

The gearing-up process - the planning, the packing, the travel, are all of the hunting experience. A well thought out gear list not only ensures that you have everything but more importantly assures you are covered for the unpredictable fall weather in Montana. We find that wearable gear that can be layered to match the day is a good approach. Weather and storms can roll in quickly over the Little Belt Mountains. Early fall archery hunts and general season rifle hunts temperatures swing wildly, it's normally mild but we can experience rain, wet snow, and cool temperatures. Pack gear that meets these demands. Layering clothing has evolved into the premier method of staying warm on the coldest days. An effective layering system essentially consists of three layers that work together to insulate, manage moisture and protect from the elements - an outer layer for protection, a middle layer for warmth, and at the core, a good base layer for warmth and comfort. If you need help building a gear list for your upcoming hunt please give us a call or send us an email. We are here to ensure your hunt is a rewarding experience. Below are a few items we have found are essentials from our past guests. Layering clothing has evolved into the premier method of staying warm on winter's coldest days. An effective layering system essentially consists of three layers that work together to insulate, manage moisture and protect from the elements - an outer layer for protection, a middle layer for warmth, and at the core, a good base layer for warmth and comfort. Below are a few items we have found are essentials from our personal experience.

## **Gear List**

- Outer layer for protection quiet waterproof breathable
- Mid layer for warmth wicking guiet breathable
- Base layer for comfort wicking quiet breathable
- Rain gear "quiet and packable"
- Ball cap and weatherproof hat
- Shooting gloves and warm handwear
- Comfortable boots (2 pairs, waterproof)
- Lodge footwear
- Hiking socks and sock liners
- Daypack for your daily gear
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Knife for your use
- Binoculars (optional rangefinder and spotting scope)
- Headlamp flashlight and spare batteries
- Camera with waterproof bag

- Flagging tape or markers
- Personal toiletries and lip balm
- Personal medication and prescriptions
- Snacks and anything you can't live without
- Personal alcoholic beverages
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks hunting regulations:
- http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/regulations/default.html

## Archery Hunts (in addition to the gear list):

- Montana hunting license
- Quit camo-clothing, layers and waterproof
- Bow with bow sling (80% let-off)
- 12 arrows min.
- Binoculars (optional rangefinder and spotting scope)
- Release and a spare
- Fixed-blade broadheads (NO expendables)
- Personal bow accessories
- Facemask/paints

## **Rifle Hunts** (in addition to the gear list):

- Montana hunting license
- Rifle with sling and scope (270 cal. or greater) sighted in @ 200 yards
- Ammunition made for elk-sized game
- Scope cover
- Bipod or shooting sticks (optional)
- Binoculars (optional rangefinder and spotting scope)
- Winter weight headwear, gloves, and balaclava
- Hand warmers
- Insulated hunting boots
- Gaiters made of quiet material
- Fluorescent orange vest 400 square inches above the waist as per Montana law.



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