

NWT HORSEBACK MOOSE, SHEEP, OR CARIBOU EQUIPMENT LIST

You have booked a world class hunt in the Northwest Territories! Listed below is the recommended equipment and packing list for the hunt. If you are booking the horseback hunting package contact our office for a slightly different packing list. NOTE: this is a weight restricted hunt – you can bring all the gear you want to base camp, but when you ride out to spike camp for the actual hunt you need to pare down to 50-60 pounds of gear plus your rifle. Pre-pack your hunt hunting gear and know what it weighs before you get there... Bring the following to spike camp:

- Light weight and high quality sleeping bag comfort rated to -0 degrees (also compact pillow and sleeping pad, we recommend the Big Agnes sleeping bag/pad systems)
- Eberlestock X1 backpack – has a gun boot to keep your hands free and carries enough stuff for day hunts (www.eberlestock.com) – make sure you have a hydration bladder in your pack and use it!!!
- Rifle Sheep Hunters .270 or larger, sighted in and ready for 100 to 300 yard shots – bring a rifle that you can shoot with confidence and practice shooting prone off of your backpack up and downhill angles.
- 150 Grain Bullets or larger, we recommend all copper X bullets (T-DPX Corbon) (www.corbon.com)
- Binoculars – bring good binoculars – 10x42 recommended size
- Duffle Bag – one weather proof - durable duffle bag (or two smaller ones for horse packing)
- One high quality fleece hunting jacket that is waterproof in a camo pattern, KUIU is very good stuff!
- Two pair of fleece hunting pants – waterproof and high quality (KUIU)
- Mid layers – either a quality vest or fleece sweatshirt for a mid layer in case it gets cold
- Boots – The NWT is an extreme hunting region and different hunts require different boots. Sheep and goat hunters need boots specific to extreme mountain hunting, and every hunter has a different foot, and different footwear needs. We recommend speaking to footwear specialists at Lathrop and Sons about the boot that is right for you with a Synergy Footbed. <https://lathropandsons.com/>
- Two sets of Under Armor or similar base layer clothing
- One pair of socks and underwear for each day
- Digital camera w/ minimum 8GB of memory and lots of extra batteries – you will shoot a lot of photos on this hunt – and you will send them to me at the end of your hunt please!
- Paperback book in plastic bag – sometimes you get weathered into your tent for a few days
- Knife – fixed blade w/ sharpener
- Flashlight and headlamp with extra batteries
- Riding pants – if weather permits, denim pants (Levi's) are best, cowboys wear them for a reason.

Shoot good bullets – Sheep and caribou are not tough animals but bad bullets will make big holes in the cape... moose are tough as nails, no matter what your hunting for, you want a solid bullet that will break their shoulder and anchor them on the spot without ruining the cape. Moose require super high quality controlled expansion bullets! We recommend the Corbon DPX or T-DPX ammo – buy it online at www.corbon.com .

Back in base camp it is common for guys to have 1-2 sets of street clothes for lounging around camp and the travel home. I hope this answers any equipment questions you might have – please let me know if you have any questions.

Also, we recommend washing all of your outerwear in Camo Restore – this is a camo wash made for hunters that replaces your regular clothing detergent and restores its water proof or water resistant qualities.

Communications: The guides have a satellite phone for daily check in; it is not for personal use by clients. Please bring your own Iridium satellite phone OR we recommend that you buy and use the new DeLorme inReach for two way text/email communications. <http://www.inreachdelorme.com/>

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