

Alaskan Brown Bear Equipment List

Peninsula Hunters Only

If you are booked for an Alaska brown bear hunt this equipment list pertains to you and it is important to remember that you flying into camp in super cub aircraft which have space and weight limitations... you are restricted to fifty pounds maximum on your fly in equipment in addition to your rifle or bow. I strongly urge you to pack and weigh your bags before you leave home. The air charter pilot will make you discard equipment if you come in over bag weight limit.

- **Sleeping Bag** – sometimes our brown bear hunters stay in cabins however the majority of our clients fly out to remote spike camps and stay in Alaskan bomb shelter tents. Make sure you bring a good, light weight sleeping bag that has a comfort rating of at least -10 degrees to be sure you are warm enough at night.
- Compact sleeping pillow and ThermaRest sleeping pad
- **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. Spotting scopes are optional but watch your weight with a tripod.
- Digital camera w/ 8+ GB minimum memory card + extra batteries – take 300+ photos! AND SEND THEM TO ME WHEN YOU GET BACK. Never allow the guide to be the only one who takes photos on his camera, make sure you get photos with your camera. Guides are well meaning but rarely actually send you photos after the hunt. So make sure you get your photos!!!
- Backpack Gear - Fixed blade knife, flashlight & head lamps with extra batteries
- Paperback book in zip lock bag
- Two sets of base layer clothing – Under armor recommended
- Ten pair of socks – quality socks required
- Gloves
- Filtered Water Bottle
- Head net and Lethal Mosquito Repellent (some years you need it, some you don't. But between August 15-September 15 we recommend everyone has these items.

- **Sunglasses** (polarized for water and effective on snow)
- **Rifle** .30 caliber minimum w/ 200 grain bullet.... We recommend the .338 with 225 grain bullet or the .375 H&H magnum with 300 grain bullet. However the .300 Winchester magnum with 200 grain bullets minimum. 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 100 yards – most bears are shot at under 100 yards.
- **Bow hunters** – We require at least a 65 pound draw weight with fixed blade broadheads that have no less than 1” of cutting diameter.
- **Outerwear** – we recommend you dress in layers so you can be out in any condition:
 - Jacket – a high quality waterproof fleece jacket like KUIU is recommended
 - Mid layer – we wear a vest or fleece pullover as a mid layer if it gets cold
 - Pants – if you are on the fall salmon stream hunt you will be in waders all day, but bring one pair of fleece hunting pants just in case... you can always wear them around camp, fleece wader pants are comfortable inside the waders.
 - One light weight rubberized rain jacket for down pour days. Make sure this is durable and goes down well past the bottom of your butt when you sit down.

FALL HUNTERS – You will be hunting in and around salmon streams, you will need lightweight and durable fly fishing waders with reinforced knees and crotch areas that are comfortable to walk in. These will also keep you dry and warm.

SPRING HUNTERS – waders are optional but the guides wear them all day for a reason. To stay warm and dry. It is a good idea to throw a pair of waders in your bag along with the other gear, just in case!

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 ... buy the 2 in 1 Wash and use like a 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/> Or stop in Anchorage and rent a satellite phone before going into the field.