



Hunter Packing List

Here are a few things that you will need to bring on your hunt to make it more enjoyable and maximize your chance of killing an animal.

Weapon

There are a wide variety of rifles that may be used to take an elk or deer in our area. The most important thing in choosing a rifle for your hunt is that you are comfortable shooting the rifle. The old saying holds true for shooting as well "practice, practice, practice". Not only should you shoot from a bench at the range, but you should also practice off hand shooting as well. Practice shooting while standing, seated, prone, etc. Our guides are going to do their very best to get you a rest for a shot, but you may have to hop off your horse and be ready for a shot in a matter of seconds.

You may also have to shoot at long range. Our guides don't like to try and take an animal at farther than 350-375 yards. We could also be shooting at some drastic angle (uphill or downhill) which is why it is very important that you are comfortable shooting and sight in the rifle again as travel can affect your rifle.

Here is a checklist for you to follow before you get to Wyoming:

- .270 Caliber or larger
- 150 grain bullet minimum for deer and elk hunting
- 40 rounds of ammunition minimum
- Most calibers should be sighted in to shoot 3 inches high at 100 yards. Check your ammunition for ballistics data and use what you are comfortable with
- The rifle that you are most comfortable with and you have shot the most will serve you better than a new one!

Clothing

It is best to dress in layers when hunting in Wyoming as the weather can change at any time in the high country. It can be quite cold before sunrise and just after sunset, so it is important that you dress accordingly. Dressing in layers allows you to "peel" off some clothes should it warm up in the middle of the day.

Here is a list of personal items you may need:

- **Boots-** 1 pair of leather hiking boots that offer good ankle support and have been adequately broke in. **NO NEW BOOTS!!!** It is very important that you break in your boots before coming to Wyoming. We can be on our feet all day and also covering a lot of country on foot, you must take care of your feet.
- **Boots-** 1 pair of rubber bottom pack boots for rainy or snowy conditions. This is optional, but it is important to have a change of boots in camp should one get wet and not dried out for the next day's hunt.
- One pair of light weight camp shoes.
- **Socks-** Your personal preference, but bring a change for each day.
- **Long Underwear-** Thermax or Polypropylene Long Handles (these will also prevent any saddle rubbing and chapping)
- **Outer Wear-** This should be some kind of layered system consisting of at least 3 layers. Wool is definitely best in the high country as it retains its warmth even in when wet.
- **Rain Gear-** Some kind of waterproof coat and pants are essential.
- **Hat-** Should be waterproof and warm. Cowboy hats work well as they will keep the rain from rolling down your neck and back.
- **Gloves-** Several lightweight pairs and at least one heavy waterproof pair.
- **Florescent Orange-** Wyoming law requires that you have a garment such as a hat or a vest on while hunting big game animals.

Personal Gear

- Personal toiletries
- Small flashlight and extra batteries. The Petzl lights that attach to your hat work best for walking after dark
- Sharp knife
- Binoculars- 10x power is the minimum that we use.
- Camera
- Cigarette lighter
- Small backpack
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen and Chapstick

Packing

Once you arrive in Wyoming, it is best to have two smaller bags to pack your items that you will be taking to camp. Since we will be using pack animals, It is much easier for us to pack two smaller bags than one huge duffle containing your stuff.

Any special dietary needs should be addressed prior to arrival!!!!

Any medical conditions that could affect your personal safety should be brought to the attention of the Outfitter prior to arrival!!!!