

British Columbia Black Bear Hunters Suggested Equipment List

This hunt is done completely by vehicle so there is no weight restriction on your bags by the outfitter. This equipment list is a suggested list only based on our personal hunting experience.

- **Sleeping Bag** – You will all be staying in a remote cabin where you will need a sleeping bag and a compact pillow. The cabins have heat so just about any average sleeping bag will suffice.
- **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!
- Two fixed blade knives w/ sharpener
- Flashlight & head lamps with extra batteries
- Paperback book (plenty of relaxing time and sometimes rainy days!)
- We prefer a MUCK style boot, this is not a hiking intensive hunt. But you can get into some mud, so a high shin to knee neoprene or rubber style boot is convenient.
- Two sets of base layer clothing – Under armor recommended
- Five pair of socks – quality socks required
- Gloves
- Filtered Water Bottle

- **Rifle** .270 or larger caliber for black bear with an emphasis on quality ammo. Don't show up with poor quality bullets – Shoot Corbon T-DPX, Swift A Frame bullets, or Barnes TTSX bullets if possible. Be ready to shoot 100-150 yards at bears.
- **Bow hunters** – We require at least a 50 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 hunting jacket like KUIU is recommended
- 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.