

MYSTIC SADDLE RANCH



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What to Bring on Your Hunt

Clothing:

- 2 pairs of gloves
- Warm long johns- 2 pairs top and bottom
- Hats- 1 stocking, 1 baseball cap
- 4 Flannel or wool long sleeve shirts
- 1 pair heavy wool pants
- 1 pair of over pants
- 4 pairs of camouflage jeans
- 4-8 pairs of wool socks
- Underwear
- 1 pair of insulated waterproof hiking boots
- 1 pair of light non-insulated hiking boots
- Warm (preferably wool) outer coat camouflage
- Rain gear- nylon or rubber coat and pants
- Camouflage sweater and vest

Personal Needs:

- Toiletry items
- 1 small wash cloth
- 1 small hand towel
- 1 bath towel
- Sunglasses
- Sun screen
- "moleskin" for feet blisters
- Prescription glasses and accessories if needed
- Prescription medications
- Lip balm

Miscellaneous:

- Sleeping bag rated to at least 0 degrees

- Day pack
- Headlight and flashlight with extra batteries
- Waterproof fire-starting kit
- 50' of parachute chord
- Surveyor's flagging tape
- Camera
- Small notebook and pen
- 4 Meat bags
- Binoculars or spotting scopes
- Hunting knife
- Water bottle
- 1 Emergency "space blanket"
- GPS (optional)

Weapon:

- Rifle and Scope
- Ammunition and ammunition pouch
- Rim oil and bore snake- gun cleaning

Gear Suggestions

CLOTHING: Kuiu and Sitka marino wool under layers are great for harsh conditions and are very high quality. Bring as much WOOL as you can afford. Wool is warm when wet, durable and quiet. Light and medium weight wool is highly preferred over a heavy weight wool garment. In this climate and terrain, you need to dress in layers. Archery season can be rather warm and the end of the rifle elk season, extremely cold. Clothing should be comfortably baggy to allow freedom of movement and air space for insulation. Be sure to allow sufficient roominess in order to layer your clothes. Add your raingear on top of everything else to be sure it's big enough.

Bring as little clothing as possible made of nylon or other noisy synthetics. When necessary, substitute cotton, flannel or denim as these are quiet fabrics. Be conscious of the noise factor, especially in outerwear. Daypacks need to be checked as well. Test the noise level of the fabric when it's moved or rubbed. Consider shiny objects that might flash in the sun and alert wary game. Hunter orange is NOT required in Idaho but may be used in small amounts if you feel more comfortable.

RAIN GEAR - This is a must! Good quality rain coat and pants- Cheap plastic will tear easily and leave you miserable. Most raingear will be a "noisy" fabric, but that is better than being wet. Kuiu makes great light weight yet durable rain gear.

HANDS - Insulated and water repellent gloves will be useful while riding or inactive if it turns wet and cold. Gloves should be easy to dry by a fire.

HEAD & NECK - A hat that sheds water and keeps in body heat is handy. Try to find one field hat that will offer you the most protection. A brim or visor to keep sun and/or rain out and maybe flaps for your ears. Something to tie or wear around your neck will conserve body heat if you're sitting still, once you start moving again you will probably want to take it off. A stocking cap will reduce heat loss while sleeping. Wool caps made by Dry Ice and Stormy Kromer are exceptional.

FOOTWEAR - bring well broken in study boots. Vibram soles will give good traction, non-insulated will dry faster and be sure and get enough socks on to stay warm. Wool socks with 100% cotton liners are great for feet sensitive to blisters or sweating. If you are prone to blisters stop at the first sign and put "moleskin" on the sensitive area. This will save you a lot of misery later. Also bring waterproof boots or PacBoots that have rubber bottoms and leather uppers with felt liners. These aren't great for walking in but are **GOOD** to have if the weather is cold.

SLEEPING BAG - Good quality, winter-rated bag with 4-5 pounds of synthetic insulation. We do not recommend down bags as they will not keep you warm if they get wet and they are hard to get dry. A mattress pad is advisable to insulate your backside when sleeping on a cot. We recommend a sleeping bag that is rated to 0 degrees or lower.

DUFFLE BAGS - Gear should be packed in study duffle bags so they can be transported on horseback. 2-3 smaller bags are much better than one big heavy bag. Your sleeping bag and pad are o.k. in its stuff sacks. Have plastic trash bags handy to cover each piece of your gear in case of rain on pack-in day. All gear is wrapped in canvas manties for loading. Waterproof bags are advisable. ***TOTAL GEAR SHOULD NOT EXCEED 80 POUNDS NOT COUNTING RIFLE OR BOW AND AMMO.***

DAY PACK - Comfortable fitting shoulder or fanny pack will be used daily while hunting. You will also have a saddle bag to put gear in but you will not always be with your horse especially if archery hunting. This is a good place to pack anything you want handy when you first arrive at base camp prior to the packer arriving.

PERSONAL NEEDS - Please bring a small amount of your own personal products you regularly use such as antacids, decongestants, rash or hemorrhoid ointment, eye drops or pain relievers. We normally have on hand a variety of over-the-counter remedies, but possibly not your favorite. All staff are trained in first-aid and will have a first aid kit, but it would be wise on your part to carry a small first aid kit with you in the field so you can treat a minor injury immediately.

CAMERAS - And equipment should have a water-resistance and padded cases. If you pack cameras (or any other breakables) in your duffle be sure and let the packers know before they start loading so they can cushion those spots.

FIREARMS - We recommend rifles of 270 caliber or better with scopes of 9X or greater power. Scopes improve clarity of vision in timbered areas. A scabbard will protect your rifle while you are on horseback and still provide easy access. We have scabbards available if you do not have your own.

MEAT BAGS - are used to cover game quarter or halves to keep meat clean when transporting. Elk require 4, deer and bear require 2 each. Most sporting goods stores sell these in appropriately sized packages.

BINOCULARS or SPOTTING SCOPE - Options. Small lightweight mini-size binoculars are great and easy to carry.

PRE-HUNT PHYSICAL CONDITIONING - The country is rugged... hunting in good physical shape pays off. Any conditioning you choose to do that will strengthen your legs and wind will help you enjoy your hunt more; Especially if you are not very active now. Most of our clients come from office jobs, so pre-conditioning is recommended. The better physical condition you are in the more likely that your hunt will be a success.