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Things You Need to Know for Your Hunt

Firearms

Transporting Firearms

For hunters who bring their own firearms into Canada, a confirmed Non-Resident Firearm Declaration (form JUS 909 EF) will serve as a licence and registration. You require a Canadian Firearms license in order to bring your firearms into Canada. We can help you with this, but you must give us lots of advance notice. The Non-Resident Firearms Declaration (Form JUS 909 E/F), and its continuation sheet (Form JUS 910 E/F) must be presented in triplicate, unsigned, to a Canada Customs officer at your first point of entry into Canada. There is a \$25.00 CDN fee which is not included in the price of the hunt.

Non-Resident Firearm Declaration forms are available for download, or by calling 1 800 731-4000 (Canada and U.S.) or 1-506-624-5380 (other countries). It is also available from all Customs offices across Canada.

Recommended Firearms and Bows

Recommendations for Black Bear Hunts

Black bears can be taken with just about any caliber that you would use for deer. You must be prepared to shoot in low-light conditions, therefore optics with bright resolution are a must.

Archery hunters must use a bow with a minimum draw weight of 40 lbs and a broadhead that is at least one inch in width, in accordance with Alberta hunting regulations. We recommend a minimum draw weight of 50 lbs and a 100 grain broadhead. Shooting distances at the archery stands will be about 20 yds and at the rifle stands will vary from 20-50 yds.

Recommendations for Deer Hunts

Any of the flat-shooting calibers from 25-06 and up will work fine. Use bullets that will expand, but hold together when hitting bone. Know where your bullet point of impact is out to 300 yards.

The biggest thing is to be comfortable with what you are shooting, and being able to shoot it accurately.

Recommendations for Wolf Hunts

For wolf, large calibers are desired, due to the size and tenacity of the adults. We suggest calibers 270-300 mag in size. We strongly recommend the use of a ballistic tip, fast expanding bullet to put the wolf down fast.

For coyote hunts, any of the popular varmint calibers work fine, from the 222 to the 6mm.

Recommendations for Ground Squirrel Hunts

We recommend accurate .22 or .17 caliber bolt action rimfire rifles, with 10 or 14 power scopes. We like the mill dot reticules as they help in the wind. Because of the large volume of shooting, we do not recommend the centerfire rifles. The best value and most accurate rifle we have used is the CZ brand in .22 Long rifle or 17mach 2. The rimfire magnums are fine as well.

Personal Clothing & Equipment

Black Bear Hunts

Although it will be the springtime during your hunt, the evenings will still get quite cool. A set of lightweight polypropylene underwear, a sweatshirt and a fleece top under your favorite camouflage should be adequate. A scent lock type suit is a good idea as well. Bring a stocking cap and a pair of gloves in your daypack, good boots with light insulation that will allow you to move quietly. A camouflage anti-mosquito suit is a good idea.

Whitetail Deer Hunts

During the early season archery Whitetail hunt, Daytime temperatures can be quite pleasant, ranging from +5 to +20 Celsius. Bring warm and quiet clothing. Gray/brown camouflage clothing, hand warmers, scent-lock suits are great to have. Bring your binoculars, cell phone, camera and a range finder. You should have a daypack for personal items. Most importantly, don't forget your archery equipment: including bow, one dozen arrows, spare rest, sight, release and bow string.

For our November rut hunts, you should bring: winter boots, insulated hats, scarf/face-mask, expedition weight underwear, fleece outerwear, wool or polypropylene pants and shirts. Cell Phone your rifle and 40 rounds of ammunition.

Wolf Hunts

Because our hunts run from January to March, temperature and snow conditions can vary greatly from year to year, with average snow depth of 16 inches and average temperature of 0 Fahrenheit. With the use of heated blinds, it is possible to hunt comfortably in the cold weather, however we recommend bringing winter boots, insulated hats, scarf/face-mask, expedition

weight underwear, fleece outerwear, wool or polypropylene pants and shirts, snow camouflage (we can supply this as a cover suit). Don't forget your daypack with your personal items, cell phone, camera, binoculars, range finder.

Please note: Alberta does not require hunter orange clothing