

# Wapiti Ridge Outfitters Welcomes You!

Our drive-in base camp sits at 9100 ft. Your hunt may base out of there (depending on the weather) or you may be packing in horseback, to one of our spike camps. Because you are able to drive into the base camp we encourage you to bring more than you need. **However,** when we decide to pack in, you will be limited to <u>40 lbs</u>. of gear, not including your sleeping bag, rifle/bow, and small day pack. In every situation it is critical that you have good gear. The weather will change, it will rain, it will snow, and you will want to be prepared.

The success of your hunt is up to you! It is absolutely critical that you prepare.

Do your homework before you get here! Get in better physical shape, shoot your weapons, know your ballistics, etc. We work hard to provide a quality, custom hunt for you. You will be horseback, in big country everyday. You will hike uphill and down at elevation. We, along with our guides, give 100% effort before, after, and during the season to assure you have a quality hunt deserving of years of preference points. We ask that you do the same. Here is a list of gear and our recommendations. Don't hesitate to give me a call anytime too!

We look forward to seeing you in camp! JJ. 307-899-1245

## **GEAR LIST**

#### **CLOTHING**

- T-shirts
- Pants/jeans for around camp
- Hunting/hiking pants (1x non-insulated, 1x light insulated)
- Non-cotton hiking socks (1 pair per day)
- Underwear
- Long underwear top x 2 ( synthetic 1x light insulation, 1x medium)
- Long underwear bottom x 2 ( same 1)
- Mid weight long sleeve shirt/sweater x 2 (synthetic)
- Insulated Jacket (synthetic down is ideal)
- Rain gear jacket and pants
- Extra insulation, rain, snow, and wind protection. (Don't skimp here.)
- Gloves x 2 (1x lightweight, 1x medium, thin liners work well too)
- Ball cap
- Stocking hat
- 1 item of hunter orange is required for rifle hunters (cap or vest)

High quality, noiseless fabrics are crucial. We use brands like: Kuiu, Sitka, Outdoor Research, and Kryptic. We understand these items are expensive, but they will make your hunting adventure more enjoyable.

### **FOOTWEAR**

- High quality, waterproof hiking boots x2 (1x non-insulated 1x 400 gr thinsulate)
   (Kenetrek, Schnee's, Scarpa, Meindl)
- Gaiters (Outdoor Research, Kenetrek)
- Camp shoes or boots/crocs
- You do not need packs or cowboy boots

### **GEAR AND ACCESSORIES**

- Binoculars w/ chest harness
- Spotting Scope (not required, your guide will have one)
- Camera/phone w/ portable battery pack charger
- Small hunting pack (under 3,000 cubic inches)
- Knife/Sharpener/Havalon
- Headlamp x 2, extra batteries
- Bath towel
- Toiletries and meds
- Hunting licenses
- Sleeping bag (rated to 0 degrees)
- Small camp pillow
- Safety glasses, riding helmet (optional)
- Your Firearm, scope covers, and ammo (20 rounds)
- Rifle case for travel (we have rifle and bow scabbards)
- Game bags
- Coolers for meat and cape transport

## **Archery Hunters**

- Bow
- Arrows and Broadheads
- Hard bow case for packing into camp
- Release
- Extra Bow String
- Range Finder
- Full face mask or paint
- Bow sling
- Cow calls

# **Packing Tips**

All your personal gear (excluding weapon and day pack) should be packed in two medium duffel bags not to exceed 25 lbs.

Non-cotton clothing is essential to your safety. When you encounter adverse weather conditions (and you will) proper clothing will provide safety and comfort allowing you to perform optimally in the field.

Do Not overload your hunting pack with unnecessary gear. You need to be able to move quickly in the field. Do not burden yourself or your horses with gear you absolutely don't need. Your guide will have an extensive load of gear including first-aid, game bags, field dressing and caping tools, emergency supplies, and water purification.

Pack clothing that can be layered and is not heavy or bulky. Temperature ranges can be drastic, daily. Layers are KEY.

At home, fit your extra clothing into your day pack along with your other gear, lunch, and water. Your pack should weigh no more than 15 lbs.

We have local meat processing and taxidermy. Get a hold of me before your hunt for recommendations.

Don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns!

Happy Trails... JJ