



Suggested Packing List for Spring Bear Hunts

You will be hunting in the Northern Rockies at about 4000 ft. elevation. During this time of the year the weather can be anywhere from 80°F and dry to 20°F windy and snowing, *and that may be in the same day.* The evening hunts require setting for several hours so layering is essential.

In Idaho you do not need hunter orange. Our camps are very remote and the chance of seeing other hunters is small. If you have camouflage hunting clothing bring it, but it is more important to be quite than camouflaged. It is not necessary to go out and purchase hundreds of dollars of scent lock Camo, but it is important that your clothes and rain gear are not noisy in the brush. Bears have an incredible sense of smell and most times are very cautious at coming into bait. It is very important to be a good still hunter.

You will be sleeping in a cabin tent heated by a woodstove. The tent can get quite warm when the stove is first loaded and not stoked down sufficiently but often in the early morning hours if no one tends the fire it may go out and the tent can get cold.

Suggested clothing for a 6 day Spring Bear Hunt.

- (1) light weight long sleeve shirt
- (3) Long sleeved shirts, wool recommended
- 1 pair of jeans for in camp
- 1 pair of light weight hunting pants
- 1 pairs of wool pants or synthetics
- (2) Pairs of lighter hiking or wool blend socks
- (6) Pairs of heaver wool blend socks
- (1) Pair of camp shoes, slippers, or tennis shoes
- (1) Pair of leather hiking boots w/Air-bob or vibram soles
- (1) Pair of rubber-bottomed snow packs
- (1) Pair of lighter base layer
- (1) Pair of heaver base layer
- Handkerchiefs
- (2) silk neck scarves (wild rags)
- (1) Cap, ear band or hat, wool or felt recommended
- (1) Wool hunting coat
- (1) Vest (optional)
- (1) Sweater (optional)
- (1) Set of heavy duty breathable rain gear (should have soft quiet exterior)
- (2) Pairs of gloves, insulated

Personal Items

- (1) Sleeping bag and extra blanket
- (1) Wash cloth & towel set
- Misc. toiletry items (i.e. soap, toothbrush & paste, shampoo, razor & cream, Chap Stick, hand lotion, Advil, moist towels or baby wipes etc...)
- Personal prescription medicine
- Shower shoes (optional)

Hunting Pack

- (1) Pair of binoculars
- Hunting license
- Rifle and ammo (Please have sighted in)
- Scope cover
- cleaning kit
- (1) Flashlight w/extra batteries (Mini-Mag) or head lamp
- (1) Camera w/extra film; videos are welcome
- (1) water bottle, quart size
- (1) Day pack or fanny pack
- GPS (optional)
- Small Nylon line
- Trash bag
- Game Bags

This is a basic list that reflects my personal bias in clothing and in hunting equipment and is for reference only. Feel free to add or subtract as you prefer. The important thing is dress in **layered clothing that is not cotton and that is quiet. Your guide will have all the necessary equipment to care for your game.**