

WESTERN STATES ELK & DEER HUNTERS SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT LIST

If you are hunting with Steve's Outdoor Adventures on our Western States private lands elk or mule deer hunts this equipment list will be important to have... please remember that if you are driving into the hunting area you can bring as much gear as you would like, however we recommend packing as light as possible as it makes travel easier.

Also, if you want to take your elk and deer meat home please drive out – it is becoming more and more difficult to find quality meat processors who will cut, wrap, and ship meat, antlers, and capes to our clients. If you drive out you can save a lot of time and money in this department.

- Daypack – We recommend the Eberlestock X1 with the gun boot that keeps your hands free – check them out at www.eberlestock.com
- Hunter orange jacket – **Montana, Colorado, and Utah all require a hunter orange jacket or vest and hat be worn at all times during the hunt.** Wyoming requires only an orange hat. **Kansas requires 100 inches on the front, 100 inches on the back, and an Orange hat to be worn at all times for rifle hunters.**
- **NOTE – All Hunters going to Colorado born after January 1, 1949 must have in their possession a Hunter's Safety Card. Not a photo copy – the original or state issued duplicate or else you will not be allowed to hunt. No exceptions.**
- Pants – two pair of hunting pants, orange is not required, we recommend the high quality fleece pants that are water proof and dry quickly each night.
- Dress in layers – we recommend you have a base layer of under armor or similar top and bottom, then a mid layer like a fleece vest or pull over sweatshirt, then your jacket on the exterior. If it is warm you dress down to base layers, if it is cold put it all on.
- Boots – some hunts require more walking than others and you will know this from when you booked your hunt. If you are on a vehicle or UTV based hunt lightweight hiking boots are recommended. Regardless we recommend all of our clients call Lathrop and Sons for their boot needs. They will sell you the boot that is best for you, fits you, and outfit you with a custom Synergy Footbed – <http://www.lathropandsons.com/>
- Gaiters – these are a vital part of equipment that will keep snow and moisture out of your boot tops and help keep your feet dry and warm.
- Socks – wear good socks – one new pair for each day of hunting
- Rifle + 40 rounds of quality ammunition – do not bring cheap ammo on an expensive elk or deer hunt. Shoot good bullets – we recommend the Corbon DPX and T-DPX ammo – this is a Barnes X bullet loaded hot by Corbon. (www.corbon.com)
- Make sure you have practiced regularly and are competent out to 300 yards minimum on a western big game hunt. 300 yards is point blank range for any .308 or .270 and larger rifle when sighted in properly.
- Binoculars – good ones 10x42 recommended
- Digital camera with 2GB SD card and extra batteries – send SOA photos at the end of the hunt!
- Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries, Knife – fixed blade in a sheath with sharpener blade.
- Whitetail Hunters – if you are going on a hunt where you will be sitting in a ground blind or stand in November or December, please consider buying the Heater Body Suit so that you can sit comfortably for extended periods of time. This will increase your odds of success.

NOTE: we recommend washing your outerwear in CAMO RESTORE – this replaces your regular detergent in the laundry room when you wash your hunting clothes. It will remove odors and return water proof or water resistant materials back to their factory qualities (does not repair tears or damaged materials) – and the wash will extend the life of your outerwear and make your time in the field in inclement conditions more enjoyable! www.camowash.com

Remember pack light and have a good time!