

Southeast British Columbia - Suggested Equipment List

This is a horseback mountain hunt – where we are horseback riding and packing into a remote cabin or tented camp location. We ask that our clients pack light with quality gear, limiting themselves to 60-70 pounds of equipment plus their rifle.

- Backpack – for horseback hunts I like the Eberlestock X1 pack – it is big enough to carry a little gear for one day, has a hydration pack, and a gun boot so your hands are free. Your rifle will carry in a scabbard while riding the horses, but when you dismount to start hunting, you can carry the rifle in the gun boot on your back.
- Makes sure your pack contains – knife, digital camera and extra batteries, flashlight or head lamp w/ extra batteries, dry shirt, and candy bars or snacks to refuel on the mountain. Water bottle is an absolute must have item!!!
- Rifle w/ quality ammo - .270 or larger rifle, sighted in and able to kill an elk, goat, or moose from 50 to 300 yards, make sure you are shooting quality bullets (www.corbon.com)
- Boots – one pair, good mountain boots – think light and waterproof and make sure they are broke in before you get there!
- Gaiters – We recommend the Outdoor Research gaiters for all back country hunting!
- 10 pair of socks and underwear – change often when sweating!
- Camp clothes and slippers/shoes
- Binoculars 10x42 recommended – they are your best friend!!!
- Sleeping bag – comfort rated to a minimum of +20 degrees w/ sleeping pad and compact pillow. Cabins have wood heat.
- Two pair of pants – recommend high quality fleeces (KUIU brand is very good)
- One jacket w/ hood – waterproof and quiet material like a modern fleece or hydro fleece (KUIU)
- One mid layer vest
- Full length rain slicker, lightweight and compact for downpour days
- Two pair of base layers – KUIU or other merino wools recommended
- Stocking cap and baseball cap

Pack light – think light – and go in light but come out heavy!

Always dress in layers – shed layers before you start to climb and keep them dry in your pack – they put them back on when you get to the top.

The secret to a light pack is wear a full set of hunting clothes with your boots when you fly or ride into the back country – this takes a lot out of your pack and bags – and remember, this is a wilderness hunt – leave the comforts of home behind and go hard!

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 in 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/>

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