

Alaskan Brown Bear Equipment List

For 2015 Brown Bear Hunters

If you are booked for a 2015 Alaska brown bear or grizzly hunt this equipment list pertains to you and it is important to remember that you are restricted to 75 pounds maximum on your fly in equipment including 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** – You will be in a tent camp, so bring a good sleeping bag comfort rated to zero degrees and an inflatable sleeping pad for your cot.
- Compact sleeping pillow
- **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!
- Two fixed blade knives w/ sharpener
- Flashlight & head lamps with extra batteries
- Paperback book in zip lock bag
- Lightweight cordura chest waders – hodgman waderlite waders – with boots
- Two sets of base layer clothing – Under armor recommended
- Ten pair of socks – quality socks required
- Gloves
- Filtered Water Bottle
- Camp shoes, we recommend low top Muck Boots/Shoes that slip on but are also water proof and comfortable.
- Waders – you will be hunting and around lakes and streams, waders are a requirement and we recommend lightweight fly fishing waders with stocking feet and comfortable boots. Don't mail order these, go into the store and try them on and make sure you can walk in them and that the boots fit correctly. Water makes the boots tighten up, so make sure they fit correctly.

- 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 .300 caliber magnum minimum 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/Weatherby magnum with 200 grain Swift A Frame bullets minimum.** Shoot good bullets – Barnes X – check out Corbon DPX and T-DPX and A Frame – buy them online at www.corbon.com - new for 2015 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. We use the Guide model and Chugach model jackets.
 - 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 – recommend a KUIU base layer long underwear inside the waders for warmth and comfort.
 - One light weight rubberized rain jacket for down pour days. (Helly Hanson) Make sure its long enough to go down past your butt for water run off

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/> Or stop in Anchorage and rent a satellite phone before going into the field.