

## ITEMS to BRING for ARCHERY ELK & DEER HUNT

Archery Season (September – mid. October)

Spring Bear (mid. April – mid. May)

Weather can vary dramatically, from 30 degrees to 90 degrees during this season. I recommend lightweight clothing for warm days and medium-weight clothing for cool days. All outerwear clothing should be camouflage. Dress in layers. I recommend Polypropylene for your base layer (\*NO COTTON). Form fitting wool/synthetic blend socks that wick moisture (\*NO COTTON), fleece hat and gloves, two pairs of non insulated, well broke-in, lightweight hiking boots. Gore Tex rain gear is fine but must be quiet. All clothing should be of material that is quiet in the brush. We strongly recommend Sitka / Kuiu clothing and gear for this hunt.

### Necessities to Bring:

- Hunting license
- Bow and arrow license
- Airline tickets
- Rifle or bow and carry case for shipping (we recommend a large caliber rifle such as a 300 ultra mag.
- 10x42 binoculars
- Rangefinder with angle compensator
- Rifle scope lens covers (we recommend Butler Creek lens covers or neoprene scope covers)
- Shells - arrows (at least 2 boxes of shells)
- Medicine - your guide and outfitter should be informed of any special medical needs (Diabetes, heart conditions, etc.)
- Game bags for elk, deer and bear (Alaskan game bags preferred)

Remember no lighted sights. Nothing battery powered on your bow. This is a Montana fish, wildlife and parks rule.

### Recommended Clothing and Gear List

- Socks and underwear for each day (we recommend form fitting, moisture wicking, wool/synthetic blend hiking socks)

- 2 to 4 lightweight merino wool or under armor bottoms (long john's)
- 4 to 7 lightweight merino wool or under armor (camouflage heat gear) long sleeves tops
- 3 six-pocket army style pants
- 1 medium weight vest
- 1 or 2 waterproof zip-up jacket, with zipper pockets for hat and gloves ➤ 1 stocking cap (the 3 in 1 with ear covers and face mask works well) ➤ 1 camouflage baseball style cap
- 1 pair of fleece or wool gloves
- 1 pair of waterproof gloves
- 1-two piece rain gear (quiet cloth type)
- 2 pair of well broke-in, waterproof, non-insulated, hiking boots (such as Kenetrek TFX, 6 inch, Hunter series, Crispy boots or mendels)
- 1 pair of comfortable house shoes (for the lodge)
- 1 hunter orange vest with at least 400 sq. inches, camouflage break-up type (needed only if you have purchased a bear tag)

+All outer clothing should be camouflage (Sitka / kuiu clothing preferred).

+All clothing should be made of material that is quiet when hiking in brushy areas. We highly recommend Sitka / KUIU CLOTHING AND GEAR FOR YOUR HUNT.

### Recommended Backpack and Hunting Gear List

- 1 backpack - quiet cloth, camouflage, internal frame, 2,500 to 3,500 sq. inch storage capacity
- 1 emergency fire starter kit in a zip-lock bag
- 1 small first-aid kit
- 2 headlamp and small hand held with extra batteries ➤ 1 knife - sharp  
3 in. to 5 in. blade
- 1 - 50 ft. small nylon cord/rope

- 1 Garmin/ Inreach /compass
- 2 black garbage bags stuffed in the bottom of the backpack
- Toilet paper in a zip-lock bag
- Bow hunters should have a bow sling or a belt-carrying strap
- 1 phone / camera in a zip-lock bag (batteries, film, memory card etc.)
- 2- Garmin -Rhino optional CANNOT BE USED TO COMMUNICATE GAME ANIMALS
- 1 Binos with bino-shoulder harness
- Pre-moistened lens cloths (we recommend Bausch & Lomb Sight Savers)
- 1 sleeping bag - 0 degree, light weight, synthetic, 3 to 5 pound type (if plans have been made to camp during your hunt)
- Boot dryer (optional)
- Boot treatment (we recommend Nikwax Fabric & Leather)
- Large cooler / med chest freezer for shipping meat home (optional)
- 1 tree stand harness
- 2 bow releases in case of malfunction
- Solid Fixed broadheads. ➤ 1 angle compensating rangefinder for steep angled shots.

## **REMEMBER**

Flight schedule or driving plans should be sent to the outfitter one month prior to your hunt or as soon as possible

Balance due for hunt - must be paid in full by July 1st (check or credit card)

Bear hunters, Remember to buy a bear license it does not come with big game combination license and practice long range shooting with your rifle at 200, 300, and 400 yards

The standard tip for a guide is 10% to 20% of the cost of your hunt. Remember to bring tip for the cooks and packers in the camp as well. The amount you give reflects your appreciation for your guide's hard work and effort.

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