



Hunt Ready

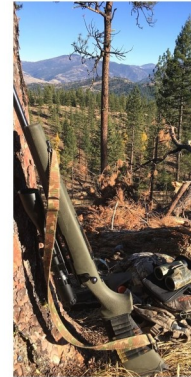
PREPARING FOR YOUR WESTERN MONTANA HUNT

Top Rifle Hunting Question... For the zero check on our rifles, what distance will we be shooting?

There is no hard fast distance – the further you can shoot the better – but a solid 200 yards is pretty average, then just know your adjustments for anything further.

We constantly tell folks... shoot what you are comfortable with, there is no need for a new gun, optics etc. Yes, larger caliber gives you more power and distance, but if you are not proficient, you will miss shots, you know you would have had dead on with the old trusty you left at home. Also all the fancy optics in the world will not make you a better shot, they are simply an aid to your hunt, you have to know your weapon and optics inside and out, and how to adjust them, without a cheat sheet.

Often times there are seconds to pull up and zero in your shot, there is not time to check charts for drop ratios, windage etc. While we hope everyone gets all the time in the world to set up and take the best shot possible, time is not always on our side, so please at least know the basics, and not solely rely on a printed data sheet to be able to line up on your animal.



WEST SLOPE OUTFITTERS - MONTANA

SHOOTING #HUNTREADY

WESTSLOPEHUNTS.COM

DISTANCE ACCURACY POSITION COMFORT



Make sure you test your backpack style, size and your rifle sling together, make sure it is comfortable for long distances.

If you ride horses— you will have at least one sore kneo, the scabbard to carry your gun will go on the

right hand side, so it flexes your knee out a little. Make sure when you are doing your hikes to prepare, that you do a few squats, stairs etc, just to prep your knees. Also don't be afraid to ask your guide to get off and walk a little to stretch things out.

Practice your Shots: Standing, Kneeling, Prone, Alternate left and right knees, Crouched Down, Angles, Up Hill, Down hill. Once you have your gun dialed in at the range, take it off the bench and shoot it free hand. That bench will not be in the woods, make sure you are still on, in multiple positions.

We will take everyone to the gun range upon arrival, to make sure nothing has shifted in transit. Make sure you bring plenty of shells:2– 3 boxes.

You don't have to pack all of them with you everyday, but you want to make sure you have what you need with you. Finding extras in your brand, grain and caliber during hunting season is difficult.



If you are on Facebook – make sure you like our page, to follow other Hints/Tips throughout the summer.

<https://www.facebook.com/WestSlopeOutfitters/>

Shooting Sticks: Another great aid to your hunt, but also added equipment and weight to your pack. As mentioned above, practice your shots free hand - you may or may not have to grab sticks and set them up to get a shot.

Rifle Hunts especially those **later in the season**, will most likely encounter snow, so make sure gear is water proof, warm, but still easy to move around in. Boots and gloves will be a much needed item with insulation. Some high insulation boots are very bulky, and make it difficult to walk in rough, slick terrain. If you are looking for a winter boot, look for at least 400 grams of thinsulate, then use your socks for added warmth.