



Archery Hunter's Check List

Be prepared for frosty mornings and warm afternoons, dress in layers. It can snow anytime in the mountains of Colorado. Keeping clean and scent free is important! ***NO NOISY PLASTIC OR NYLON CLOTHING!***

Footwear

- 1 pair waterproof (Gore-Tex or equivalent) hiking boots
 - recommend 7-8" height minimum with aggressive tread for good footing and support in tough terrain
- 1 pair of backup hiking boots
- 1 pair light camp shoes
- 3 pair of hunting socks (i.e. merino wool blend, or some type of breathable synthetic)
 - Do not use cotton; they are a sure recipe for blisters and cold feet.

Base Layers

- 2 pair lightweight long underwear
 - recommend merino, capeline or polypropylene type synthetics

Mid-Layers

- 2 lightweight hunting shirts, camo
- 1 mid-weight hunting shirt, camo
- 2 pair lightweight hunting pants, camo
- 1 insulating vest (windstopper, down or primaloft), camo

- For all mid-layer pieces, recommend avoiding cotton or cotton blends. It holds moisture, is slow to dry and is heavy when wet.

Outerwear

- 1 lightweight hunting jacket, camo
 - We recommend soft shells or other quiet, breathable fabrics
- 1 rain suit, (jacket and pants), camo
 - recommend gore-tex or equivalent; lightweight and quiet!

Clothing Accessories

- 2 pair gloves
- Ball cap style hunting hat, camo
- Warm stocking style hat, camo
- Camo face mask or paint
- Gaiters

Archery/Hunting Gear

- Bow, arrows, broadheads, fieldpoints
- Release and an extra
- Arm guard if used
- Spare sight, pins, string w/ accessories, nocks, cable set, arrow rest, glue
- Allen wrench set
- String wax
- Head lamp, preferably with a red light in addition to white light
- Small flashlight and extra batteries and bulb
- Binoculars
- Rangefinder
- Knife
- Small Thermos (if you use one for coffee)
- Day pack (recommended 1,800 – 2,000 cubic inches)
- Water bottle or hydration bladder
- Camera with charger or spare batteries
- Personal first-aid kit
- Hunting license

Personal/Camping Gear

- Extra pair eyeglasses or contacts if you wear them
- Duffle bag(s) – 2 smaller is better than one large one
- Sleeping bag (during archery season, +20 degree minimum rating to ensure warmth)
- Personal toiletries and medications
- Chapstick (with sunscreen) and sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Any specific personal snacks (we provide some with lunch but there may be other items you want to bring)
- Scent control products – soap/shampoo, deodorant, scent killer spray
- Towel for showers (back packer's towel is best as light weight and packable)

Optional items

- Waterproof matches
- Whistle
- Small piece of rope

Pack-in hunters:

Do not over pack. Personal gear should not exceed 50 pounds, packed in a standard size duffle bag or 2 smaller ones. Sleeping bag is included in weight limit but does not need to be in the duffle bag. We do not pack in bow cases.

Drop Camp Hunters: Bring your own food and game bags too!

Get in shape, Get in shape, Get in Shape – During the archery season most times we are on the move!

Practice, Practice, Practice Shooting: Ideally, we like our bow hunters to be able to shoot accurately to 40 yards; practice further if you can as it builds confidence! Ensure to practice with your broadheads too. Shoot with your quiver on and in different positions (i.e. not just standing but kneeling, seating, leaning around a tree, simulate real hunting conditions!).

