

Answering the Call of Elk Country.

- Since 1984, the Elk Foundation has protected and enhanced more than 4 million acres of habitat across the U.S. and Canada.
- Our work reaches beyond the Rocky Mountain West. We have helped restore herds in Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Ontario. And elk are again being hunted in Arkansas, Michigan and Pennsylvania.
- We have protected critical elk country and put more than 400,000 acres of prime elk habitat into public ownership for hunting and recreation.
- To help further our conservation mission, we also work to educate the public on the role hunters have played and continue to play in conserving wildlife habitat.



**Rocky Mountain
Elk Foundation**

Celebrating 22 years of elk habitat conservation.

Learn how you can help conserve and enhance elk country. Stop by our gift shop or call 800-CALL-ELK for membership information.



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Discover ELK COUNTRY

*A Self-Guided, Educational Tour
Through the Elk Country Visitor Center*



1 Discovering Elk Country

A Group for Elk: The Elk Foundation is working in your state. Discover the historic and current status of elk, membership, fundraising and project information for your state.

Elk Country Diorama: Learn that Elk Country is not just in the Rockies. Explore the four elk country habitats depicted: More than 60 species of mammals, birds, fish and plants are displayed in the hand-painted mural, diorama and Habitat Neighbors game. Scan the 12-foot-tall by 43-foot-wide, hand-painted elk country mural. Can you find the horsefly and the Steller's jay?

Elk Hunting Then and Now: Learn the differences between hunting hundreds of years ago and today. See tools fashioned from elk bones and jewelry adorned with elk ivories. Can you guess how many elk ivories are sewn onto the tradecloth dress?

Lewis and Clark Expedition: Learn the important role elk played in the 28-month trek. How many pounds of meat did each man consume daily?

2 Ensuring the Future

Elk Foundation Programs: Learn about the four main program areas of the Elk Foundation. Explore the attached flip books to learn about specific projects and view project photos.

Volunteer Powered: The passion and dedication of volunteers drives the Elk Foundation's primary fundraising engines and greatly strengthens the foundation's image and credibility in local communities across the country. Become an Elk Foundation volunteer and help ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat.

RMEF Elk Restoration: View the three-minute video "Bringing Them Back" to learn about the Elk Foundation's restoration program. Discover

the important role volunteers play and how you can become a volunteer.

North American Wildlife Conservation Model: Learn the seven principles of the model. What do you think would happen if one of the principles was not practiced?

North American Conservation Heroes: Learn interesting facts about 11 conservationists. Learn how you can be a conservation hero, too.

Hunters — The Backbone of Conservation: Learn about the annual contributions hunters make to conservation, thanks to the Pittman-Robertson Act. Can you imagine the impact that more than \$4 billion has made since 1939?

3 Hunting and Tracking

Balancing Act: Learn how elk populations are managed. What would you do if there were more elk than the habitat could support?

How Do You Find Elk? Learn about different signs found in elk country. Can you tell the difference between white-tailed deer and elk tracks?

Elk Country Sounds: Hear bulls communicating to cows, cows to calves and other sounds heard in elk country.

More Than Just Talk: Learn how elk communicate with each other. What does it mean when an elk curls its lip and hisses softly?

Antlers: Learn the difference between antlers and horns. What time of year will you see "velvet" on elk antlers?

The Wily Wapiti: Learn different traits elk have to help them avoid danger. Where did the word "wapiti" originate and what does it mean?

Heft the Antler: How much do you think the antler weighs? Stop in the gift shop for the answer.

4 Wildlife Theater

5 Hunting Heritage Cabin

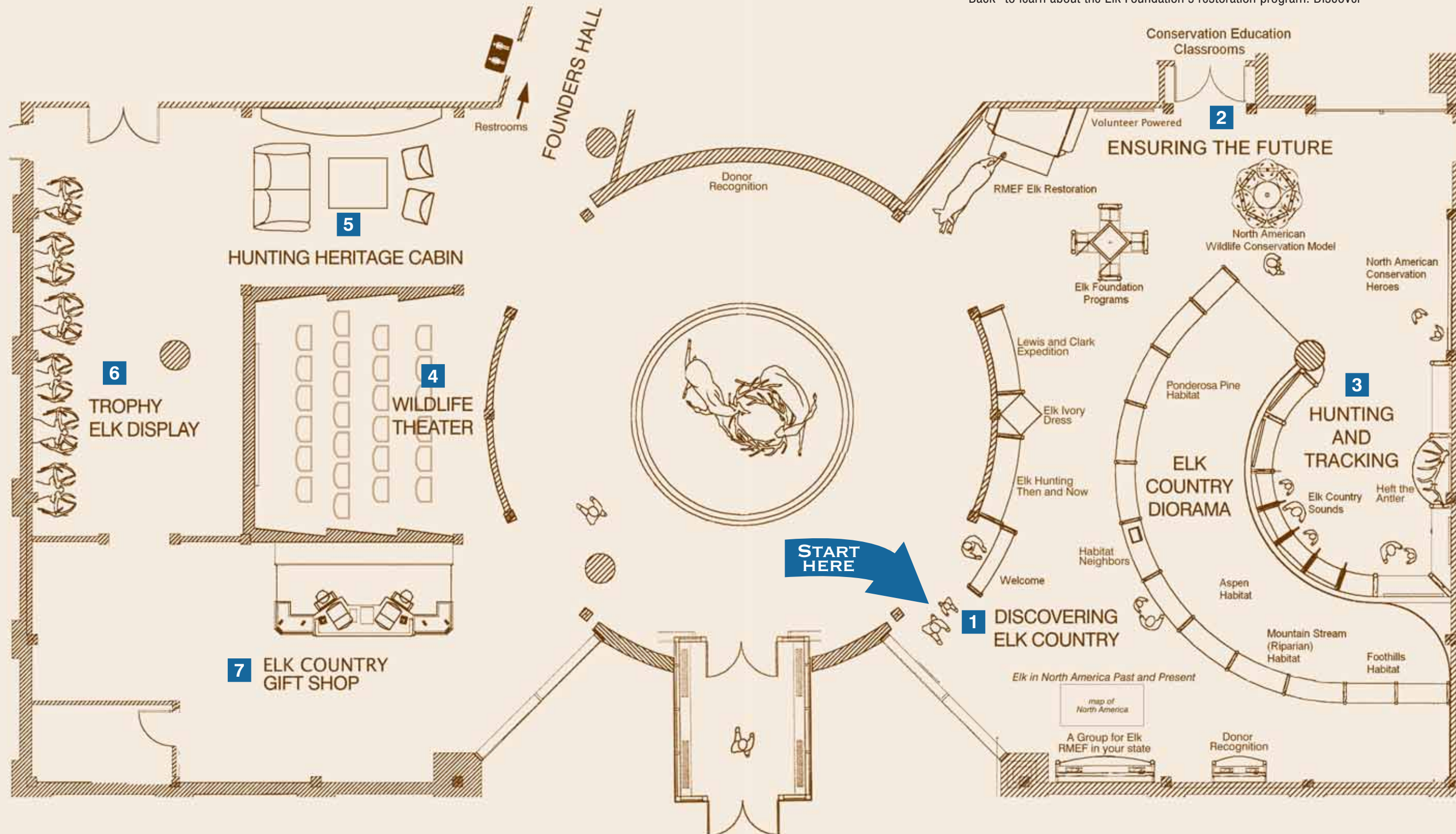
Our Hunting Heritage: Learn the important role hunters have played in wildlife conservation and the Elk Foundation's stance on hunting.

What Does Hunting Mean to Me? Read testimonials from Elk Foundation friends, members, volunteers and staff. What does hunting mean to you? Relax by the fireplace and jot your thoughts in our guest book. Perhaps the next time you visit, your thoughts will be on display!

6 Trophy Elk Display

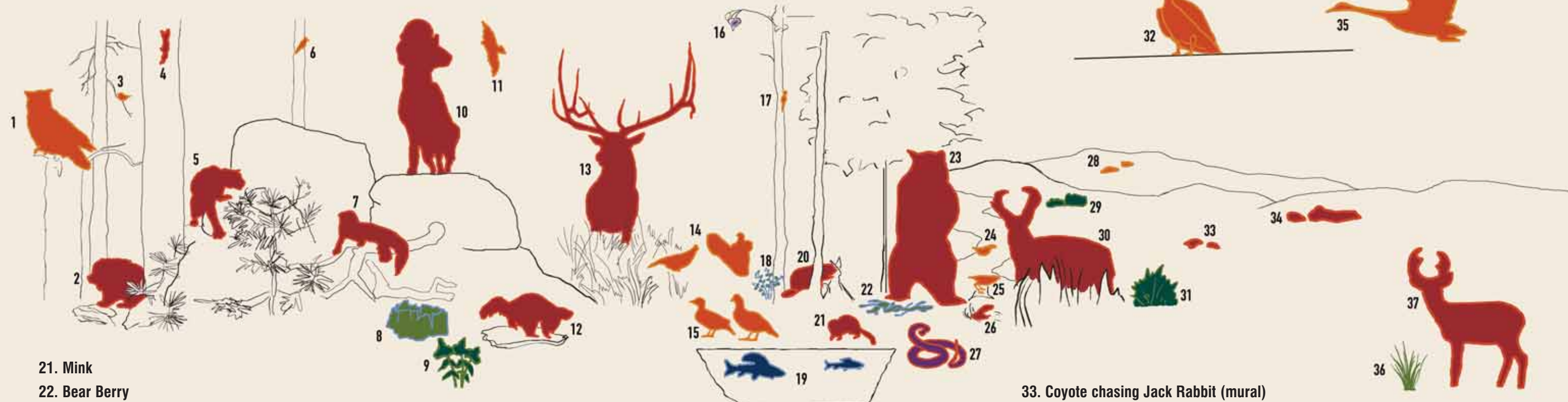
Great elk need great habitat. View record-setting trophy mounts harvested by fair-chase methods and on loan to the Elk Foundation from hunters across the country.

7 Elk Country Gift Shop



Habitat Diorama

- 1. Great Horned Owl
- 2. Porcupine
- 3. Mountain Chickadee (mural)
- 4. Red (or Pine) Squirrel
- 5. Mountain Lion
- 6. Steller's Jay (mural)
- 7. Fisher
- 8. Squirrel's Kitchen
- 9. Goldenrod
- 10. Bighorn Sheep
- 11. Pileated Woodpecker
- 12. Striped Skunk
- 13. Rocky Mountain Elk
- 14. Ruffed Grouse
- 15. Harlequin Duck
- 16. Horsefly (mural)
- 17. Hairy Woodpecker (mural)
- 18. Snowberry
- 19. Arctic Grayling
- 20. American Beaver



- 21. Mink
- 22. Bear Berry
- 23. Black Bear
- 24. American Dipper (mural)
- 25. Western Meadowlark
- 26. Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel

- 27. Prairie Rattlesnake
- 28. Black-billed Magpie (mural)
- 29. Birchleaf Mountain Mahogany (mural)

- 30. Pronghorn Antelope
- 31. Sagebrush
- 32. Golden Eagle

- 33. Coyote chasing Jack Rabbit (mural)
- 34. Pronghorn Antelope (mural)
- 35. Tundra Swan
- 36. Little Bluestem (mural)
- 37. Mule Deer