

Pronghorn Antelope



Pronghorn Antelope in Yellowstone National Park

Pronghorn are not actually antelope, though they are called that. True antelope are its ancestors. Males weigh 88 to 140 pounds, females 75 to 110 pounds. They are all 32 to 41 inches tall at the shoulder. They have short horns that grow as part of their skull bones. Both males and females have horns. They are known to be the fastest or second fastest (losing only to the cheetah) land mammal in the western hemisphere. Top speeds are up to 70 miles per hour. They are not good jumpers. They eat grasses and shrubs.

Pronghorn migrate a very long way, more than 160 miles. The route goes from the foothills of the Pioneer Mountains, through Yellowstone, and to the Continental Divide.



What did you learn about the pronghorn antelope of Yellowstone?

1. Are pronghorn really antelope?

2. How fast can a pronghorn run?

3. How many miles is the migration route of pronghorn?

