terrain in the north and west part of the country. The Pennine is a range of hills and mountains, separating North West England from Yorkshire and North East England. Its highest peak is the Cross Fell at 893 meters. The island is roughly divided into lowland and upland regions by an imaginary line, the Tees-Exe line. The longest river in the United Kingdom is the Severn (354 km long) which runs through England and Wales. Thames, Trent and Mersey are also significant rivers of the island.



### Highlights:

We offer this affordable hunt for two unique deer species at same hunting area within a 3-4 days trip.

The Chinese Water Deer is a species native to China and Korea, and it was first introduced in England in 1870. Its original habitat is swamps, reed areas and open pastures. The animal has a body length of 75-100 cm and a shoulder height of 45-55 cm. Males weight between 11-14 kg and females weight 8-12 kg. Their head is long and narrow, without antlers. They have a uniquely featured long upper canines extending below the lower jaw, making the animal's distinctive appearance. The males' canines are 50-60 millimeters long, while the females' is only 6 millimeters long.

These canine teeth serve as a weapon for the bucks during mating season, which is late autumn and early winter. The water deer are solitary animals and active during the day. The **hunting season** runs between October 31 and March 31.



The Muntjac Deer originates from China and were introduced in England around the 1900s. Its weight is approximately 12 kg, the shoulder height is a maximum of 45-46 cm and its body length is 85 cm, not including the tail. Males have short, single spike, backward-pointing antlers. The mating season lasts throughout the year; however, it is not recommended to hunt before September/October. **Hunting season:** September 01- May 01.

### Accommodation:

Several accommodation options are available in the area (eg.: Bell Inn or Longs Inn in Woburn). Our guests are welcomed to make their own hotel reservations and car rentals. However, upon request we are happy to assist.



## **Hunting Area:**

The hunting area is located north of London, a half-hour drive away from Luton Airport, near Woburn. The hunting takes place in 4-5 smaller areas where both the Muntjak and Chinese Water Deer are present with excellent trophy quality. We usually plan 2-2 hunting days for each species, especially if our goal is a medal awarded trophy. If the hunting is successful sooner, it is worth exploring the area, visiting Woburn Castle and Safari Park. England has a temperate maritime climate. The weather is damp, with relatively frequent seasonal changes in temperature. The number of sunny hours is the highest along the southern shores.

## **Hunting method:**

Both the Muntjak and Water Deer like various food sources, grazing at open meadows and small agriculture parcels, nearby available water and shelter. They both active day-time, it's usual to see numerous deer out on the fields during the morning and late afternoon hours.

The hunt is usually conducted by using 4x4x trucks scouting among the most deer frequented areas, then stalking into grassy meadows or agriculture fields. Sometimes setting up on high-seat and waiting for the deer coming out to the open fields is also a successful tactic. The hunting method is chosen according to the actual weather conditions, agricultural activities happening by the season, and our clients' preferences.



Due to the solid CWD population, it's not rare to see 50-60 deer during a day hunting. The abundance of the animal allows selective hunt for better trophies, our clients usually return home with medal category trophies.

Scoring CWD the longer canine is measured.

A gold medal trophy is approximately 5 cm long.



## **International medal scoring:**

150- 189 CIC points – Bronze

190- 209 CIC points – Silver

210 < CIC points – Gold

Hunting for **Muntjac** is mostly consists of stalking around open fields in the early morning and late afternoon hours. In the late season the Muntjac visit baits regularly, where high-seat method also could be successful. As Muntjacs are highly territorial, they are expected to keep their own routes and feeding places, so previously scouted and spotted animals likely to appear at the same places routinely.

Like any other deer species, older bucks are more elusive and cautious, need a bit more patience to harvest them, while coming across younger bucks is more frequent. The most successful period for hunting Muntjac is during the winter, when the vegetation is sparse.

Scoring Muntjac trophies the length is measured from the pedicle to the top of the longer antler. A gold medal Muntjac has an approximately 12 cm long antler.

**International medal scoring:**

56- 58,4 CIC points – Bronze

58,5- 60,9CIC points – Silver

61 < CIC points – Gold



The hunt is guided by a local professional hunter, following the local wild game management practices and hunting regulations. Ideally 1-2 hunter can be served at the same hunting area at once, we can accommodate and guide a group of maximum 4 hunters.

Due to the excellent deer population and the assistance of the knowledgeable local guides, the success rate for both deer species is close to 100 %. Most of the hunts are ending with harvesting medal range trophy animals.

Besides CWD and Muntjac, we also can arrange Red Stag and Fallow Buck hunting in the same hunting region.

**Recommended calibers:**

.243 or similar for Muntjac, CWD and Fallow Deer

.308 or similar for Red Deer

Practice shooting is available and recommended with rental rifles prior the hunt.

Expected shooting distance is 100-200 m.



**Program and package price:** 4 days – 3 nights – 2.5 hunting days: £970 / hunter

- Day 1: travel to London (Luton) then transfer to the hunting area
- Day 2-3: 2 hunting days/ mornings and evenings/
- Day 4: morning hunt, shuttle to the airport

**The package includes:**

- All transportation during the hunt
- Hunting license
- 1:1 guiding
- Rifle rental, ammunition
- Organization fee

**The package does not include:**

- Travel costs to and from London
- Accommodation, meal, car rental
- Travel insurance
- Trophy preparation, trophy shipping
- Gratuities
- Airport transfer:
  - £100: Luton Airport
  - £210: Stansted Airport
  - £210: Heathrow Airport
  - £230: Gatwick Airport
- Harvest fees (in case of wounding, an estimated fee needs to be paid on the spot)
  - Muntjac buck:
    - ✓ Medal bronze: £450
    - ✓ Medal silver: £600
    - ✓ Medal Gold: £850
  - Water Deer:
    - ✓ Young buck/ doe: £130
    - ✓ Mature doe: £200
    - ✓ Representative buck: £250- 350 (only in February and March)
    - ✓ Any medal trophies: £850



**General conditions:**

Wounding means killing, no refund available on wounded and lost animal.

Booking: 50% of the total estimated cost (non-refundable) deposit is due upon booking. Remaining balance is payable up until 60 days prior the hunt.

Extras are payable in cash upon leaving the hunting area (if applicable).

**We are here to help our clients plan and guide their hunting trips. Book your hunt with us for the majestic Muntjac and Water Deer today!**

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