



WHITETAIL DEER HUNT

Packing List

To hunt effectively you must be able to sit quietly for 6 to 9 hours. This can only be done if you dress for it. We do our best to keep you comfortable out there (including heaters in blinds) but you want to ensure you have sufficient clothing for a cold sit. Temperatures range from -25F to +30F during the fall hunt. Remember that there is often some walking involved getting to our stands & the ability to layer down for the walk in is extremely important to keep you from sweating.

- 1 pair of easy-on/off camp slippers (with rubber bottoms). We have a muddy boots-off policy in all our buildings & these slippers will make your building-to-building travel easy
- Boots: Bring the best ones you can afford with the coldest rating you can find. See "Saskatchewan Pac Boot" from Cabela's for an example. Leave plenty of room for the addition of a chemical heat pad.
- Socks: Layering your socks is also important. Start with a thin moisture wicking synthetic (polypropylene) sock underneath a heavier wool sock. Make sure you have plenty of circulation for your feet.
- Hands: One pair of well insulated mittens, a warm hand muff that will accommodate chemical heat packs and allow you to keep both hands together for sitting in the stand. You might want a very light pair of gloves to use in the muff.
- Underwear: Layering your clothing is of the utmost importance. Do not bring just one heavy jacket. Your first layer should contain moisture wicking abilities (synthetic). Additional layers should be made of wool and or synthetic materials such as fleece. The amount of layers will depend on each individual's tolerance to the cold. Do not skimp on your clothes, we quad each client right to their stands, so we can handle lots of gear.
- Outer Layers: There are a lot of great cold-weather options out there. Good quality fleece pants, sweaters, bibs, vests, coats and any other article that would complement a layered system are recommended. (We have RAVENWEAR, similar to Heater Body Suits or the IWOM suit available)
- Head and Face: A complete head sock with a face mask & a warm knitted red or orange hat. Another good idea is a neck gaiter to help the cold from working its way in. Your head & face can lose a lot of heat so the 2 layers on your head will slow this down.
- 1 fresh set of travelling clothes for the trip home
- Personal toiletries, scent free shampoo, toothbrush/paste, shaving kit, etc.
- compact light binoculars
- large day pack for all those clothes and equipment in the stand
- Goggles or Safety Glasses: Goggles and/or safety glasses to use during the ATV ride to & from your stand.
- Chemical Heat Packs: We strongly recommend disposable heat packs available at Cabelas or Walmart. Some hunters use small ones in their hand muff, & larger ones under their feet in the stand bag, over their kidneys & neck, etc.

Required Hunting clothing/equipment

- A soft case for transporting your gun or bow from camp to the hunting area.
- Bring the gun or bow that you shoot the best and get in a lot of practice in the month before your trip.

If you are hunting with a rifle you will need:



- A vest (an outer garment that covers the torso) of scarlet, bright yellow, blaze orange or white or any combination of these colors. The vest may include a label or crest not exceeding 100 cm² (15 in²);
- Scarlet, bright yellow or blaze orange headwear (white is not allowed). The headwear may include a small label or crest not exceeding 50 cm² (7.8 in²).
- Your rifle should be at least a 270 or larger. You should be capable of a 6 inch group at 100 yards

If you are hunting archery, crossbow or muzzle-loader:

- Hunt in full camo (except if you have a rifle in the stand for protection then you must wear above requirements-makes sense, eh?)
- We **suggest** wearing an orange vest & hat travelling to & from the stand (we have extra at camp)
- If you are hunting with a bow we recommend at least a 55# draw and efficient broadheads. You should be capable of a 5 inch group at 25 yards. Whatever broadhead you choose to bring, make sure you can shoot it accurately. Although your 3D test will be with field points, we will have a block for testing broadheads. You can bring dull broadheads just for this.

USD CASH

Bring enough **USD** cash to cover tips and merchandise. We can accept checks and credit cards (3% fee) for merchandise but **please** bring USD cash for your gratuity.

The Truth About Tipping/Gratuity

Tipping is one of the least understood aspects of a guided hunt & can be the most awkward to discuss or ask about so we created some guidelines/tips to better understand the tipping process.

- Camp minimum/average is 10% of your total hunt (per hunter).
10% = Good hunt
15% = Great hunt
20% + = Hunt of a lifetime
- Tips should be paid in USD cash directly to your guide and the Chef (they also work hard to make sure food is delicious- how much would you tip at a restaurant?) Chef gratuity is over/above the 10% (for example \$350 to the guide, \$100 for chef)
- As owners, we do not take any tips from this amount as we know our staff works hard for their tips and want to reward them to the fullest extent.
- If you had the hunt of your lifetime; harvesting a deer of a lifetime, etc. please tip accordingly (trophy = approx. \$1,000)!
- Tips should be forthcoming whether or not any animals were taken-provided the guide did his/her best to find said animals. It isn't the guide's fault if it is a slow hunting week.

If you tip lower than is customary, we take it to mean you are unhappy with your experience and do not plan to re-book with us.

Passports

ALL VISITORS TO CANADA HAVE TO HAVE A VALID PASSPORT. HAVE YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU WHEN YOU GET TO THE AIRPORT AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO BRING INTO CANADA MORE ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAN YOU ARE ALLOWED. IF YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD, EVEN A DUI, YOU MAY BE REFUSED ENTRY. IF SO CONTACT CANADA BORDER CROSSING SERVICES 1-800-438-7020 OR VISIT <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage>



Guns, Ammunition, Hunting laws & Regulations

- Handguns are illegal. Don't bring them!
- Declare all firearms to a border services officer with your 'Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form' when you arrive at the border and answer all questions truthfully.
- Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form (form RCMP 5589) is required along with a nominal fee.
 - The declaration form should be filled out prior to arrival at the point of entry, in order to save time.
 - However, it **should not be signed** before arriving at the entry point, as a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) customs officer must witness the signature.
 - Once the declaration has been confirmed by the CBSA customs officer, it acts as a licence for the owner and it is valid for 60 days.
- If you are interested in pre-processing your firearm prior to entering Canada as a non-resident hunter, contact your local CBSA. It is advisable to start the process early.
- Note: Muzzleloader hunters cannot fly with black powder. You can buy it at Cabelas/local Co-op
- A five-point safety harness in good condition is required for all tree stand hunters, NO EXCEPTIONS! We have these in camp

Hotels

If your travel plans involve a stay in Saskatoon we would recommend the following properties.

- The Saskatoon Inn (306) 242-1440 www.saskatoon.com
- The Sandman Hotel (306) 477-4844 www.sandmanhotels.com
- Travelodge 1 -800-255-3050 or (306) 242-8881 www.travelodgesaskatoon.com

*Ask for their outfitter rate under the name of 'Safari River/Goose Haven'

These hotels are hunter friendly & provide freezer space for travel home

Flights

You can fly into:

- **Saskatoon Airport YXE**- John G. Diefenbaker International Airport (approx 3 hours & 30 min)
- **Edmonton International Airport YEG** (approx 5 hours)
- Meadow Lake Airport YLJ (Personal planes only) (approx 30 min.)
- It is a good idea to confirm your flight the night before your departure. This can usually be done online or by phone.

Getting to Camp (Car Rentals)

You can rent a vehicle from any car rental agency at the airport and drive to camp. Remember when talking to these agencies the currency will be in Canadian \$. Who we recommend out of Saskatoon:

- Easy Auto Rental (639) 471-4669
- Budget (306) 244-7925

*Ask for their outfitter rate under the name of 'Safari River/Goose Haven'

Beverages

Safari River Outdoors does NOT provide alcohol for clients. We provide water, coffee, tea, orange/apple juice & a punch/juice for dinner. We suggest purchasing alcoholic beverages in Saskatoon/Edmonton or locally at the SLGA liquor store in Meadow Lake and local supermarket for your mixers.



Fishing

Targeting Walleye & Northern Pike

If you are going to do some fishing we have the gear to do so. Please remember that fishing is a bonus for you. For an additional cost/lure & tackle donations, we can provide gear, bait and license for bank fishing. For a guided fishing trip (minimum 2 people), contact us ahead of time. The cost to add guided fishing to your trip is \$300 USD per person, per day.

Fishing licenses (available at the lodge)

1 day= \$25 USD

3 day= \$50 USD

Annual= \$100 USD

Fish cleaning= \$5 USD per fish (includes filleting, bagging & labeling for travel/border crossing)

Cell Phones

We have cell coverage/a cell booster at the lodge and in over half of our hunting spots.

On your travel day: What to expect

Please stay in contact with us on your travel day. Feel free to text us Emily's cell: (207) 576-6034.

We like to be prepared for your arrival with appetizers/hot meal, help you settle in, get sighted in, etc. You will have a hunter meeting where you will be issued walkie-talkies, chat with your guide, etc.