



## **Baited Bear Hunt Information**

### **Travel**

As you are aware, we are proud to operate in the middle of the largest wilderness complex in the lower 48. If it was easy to get here, it wouldn't be the same. An epic adventure from the get-go, the middle of nowhere is a pretty fitting way to put it. We would like to think we have made the process as pain free as possible when planning your trip. Outlined below are some options available to you.

If flying via commercial airlines, you will first want to fly into **Boise, Idaho**. The time your flight arrives in or leaves Boise will dictate if you will need to arrange for additional nights in Boise or McCall. Keep in mind all hunts start *the morning of the first scheduled date of your hunt*.

### **Flying**

Without a doubt, the easiest and most enjoyable way to get to camp is to fly, in this case it's also the ***only*** way to get there. We work with local flight service **Sawtooth Flying** to charter flights for our hunters. Flights can be chartered to and from Boise, Cascade and McCall or several other local airports, but unless requested will fly from McCall (aprox. 20 min flight time).

Prices vary depending on number of passengers and location. We are happy to handle reservations for all charter flights and will be in touch with more information on specifics. Flights are typically arranged via McCall, if you wish to fly from Boise, please let us know and we can make arrangements for an additional cost. Weather depending, most flights will require you to be in McCall around 8am the morning of your hunt and will return to McCall mid-morning on the last day.

### **Going Home**

**The last date on your contract is your final hunt day with us.** In the morning you will head home after breakfast. All meat, skulls and hides will be available to take home or we can also make arrangements for butchering/taxidermy at your request. We work with some very talented local taxidermists and shippers that are known nationwide and offer very competitive rates.



## **Itinerary**

Days are long here in the spring and sunset isn't until about 10pm. This means later mornings, typically we will have breakfast around 8:30am. After breakfast you can relax in camp or tag along as we run baits and check cameras. We will eat a big lunch around noon and then start getting folks ready to go out around 2pm. You are always welcome to sit all day on baits and take a bag lunch but we typically find sitting the last 6-8 hrs of the day to be most productive. After dark we will pick everyone up from the baits, skin bears if time allows, and get you back to camp for dinner around 11pm.

## **In The Stand**

We have nice folding camp chairs for hunters to sit in at the baits each night. We also supply Bog Pod shooting tripods that hold your gun steady. You will typically be hiking 200yds up to 3/4 of a mile on the road access baits and horseback baits will be very short hikes if at all. All stands are located in comfortable locations best suited to the terrain and shots vary from 75yds to 200+yds. Sometimes these can be at steep angles due to the nature of the Salmon River canyon. We have very similar shooting positions at camp for you to practice at before you head out to hunt.

## **Menu**

We strive to offer some of the finest dining ever experienced in the backcountry. Breakfasts vary from traditional eggs and bacon to fresh baked quiches and pancakes. Lunches are typically BBQ, kabobs, burgers, tacos, and fresh baked empenadas are some favorites. For dinner we have a nice variety of meals ranging from fresh caught swordfish with garlic mash potatoes and grilled asparagus to prime ribeye steaks with baked sweet potato and steamed broccoli. If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, please make sure to let us know. Our chefs are happy to accommodate you so long as we know well in advance in order to assure the groceries are flown in.

## **Trip Insurance**

There is no easier way to protect your investment in your adventure than with good trip insurance. Not only will this cover any hiccups due to unforeseen events such as weather but can help offer you options that we cannot as a small business in the case of an emergency. Travel Guard ([www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com)) is the name we trust and we would be happy to assist with a quote upon request.



## **Packing List**

This is a list of what I recommend to bring for gear, if you have something you prefer that you find works for you then bring it. I have found this list to cover just about any weather scenario we may encounter. Along with each item listed, I have noted some brands or particular items I have found to work best for me personally. Gear is very personal, these are purely what I prefer, nothing is mandatory. I have found a layering system to work most efficiently when mountain hunting. Not only does it pack lighter, but it also allows you to be comfortable in adverse conditions. I highly recommend you avoid cotton clothing at all cost, fast drying synthetics or wool can save your life! Books or books on tape/podcasts/etc are good ways to pass time on baits for those who have a hard time sitting. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

- ☐ (1) pair of HIGH QUALITY BOOTS
  - Stiff boots work the best in our steep country: Scarpa, Kuiu, Zamberlan, Schnees, Whites, etc. Good boots can make getting to and from baits much more enjoyable. I prefer uninsulated.
- ☐ (6) pairs of socks
  - I highly recommend merino: Darn Tough makes the best sock I have ever seen.
- ☐ Underwear
  - Whatever works for you, I prefer Minus 33\* merino
- ☐ (1-2) set of base layer tops and bottoms
  - Minus 33\* is my favorite, Kuiu, Stone Glacier, etc
- ☐ (2-3) pants, at least one warm pair and one lighter pair
  - Stone Glacier, FjallRaven, and Kuiu are my favorites. I also like down pants for cold sits.
- ☐ (3-6) shirts
- ☐ (2) mid layer tops and/or vest
  - I prefer a wool long sleeve or an insulated shirt like the Stone Glacier Cirque paired with a soft-shell vest.
- ☐ (1-2) warm jacket and/or puffy coat
  - I prefer a puffy coat for weight to insulation ratio, Stone Glacier and Kuiu are my favorites, I highly recommend heavy fill puffy jacket and pants for long sits if you are cold blooded.
- ☐ (1) Quality set of rain gear top and bottoms
  - Stone Glacier M5 is a favorite, Kuiu Yukon, and anything Gortex is usually a good bet. For the budget minded, Helly Hansen or comparable rubber rain gear is as waterproof as it gets and works great for sitting.
- ☐ (1-2) pair of gloves
  - I prefer at least one waterproof glove and another set of thick warm gloves. Outdoor Research, Kuiu, Sitka, Seal Skin, etc
- ☐ (1) Winter hat



☐ (1) neck warmer/balaclava

☐ Backpack

- Although many hunts require a nice backpack, this hunt does not. Something small and comfortable you can carry extra layers and snacks to and from your bait stand is all you should need. I prefer Stone Glacier packs, but I also use them year round. Their approach pack is about perfect for this hunt.

☐ Binoculars

- Quality optics can make a big difference. Swarovski, Leica, Maven are some of the best. For a very inexpensive but quality pair I recommend the Vortex Diamondbacks. 10 x 42 is the best all around size and I highly recommend a harness. Stone Glacier makes the best harness in the industry.

☐ Rifle and Ammo

- This is the #1 most important piece of gear you will bring. I cannot stress enough how important it is that you bring a weapon you are confident and well practiced with. Any caliber above .260 will work when paired with appropriate loads. Although bears are tough animals, you certainly can't overkill one. My advice is to shoot as far and as often as you possibly can before you come. All baits are setup within 75-200+ yards of where hunters will sit. This is the one area you cannot be over prepared for, it is your sole job on this hunt to make sure you are the best marksman you can be. 1 box of ammo minimum

☐ (1) Water bottle

- I prefer a bladder type bottle like Platypus 1L and 2L but anything will work

☐ Sleeping bag and pillow

- You will be sleeping on padded cots in wall tent, I prefer a more comfortable rectangular bag rated for around 15-30 degrees and a small pillow

☐ Medications

- Any prescription medications as well as some basic stuff like Ibuprofen, allergy medication, cold medicine, vitamin C, cough drops, etc that you might need.

☐ Toiletries

☐ Hand warmers

☐ Headlamp + Extra Batteries