

Ridgerunner Gear List

We go to great lengths to make your stay with Ridgerunner Outfitters as comfortable as possible. We try to provide all the comforts of home, but for obvious reasons there are certain personal items that we cannot provide. I have compiled a list of all the gear I deem necessary for a hunt with us. We understand that there are plenty of products out there for the avid outdoorsmen and women, but keep in mind that we are limited to what we can pack in on mules. If it is not on the list and it's not absolutely necessary for your safety and wellbeing, please heavily consider leaving it at home. If you have any questions, please give me a call. I would also be more than happy to give you my personal recommendations on brands for all items listed below.

Packs and Bags

- 1 backpack style daypack for hunting gear
- 1 large duffel bag for clothing and camp/personal gear
- 1 sleeping bag rated for 0° or colder (Bear Hunters might want a lighter one for June)
 - We also recommend bringing a compact sleeping pad

Clothing

Leave the big bulky coats and pants at home. We recommend dressing in layers that can be added or stuffed in your day pack quickly. Try to avoid clothing with noisy zippers or that “swishes” when walking. Camo is not necessary, but we do recommend dull colors or plaid. September archery hunters can expect warmer days and cool evenings. October hunters can expect colder conditions. That being said, pack at least one set of clothes for either extreme (hot or cold) regardless of time of year. When selecting your clothing, always go with quality materials. Cotton absorbs moisture and does not dry quickly. Go instead with wool or merino wool.

- 2 lightweight shirts
- 2 cold weather shirts (flannel or wool)
- 2 pair of pants
- 1-2 pairs of cold weather hunting pants (wool/insulated)
- 2-3 pairs of thermal underwear (top and bottom)
- 2-4 jackets/sweatshirts
 - One light, one medium, and one cold weather
- 1 set of high quality rain gear
 - Do NOT go cheap
 - Always have with you in day pack, even on sunny days

- 1 pair of gaiters
- 2 pairs of waterproof hiking boots
 - Archery and Bear hunters: 2 lightweight, waterproof
 - October Rifle hunters: 1 lightweight waterproof and 1 insulated waterproof
- Wool socks
 - Bring a pair for every day, plus a few extra
- Underwear
- 1 Stocking cap (ball caps or cowboy hats optional)
- 2 pairs of insulated waterproof gloves
- Toiletries, medication, personal necessities, etc.

Hunting Gear

- Battery powered headlamp with red light
 - Do NOT bring a rechargeable headlamp, we have no way to charge it, but we have plenty of batteries
- Binoculars (10X50 recommended)
- Rangefinder
- 5 extra large game bags (more for combination hunts)

Rifle hunters

- Rifle with sling
- 2 boxes of ammo
- Scope caps/covers (if using a scope)

Archery hunters

- Bow sling
- 4 arrows with fixed blade broadheads (NO mechanical/expandables)
 - Carry these in a quiver attached to your bow
- 4-8 arrows with field points (make sure weight matches broadheads)
- Hard case tube for transporting extra arrows
- Extra release (if applicable)
- Minimum 4 pin fixed sight (Do NOT bring a single pin or sliding sight)

Other Things to Consider Bringing

- Cash for 10-15% tip
- Portable charger for phone
- Comfy clothes and shoes for in camp
- Alcohol is allowed, but please keep it within reason
- Yourself, in the best shape possible
 - Backcountry hunting is physically demanding. You've spent the money and made the arrangements, don't let your own performance hinder your chance at success. Get your legs and lungs ready for your trip, and don't forget to practice with your weapon regularly.

There is a maximum weight of 120 pounds per person, but we encourage you to pack as light as possible. We put a lot of time and money into selecting and training our livestock. They are the backbone of our operation, and we will not risk their safety by overloading them. Anyone who comes over prepared will be asked to dump their gear and repack only the approved items. Additionally, we have a weight limit of 250 pounds for riders. We would love to cater to everyone, but the terrain we hunt in is not suitable for everyone. Overweight hunters put a strain on our horses and themselves. If you are at risk of coming in overweight, please take the necessary steps to ensure you meet our weight requirements.