



Hunt Ready

PREPARING FOR YOUR WESTERN MONTANA HUNT

You will find on our list of things to bring is a SMALL backpack, why? Because we always see hunters bringing way more into the field than they will ever need in a month of hunting. Remember this is a day pack... yes we want you to be prepared, but keep in mind you have to carry whatever is in that pack ALL DAY LONG!!



DO NOT BE THIS PERSON!
Common Sense & Logic
WHAT DO YOU NEED ? ! ? !

Under our Backpack list you will see a short list of things we recommend. everything else is optional. The most important items on that list, fire starters, flashlight, knife, toilet paper, medications, plus room for your lunch/snacks/drinks. With cell phones you will have a camera/gps/compass all in one.



WEST SLOPE OUTFITTERS - MONTANA

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SAFETY FIRE COMFORT WEIGHT
LESS IS MORE!!

The biggest advice we can give is - lay your stuff out BEFORE you come, then load up that backpack up with what you think you need for a day in the field - did it all fit? Did you leave space for lunch, water & snacks? --- ooops, better lay it back out and really look at what you need, vs want.

Archery Hunters - make sure you have a small tool kit if adjustments need to be made in the field. You also must have a Bow Sling.

Rifle Hunters - Shells are an additional necessity. Depending on the weather you may want an additional jacket, hat, gloves, etc. but you don't need multiple pairs. No One Needs Outfits - to change into. Plan simple layers.

We guarantee the first day your pack will be fully loaded, and stuffed, with zippers barely closing, scrambling to shove that 3rd or 4th pair of gloves in your jacket pocket. Each day after that, there is a stack of left behind gear, you toss back in the door as you walk out - hoping to get every last ounce of weight off your sore neck, back and shoulders. This is why we say walk with your pack/gear before you come on your hunt.

Please don't wait until the first morning of your hunt to determine what you can and can't fit, and if that pack is to heavy.

Just because there is space - don't feel like you have to add something extra. Its ok to have an empty pocket.

Link for the list of things to bring
<https://www.westslopehunts.com/things-to-bring>



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Make sure you are getting ready by wearing your boots and your pack during your walks, unless you plan on hunting in your shorts and tennis shoes. Create a real world scenario with your work out plan.

Once we mention packs and bow slings many questions arise...Would a normal size (small or med) backpack with a bow holder/flap/pocket be better, than a slightly smaller pack/backpack and a separate bow sling? **Pluses and minuses for both.** We will always recommend the smallest pack possible with enough room for basics, lunch and water. As far as the bow holder/ sling. You mostly use it when riding horses, or hiking. If it is separate you can put your pack on the pack horse and just have your bow on your back, but if you hike, you will need the pack and the sling, so you will need to find what is most comfortable for you. It may be the combo style or the separate items, which feels less bulky, and gives you the ability to move the most?