



Travel Info

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 describe where we are. We would like to think we have made the process as pain free as possible for our guests. 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/McCall. Keep in mind all hunts start *the morning of the first scheduled date of your hunt*. This means you will need to be at Big Creek airstrip first thing in the morning if you plan to drive. We are happy to make reservations at BCL for you, just let us know your plans. **Above all else, we highly recommend using our local air charter service getting to and from our trailheads.** Not only does it turn a 6hr drive into a short (20 min) scenic flight, but it also adds another level of adventure, and often is the most cost effective option.

Flying

Without a doubt, the easiest and most enjoyable way to get to our trailheads is to fly. If you are a pilot or would like to charter your own flight, we operate out of Big Creek Airstrip "U60". More information on the strip can be found here (<https://idahoaviation.com/idaho-airstrip-detail?id=64>)

We work with local flight service **Sawtooth Flying** to charter flights for our hunters, because they are the best in the business. Flights can be chartered to/from Boise, Cascade and McCall. Prices vary depending on number of passengers and location. We handle all flight scheduling in order to group all hunters together and get you the best rate. All payments will be made to Sawtooth Flying directly when you fly.

The best plan is to stay in McCall the night before your hunt and the last night. You will need to be at Sawtooth Flying at 8 am, you can leave your vehicle here in secure airport parking. Weather cooperating, you will return to McCall early afternoon the last day of your hunt

Driving

We highly advise against driving yourself to the trailhead, inclement weather, no cell service, fallen trees, and rough roads are guaranteed. All hunts after mid October require flying as roads are not maintained for travel in snow. Those of you planning to drive directly to our trailheads will need to first drive to **Cascade Idaho and we strongly encourage 4WD vehicles only**. From Cascade it is paved to Landmark. Once you are on Warm Lake Road, there are 2 summits. The first one is quite easy. The second one (after Warm Lake) is only 3 miles long, but it takes 10 minutes in a regular vehicle. If you are driving in snow or pulling a trailer, expect to take longer. It is quite a pull and chains are recommended in bad weather. Once you turn left on Johnson Creek Road (at Landmark (this is an intersection, not a town)) it is a good gravel road for 25 miles. We will meet you at the Big Creek airstrip and take you to the trailhead *the morning of your hunt*.

Head North out of Cascade

Turn R onto Warm Lake Rd (NF22) for ~16.4 mi.

Keep L – continue on NF22 for ~7.6 mi.

Turn L onto FS Rd 474 for ~10.9 mi.

Turn L onto Johnson Cr. Rd (NF 413) to Yellow Pine for ~25 mi.

At Yellow Pine, Follow Signs to Stibnite on Stibnite Rd (NF412) for ~5 mi.

Turn L onto Big Creek Rd for ~20 mi.

Arrive at Big Creek airstrip ~3.5 – 4 hours.

Going Home

Getting home obviously depends on how you got to the trailhead to start, but I wanted to give an idea of what can be expected on your last day. **The last date on your contract is your final day with us**. You will wake up in camp, pack up your gear, have breakfast and begin the ride back to the trailhead. It will take us about 5 hours to pack you and your gear back to Big Creek Airstrip. Flights are arranged for the afternoon back to McCall/Boise/Cascade, again let us know what you would prefer and we can handle all arrangements for you. If you were successful at harvesting an animal your meat will be delivered to our local butcher or you can take home in quarters. You may elect to either donate or keep the meat or a combination of the both. Shipping arrangements can also be made, but keep in mind all costs associated after delivery to the butcher are your responsibility. Horns and hides will be available to take home or we can also make arrangements for taxidermy at your request. We work with some very talented local taxidermists and shippers that are known nationwide and offer very competitive rates.

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) is who we recommend and work with to protect your trip. If you would like a quote one can be provided to you by request, typically full coverage runs 5-10% of your the total insured.