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Spring Brown Bear Hunt Gear List

Here's our recommended personal gear list.

Rifle, Archery, Licenses, Locking-Tags, and Harvest Tickets/Permits:

- ☐ Alaska Hunting License
- ☐ Big Game Locking-Tag(s) for each specie.
- ☐ Registration Permit, Harvest Ticket(s) or Draw Permit, if applicable.
- ☐ Alaska Sport Fishing License (7-day or 14-day), if applicable.
- ☐ Rifle and Scope: For Brown Bear, minimum caliber recommended is .375 H&H or larger. For other Alaska big game, recommended calibers are .300 Win Mag or .338 Win Mag.
- ☐ Two boxes of ammo, 300 Gr triple shock for .375 H&H; 200 - 250 Gr triple shock for .300 or .338 Win Mags.
- ☐ Archery bow equipment.
- ☐ Otis tactical gun cleaning kit and scope cleaning cloth, and ear plugs.
- ☐ Hard case for rifle/bow on commercial airline travel.
- ☐ Waterproof rifle case for air charter flight.

Back Pack Gear and Sleeping System:

- ☐ Day Pack (Go-Pack), Frame Pack or Internal Frame Pack. Barney's Pack's or KUIU Ultra 7000 full kit. Pack Rain Cover.
- ☐ Sleeping Bag w/Sack (Lightweight). Mountain Hardware Ultra Lamina 0. Bring a quality synthetic sleeping bag with comfort range down to -10 degrees (you'll be warm at 30 degrees). Sleeping bag should be light, but warm and easily compacted. Usually synthetic filled bags provide the best warmth. Bivy sack is a great option.
- ☐ Sleeping Pad (Lightweight). Thermarest NeoAir XTherm.
- ☐ Pillow case (stuff clothing in case to make pillow).
- ☐ Hiking Sticks/Tripod Shooting. Leki.
- ☐ Headlamp and/or small flashlight with extra batteries. Petzl Myo or FENIX HP15.
- ☐ Knife w/ sharpener (Kestral Titanium EDC), small handsaw, Leatherman tool (optional), and parachute cord.
- ☐ Water-proof matches or Lighter or fire starter (Torch and Fuel Tablets).
- ☐ 2-Quart Water Bottles or Hydration Bag and Tube (Platypus).
- ☐ Waterproof Bags, compression stuff sacks/bags, (2-small, 2-medium, 2-large). Zip Top, Sea to Summit.

Optics:

- ☐ Binoculars (high quality) - Leica, Zeiss, or Swarovski (8 X 32, 10 X 42, or 12 X 50). Bino Harness, optional.
- ☐ Camera with extra charged batteries and spare ScanDisk memory cards.
- ☐ GPS port for downloading photos.
- ☐ Spotting scope, Tri-pod and Head, optional.
- ☐ Range finder, optional.

Layering System:

- ☐ Travel Clothes (one set).
- ☐ Boxer Shorts, 3 sets, KUIU Peloton 118 Boxer or Smartwool or Ice Breaker.
- ☐ Next to Skin Top, 2, KUIU Peloton 118 SS Crew-T
- ☐ Next to Skin Bottom, 2, Peloton 118 Zip-Off Bottom
- ☐ Mid-Layer, 1, KUIU Peloton 97 Fleece Zip-T Hoodie or KUIU ULTA Merino 145 Zip-T Hoodie
- ☐ Mid-Layer, 1, KUIU Peloton 200 Zip-T Hoodie
- ☐ Insulating Jacket, Ultra Down Hooded. KUIU Super down or Barney's Brook Range.

Layering System (Continued):

- ☐ Pants (2-Lightweight). KUIU Attack Pants or Pro Pants.
- ☐ Rain Shell. Helly Hansen with hood (knee length) and pants. Or, KUIU Yukon Jacket and Pants, KUIU Chugach NX Rain or Sitka rain gear.
- ☐ Jacket (windbreaker/light weight), KUIU Guide DCS Jacket.
- ☐ Head Wear, 2-Hats - one ball cap and one polar fleece cap for cold weather. KUIU or Smartwool.
- ☐ Belt, KUIU Belt.
- ☐ Socks (wool socks and liner sock), 5 pairs each. Darn Tough or Smartwool.
- ☐ Balaclava. KUIU Merino Neck Gator or Smartwool.
- ☐ Waterproof Outer Shell Gloves. Mtn. Hardware or Absolute Zero Mitt.
- ☐ Gloves (2 sets). Lightweight leather gloves and wool gloves.

Footwear:

- ☐ Chest or Waist Stocking Foot Waders: Simms, Cabela's, & Orvis.
- ☐ Wading Boots. Boots go over stocking foot waders. Simms, Cabela's, & Orvis. Get them large enough for 2 pairs of socks.
- ☐ Muck Wetland rubber knee boots.
- ☐ Camp shoes or clogs.
- ☐ *Leather Hiking Boots w/ Extra Insoles. Schnee's Granite or Lowa Boots.

*NOTE: Leather hiking boots are not necessary in our Brown Bear and Moose hunt areas.

Personal:

- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and razor (optional).
- ☐ Nail clippers, tweezers, and Q-tips.
- ☐ Towel, washcloth, shampoo, bar of soap, and deodorant.
- ☐ Chap stick, skin lotion, and sun screen lotion.
- ☐ Packaged moist towelettes (baby wipes) & one roll of toilet paper in zip lock bag.
- ☐ Personal medication – 15-day supply.
- ☐ Glasses, contacts, and contact eye cleaner.
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Aspirin, Advil, or Tylenol (for the aches and pains).
- ☐ First-aid: Neosporin Plus and a few band-aids; and moleskin (Dr. Scholls) for blisters on your feet.
- ☐ Head net/insect spray (DEET or equivalent).
- ☐ iPhone and extra battery.
- ☐ Reading material (2 books).
- ☐ Bank checks, cashiers check, or cash.

Packing: Pack all hunting gear in waterproof bags, except day pack and rifle (soft case) or bow. Gear is hand carried on air charter flights. Weight limit on super cub air charter is 60 lbs plus rifle or bow. You can take additional weight on larger aircraft (Cessna 206 or DeHavilland Beaver). Hard case for rifle/bow, suitcases, and travel clothes can be stored at air charter for pickup upon return from base camp.

Communication: There is no cell phone coverage in our hunt areas. We have a satellite phone and/or Garmin InReach for emergencies and scheduling flights, but recommend that you bring your own for personal use. They may be purchased or rented.

Pre-Purchased License, Tags, and Permits: Pre-purchase Alaska hunting license and big game locking-tags online at ADF&G website. Besides license(s) and tags, clients are required to have registration permits and harvest tickets for each specie their hunting (no fees required for permits or harvest tickets) before going into the field.

Weather: Temperatures range from mid-30's to mid-50's, strong winds, rain, and possible snow.

Rifle and Ammo for Rent: For International clients by exception, we do rent firearms and ammo for hunting trips, \$350 per person for 7-day hunt (\$50 per day). Clients will double check zero on rifle in the field prior to their hunt.