

ADVENTURES OUTFITTING

What to Wear While Hunting

Since we stay in guest ranch accommodations, there is no weight or size limit on your gear. However, since most hunters will travel by plane, gear has been classified as 'Required' and 'Optional' to assist you in making the 50 pound per bag weight limit.

If you're traveling by plane, you may want to consider packing your gear in one or two coolers so that, if you fill your tag early in the week, you can take your meat back with you on the plane and ship your gear. Taking your meat as baggage and shipping your gear via UPS is the cheapest way to get meat home.

The weather in the Montana mountains is unpredictable. Conditions can vary greatly:

- ✦ First half of the season (End of Oct – Mid Nov)
 - Temperatures range 20 to 60°F.
 - Precipitation will likely be in the form of snow, with rain a possibility
 - Most likely there will be no snow on the ground. If there is snow, it will likely be 12" or less
- ✦ Second half of the season (Mid Nov – End of Nov) 0-50°F.
 - Temperatures range -10 to 50°F.
 - Precipitation will be in the form of snow
 - There will likely be snow on the ground, ranging from 6-24+"

Your hunt will be 5 days. In general, dressing in layers of lighter clothing is preferred. This will allow you to adjust to changing conditions better than one heavy layer. Layers will also allow you to bundle up while riding on horseback first thing in the morning and then shed layers later in the day when we may strike out on foot.

For your reference, here's what we typically wear when hunting:

- ✦ First half of the season
 - Top – 1 or 2 light/medium polypropylene long underwear tops, chamois shirt, fleece vest, fleece jacket or parka shell
 - Bottom – 1 light polypropylene long underwear bottom, light/medium weight wool pants
 - Boots – hiking boots – 200-600 grams of Thinsulate with air bob soles
 - Head – cowboy hat, baseball cap, light wool beanie
 - Gloves – medium weight leather or fleece
- ✦ Second half of the season (Mid Nov – End of Nov)
 - Top – 1 or 2 light/medium polypropylene long underwear tops, 1 heavy polypropylene long underwear top, chamois shirt, fleece vest, fleece jacket, parka shell
 - Bottom – 1 or 2 medium polypropylene long underwear bottoms, medium/heavy weight wool pants
 - Boots – heavyweight hunting boots or Pac Boots 600-2000 grams of Thinsulate with air bob soles
 - Head – Stormy Kromer style wool hat, scarf or neck gator
 - Gloves – heavyweight, waterproof

Packing List - Hunting

Hunting Clothing & Gear

- **Hunting Parka & Pants/Bibs** (Required)
 - Wool, Fleece or other high tech material
 - Can either be heavyweight or an outer shell with layers worn underneath
 - Should be water proof or highly water repellent
 - Quietness is important – nylon and cotton duck (e.g. Carhartt) are not quiet
 - A waterproof parka and pants is preferable (and you cannot ride a horse in a rain poncho)
- **Orange vest** – (Required) 400 sq inches of orange, visible from the front and back is mandated by law
- **Headgear**
 - Heavyweight fleece/wool hat (Required)
 - Early season hunts - lightweight baseball, safari-style or cowboy hat (Optional)
 - Late season hunts – facemask and/or scarf/neck gator (Optional)
- **Lightweight Jacket, Heavyweight Shirt and/or Vest** (Required)
 - Worn under your parka or as the outer layer while walking
 - Fleece is recommended
- **Long Underwear tops and bottoms**
 - 2 pairs – 1 heavyweight set (Required) and 1 medium/light weight set (Optional) - can be layered on top of each other if necessary
 - Polypropylene, fleece or other high tech moisture wicking materials (not cotton!)
- **Underwear** – (Required) 5 pairs
- **Wool Socks** (Required)
 - Clean socks are recommended each day
 - 5 pairs or heavy socks or 2-3 pairs of heavy socks and 5 pairs of lightweight liner socks
- **Hunting Boots**
 - Heavyweight, waterproof, insulated hunting boots – (Required) Danner, Rocky, Cabelas, etc
 - 2nd pair of boots (Optional)
 - Early season hunts – lightweight hiking boots
 - Late season hunts – Insulated Pac Boots
 - A boot dryer will be available at the lodge
- **Gloves**
 - Heavyweight, waterproof gloves (Required)
 - 2nd pair of gloves (Required)
 - Early season hunts – lighter weight gloves (e.g. heavier fleece gloves)
 - Late season hunts – heavyweight, waterproof gloves
 - In wet/snowy conditions, we recommend taking two pairs of gloves while hunting
 - 3rd pair of gloves (Optional)

- Day pack or fanny pack** (Optional)
 - Saddle bags will be provided to carry your lunch and extra gear
 - We often leave the horses on foot. It's not necessary to carry everything with you when we leave. A back pack or fanny pack can be useful to carry anything you need to have with you if it doesn't fit in your pockets. However, you will be more comfortable if you don't wear a backpack or fanny pack while riding
- Water bottle** - (Required) 1 Liter Nalgene or stainless steel
- Rifle with Scope** (Required)
- Ammunition** (Required)
 - You should bring at least 20 rounds with you. We will sight-in when you arrive.
 - When hunting, you should bring along 10 rounds plus the number of rounds necessary to fill the magazine of your rifle. You should have enough rounds to reload your magazine in an easily accessible pocket. There's no time to rummage through a pack after a missed shot!
- Headlamp** – (Required) We will be riding in the dark in the morning and a headlamp can be very useful to keep your hands free
- Binoculars** – (Optional) Your guide will have binoculars and be responsible for spotting game. However, you'll feel left out if you can't see what the guide is seeing. High quality optics are recommended since we spend a lot of time using binoculars.
- Camera** (Optional)
- Knife** (Optional)

Lodgewear

Every evening, we will enjoy a home style dinner in the lodge. You should bring a comfortable set of clothing to wear in the evenings

- Jeans**
- Shirt**
- Pajamas or Sweat Suit** – to sleep in

Personal Items

- Toothbrush/toothpaste**
- Deodorant**
- Shampoo**
- Comb**
- Razor/Shaving Cream** (Optional)
- Lip balm** (Optional)
- Sunscreen** (Optional)
- Medication** – as needed: eye drops, allergy meds, pain-relievers, prescription drugs, etc
- Prescription glasses** – as needed
- Sun glasses** (Optional)

Libations

- Beer, Wine or Liquor** – If you wish enjoy a drink with dinner, please stop and purchase alcohol in Ennis or Bozeman before coming to the ranch

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us – 406-682-7292 or info@adventuresoutfitting.com