



Plains Whitetail/Mule Deer Rifle Gear List

Clothing:

Prepare for Cold temps all day. Temperature ranges from well below zero, to teens in the morning to mid-20's, 30's, 40's and 50's in the mid-day and afternoon. Early season could see temperatures in the 60's and 70's during the day.

Any camo pattern with greys and taupe colors works well in late season, layering is the key.

Base layer (Marino Wool or equivalent) – Should also have a warm layer of long underwear to go over your base layer.

Outside layer (Pant, shirt, warm jacket, vest, hats, gloves, head net/cover)

Outer layer should be Gore-Tex and able to repel cold rain and snow!

500 Inches of Hunter Orange (Vest and Hat) – Can NOT be camo, must be solid orange or pink is also accepted by the state of Colorado.

Boots:

Late-season you will want to have insulated boots (600 – 1200 Grams of insulation) but be cognizant of boot weight, too heavy and you will not be able to walk quickly, quietly, or longer distances if needed.

Boot gators for both Elk and Moose are a must as we hunt around streams, bogs, willow bottoms, and in deep snow. Quiet gators will help keep your feet warm & dry when needed!

Boots should be tall enough to support your ankles properly, rolling or twisting your ankle on deadfall, rocks, or other objects can end your hunt early.

Socks are super important, purchasing high quality socks and having the ability to layer socks could be the difference between blisters and no blisters...you do NOT want blisters!

Gear:

Optics

Minimum should be 10 x 42.

Built in Rangefinders are key!

Whitetail Only – Small spotting scopes or large objective scopes on rifles is very important. You will be glassing deer up to 2 miles away, identifying a mature buck at those longer distances is key to harvesting

that buck. Spotting scopes do not have to be large, they can be smaller and packable. Tripod should be smaller as well. Call Earl for specific recommendations on spotting scopes or rifle optics.

Recommended Brands (Binoculars, Spotting Scopes, Rifle Scopes):

Vortex

Leica

Swarovski

Packs:

A day pack is suitable for our hunts, you do NOT need a giant pack that would be used for a backcountry hunt. In most cases large packs just get in the way in impeded shots (especially if you have no practiced shooting your bow with a large pack on your back) You will keep water, food, extra clothing, and a other recommended equipment in your pack, so again it does not have to be a big pack.

Miscellaneous Equipment:

- Tripod shooting stick (Primos TALL Trigger stick is the best option for our hunts)
 - Bi-pods and mono pods are NOT recommended.
- We have gun vises in the blinds for those longer shots. You are welcome to bring your own if you would like.
- Extra Ammo (2-3 Boxes Minimum)
- Quality Firearm Strap on your gun
- Headlamp/Extra Batteries
- Sunglasses
- Small to medium knife
- Back-up Firearm
- Hand Muff
- Neck Gator/Balaclava
- Electric or disposable hand warmers
- 190 Quart large cooler to pack meat home.

Equipment you DO NOT Need

- Muck Boots – Tall rubber boots are not a good fit for our hunts.
- Large Packs
- Skinning/Gutting Knives
- Calls/Decoys
- ATV/UTV

See the Hunt Prep Information on specifics on rifle, ammo, and rifle optics recommendations.