

Packing List for New Mexico elk, deer (draw hunts or unit-wide tags)

This list should help you get a better idea of what to bring. This is a GUIDELINE ONLY.

Pillow, sleeping bag and towel – either bring your own, or plan a shopping trip to Walmart once you arrive in NM - For Elk 20 to 40 will work. Mule deer - depends on the hunt, talk to us.

Gun or bow

Carcass Tag/Horn Tag - be sure that the game license, HMAV and Habitat Stamp are printed on it. If not you will need to print and carry a paper copy of stamps in the field.

Extra release, bow sling, face mask or paint, smoke in a bottle wind checker.

Ammo- Bring enough to sight in once here as well as hunting. We like to see people bring 3 boxes. Area shops carry a limited choice of ammo and if you sighted in with 180 gr. and can't find them in the area we have to start over with sighting in again!

Quiet camouflage outer gear- There is no hunters orange law in NM so we like to hunt in full camo. **Guides almost all use UA or KUIU gear but anything is good.**

Boots- solid leather boots are best. There are lots of cactus in our area as well as sharp rocks. Be sure to break them in before your hunt!

Leg Gators – good for wet mornings. Must be quiet!

Moleskin – great on blisters in case your boots aren't completely broken in.

Camera/phone

Charger brick for phone

Video camera guides will do their best to help you video, but are not going to pack the camera all day in their pack. We will try and get you video but getting an animal on the ground is our first goal!

Day pack with waist belt for support- one that will hold water, camera, binoculars, compass, snacks and jacket/coat. Any brand will do, but it needs to have a waist belt and be large enough to carry your gear. Should be around 3000 cubic inches.

Socks- Warm ones for sitting as well as cold days and light socks for hunting on foot or warm days. Marino wool or Smart wool socks are great choices. Avoid cotton.

Rain gear- We like camo and packable and light weight is ideal, but overall, it must be QUIET. If it's not quiet it's likely the guide won't want you to wear it!

Dopp kit-, un-scented everything like soap and shampoo.

Medications- Be sure to pack Ibuprofen or other pain killer, any and all meds you need.

Long johns- you never know! Check the weather report before travel.

Warm gear- wool and fleece with light weight layers under. The weather can change fast; you might sit still on a hill side glassing for hours. You can't have too much warm gear, the worst thing that can happen is you go home with clean un-used gear!

Butt pad- Little foam gardening pads from Lowes or Home Depot are perfect! Something small. Don't get the big ones that don't fit in your packs. If it's not small enough to fit inside your pack, don't bring it.

Binoculars- 10x42 for glassing .Talk to us more about best choices!

Spending cash- There are no ATM's for miles, if you want some spending cash or cash for tips, you should bring it.

Hats- Baseball and stocking bring a ball cap with a bill that you can fit a stocking cap over.

Extra RX glasses if you can (you never know). Had a client lose his in 03!!!!

Camp shoes- Something that fits you like a glove. Boots get heavy after a full day in the field. Nothing beats that favorite pair of slippers or Crocs around the camp after a long day in the field!

Favorite Snacks- We have a ton of snacks in camp, but can't account for everyone's personal tastes. If you really like specific chips at night or snickers in the afternoon, you might want to bring it along. Power bars or Cliff bars are always a good idea if we don't make it back to the truck for lunch.

Water bottle to pack and refill!

Back up gun- You never know, in the last 5 years more hunters than you would think have had to use backup guns, and BE SURE YOUR RINGS ARE TIGHT!!!!!!!!!!

We try to have a gun in camp as a backup. If circumstances necessitate its use we do charge a \$100 ammo fee and \$500 if gun is dropped or knocked off center.