

## Alaska Trophy Hunts Suggested Gear List

This is a basic list. You can add or delete items depending on your own specific needs. (For example, if you get cold easily, bring heavier shirts, underwear, etc...)

### Clothing

- Warm coat and pants - You will want these in camp in case of cold weather. Wool is preferred, especially if your hunt is later in the season.
- Comfortable, rugged hunting pants - fleece or wool. I personally prefer fleece for its lightweight and warmth retention when wet. Save the blue jeans for camp and when you are in town.
- Jacket - Again, I like the fleece, preferably with a hood
- Rain Gear - PVC coated nylon or Gore-tex jacket with hood and pants.
- Breathable, self-wicking long underwear. Polypropylene type, avoid the cotton ones.
- 3 wicking-type long sleeve t-shirts
- T-shirts/undershirts - Cotton is the best in this area
- Wool sweater
- Two warm shirts, wool or new breathable material
- 3 pair of socks, Darn Tough is a good brand
- 3-4 pair underwear
- Goose down vest or shirt that can be stuffed small into your backpack for when you stop to glass
- Hats - one ball cap, and one stocking cap
- Waterproof insulated gloves
- Leather gloves for hiking and climbing around rock faces
- Sun glasses/protective eyewear - good, high UV protection
- High quality boots that will stand up to the rocky shale - This where the quality is truly needed, I recommend full leather boots with no side stitching. Some brands I like are Lowa, Meindl, Vasque, or any other high quality brands. I recommend that you try them on before buying, and break them in before the hunt.
- River Trekkers (1st choice) or hip boots for crossing glacier streams. LaCross have proven to be an excellent brand for hip boots, either the slip on or the ankle fit. Get them large enough for two pairs of socks.
- Camp shoes

### Equipment

- Quality backpack "rugged with internal or external frame" (Kelty, Kifaru, Wilderness Wanderer, Dana, or similar frame style packs. These packs can cost from \$200.00 and up)
- Scoped rifle, .270 or above that you are already comfortable using. If you buy a new gun for this hunt, please sight it in and use it before the hunt.
- Two full boxes of ammo; more if a custom caliber gun
- Collapsible cleaning rod
- Scope cleaning cloth

- High quality binoculars - Leica, Zeiss, or Swarovski (8 X 32, or 10 X 42)
- Spotting scope, optional
- GPS
- Soft rifle case
- Range finder
- Headlamp and small flashlight with extra batteries
- Camera with extra batteries
- Knife w/ sharpener
- Spoon
- Leatherman type tool
- Plastic coffee mug w/ cover
- Pillow case (stuff clothing in to make a pillow)
- Space blanket
- Waterproof compression stuff sacks
- Sleeping bag - light, but warm and easily compacted. Get the best one you can afford. Usually synthetic filled bags provide the best warmth if they get wet, but it is hard to beat a good down bag; just keep it dry. A good sleeping bag cover is an option.
- Sleeping pad - either the thin foam or the inflatable type. A Bivy Sack is also a great option.
- Parachute cord
- Water-proof matches or windproof lighter
- Water purifier with bottle
- Head net/insect spray for early hunts (DEET or equivalent)

### **Personal Items**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss, toothpicks
- Q-tips
- Nail clippers
- Tweezers
- Razor
- Shampoo, bar soap
- Towel, washcloth
- Lip balm
- Skin lotion
- One roll of toilet paper
- Medicine - 15 day supply
- Glasses, contacts
- Contact eye cleaner
- Aspirin, Advil, or Tylenol (for the aches and pains)
- Neosporin Plus and some band-aids
- Moleskin for blisters on your feet