

B.C. Interior Bear Equipment List

For ALL Bear Hunters

If you are booked for a black or grizzly bear hunt this equipment list pertains to you... it is only a suggested list but has been put together over many years of experience.

Remember you are going in by horseback so weight is an issue – pack light!

- **Sleeping Bag** – You will all be staying in a remote cabin where you will need a sleeping bag and pillow. The cabin has foam mattresses and wood heat but we still recommend a sleeping bag that is compact and still holds a comfort rating of no less than 20 degrees.
- **Daypack** – we recommend the Eberlestock X1 pack with rifle boot (www.eberlestock.com) - bow hunters the X2 is w/o gun boot
- 10x42 or comparable binoculars – this is a glassing intensive hunt – bring good glass and be ready to use it
- Digital camera w/ 8GB minimum memory card + extra batteries – take 300+ photos!
Don't trust your guide to send you photos from his camera, make sure he takes photos of you with yours or you risk never getting any photos! (and send us photos!)
- Two fixed blade knives w/ sharpener
- Flashlight & head lamps with extra batteries
- Paperback book
- Good hiking boots, waterproof, un-insulated
- Two sets of base layer clothing – Under armor recommended
- Ten pair of socks – quality socks required
- Gloves
- Filtered Water Bottle
- **Rifle** .300 caliber minimum 180 grain bullet.... We recommend the .30 and .338 caliber guns with 180-250 grain bullet. The .300 Winchester magnum with 180 grain bullets is the minimum for grizzly hunters. Shoot good bullets – Barnes X – check out Corbon DPX and T-DPX – buy them online at www.corbon.com - we are requiring high quality

bullets only ... in the past hunters have shown up with poorly constructed bullets and we have had a few bears wounded and lost. You must have a bullet capable of breaking the shoulders of a bear. Barnes X, Swift A Frame, and similar bullets... we recommend the Corbon DPX which is a hopped up Barnes X bullet load. Sight in dead on for 200 yards – but most bears are shot at less than 200 yards.

- **Bow hunters** – We require at least a 60 pound draw weight and we prefer fixed blade broadheads that have no less than 1” of cutting diameter or the best brands of expandable broadheads.

Outerwear – we recommend you dress in layers so you can be out in any condition:

- Jacket – a high quality waterproof fleece jacket like KUIU (Guide Series)
- Mid layer – we wear a vest or fleece pullover as a mid layer if it gets cold
- Pants – Fleece pants to match jacket – two pairs
- Bring a rubberized long rain jacket for downpour days that you can wear over everything. Make sure it is oversized and goes down past your butt so you have “crack coverage” while riding your horse.

Remember, when choosing your weapon, that a wound and loss policy is in effect on all of our hunts. So if you hit a black bear and do not recover it, you punch one of your tags. So bring good, high quality equipment and be proficient with it.

We highly recommend that all of our hunters wash their clothing in CAMO RESTORE – this is a special detergent that takes water proof or water resistant material, like a hunting jacket and pants, and restores or improves its ability to repel water. In Alaska rain is a reality on most hunts. You need to be prepared for it and grangers has really made a difference. It also removes scent from clothing which helps since a bear’s top sense is his sense of smell. You can buy CAMO RESTORE on their website at www.camowash.com ... this replaces your regular detergent.

Communications: The guide most likely will have a satellite phone for check ins and emergency communications. However it is not for client personal use. We recommend that you purchase a DeLorme inReach for text/email two way communications with home and office if needed as well as emergencies. <http://www.inreachdelorme.com/>