

Hunting SHEEP with Compass West Outfitters
Booking Packet

Thanks for booking with Compass West Outfitters. We are honored that you trust us with what we hope will be one of many great hunts with us. We hope you are as excited about this hunting season as we are!

505-801-7500 is our office number; call anytime.

505-860-3197 Chris's cell if you have questions. Feel free to text him anytime, it's often the best way to track him down. Our email address is info@compasswestoutfitters.com if you prefer to email us. Our office mailing address is:

Compass West Outfitters LLC
PO Box 123
Pinon, NM 88344

Please **always leave a phone number in your message** as we don't always have your personal information with us. We are very good about returning phone calls, but please remember that during hunting season we are in very remote areas and may only be able to retrieve our messages every couple of days as many of the areas we hunt still lack cell phone service.

The following is information we hope you find useful when preparing for your hunt:

Deposits: Your deposit is due within 14 days of receiving the invoice. The price offer also stands for that 14 days. We accept personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders. Checks can be made payable to "Compass West Outfitters LLC".

Cancellation policy: **Your deposit is refunded (less a handling fee of 15% of the total cost) only if you can fill your spot with a new hunter. No-shows will be charged the full amount. We HIGHLY recommend that our hunters carry trip insurance.** You can consult your insurance agent to learn how to obtain trip insurance. You can also check out this link <https://globalrescue.com/compasswestoutfitters/index.html> The cancel for anything policy will cover, "anything".

All billing disputes will be handled by the Otero County court in New Mexico between March 1st and August 15th.

Final Payments: Your final payment is due no later than 60 days before your hunt date. If you are less than 60 days out, please call us to arrange your payment.

Included in Package Price: Please use the sheep hunt contract to outline what is and

what is NOT included. Each hunt is customized to fit your dream hunt.

Not Included in Package Price: Travel to/from hunt area, hotel/motel stays on the hunt due to weather or need for a break. Colorado or New Mexico license fee or taxes (NM only). Tips for guides and wranglers. Meat processing, meat storage (in area meat lockers, which charge \$20-30/day for storage), or shipping. Taxidermy or alcohol are also not included.

We will help you handle your trophy in the field and get in touch with local meat processors/taxidermy shops, as well as transport meat to the closest butcher for you. We have a taxidermist near Durango, Co, and Las Cruces, NM, that we love and can help deliver for you.

Air Travel:

Please talk with Chris about your specific hunt area and the best choice.

Gratuity:

It is customary to tip your guides based on your overall experience. For the wranglers, \$300-1000 per week on sheep hunts. Guides \$1000+ are in the standard range, but please base your tip on your experience. The cost of scouting is increasing yearly; this is where the guides can recoup the money they spent searching for your dream ram. Gratuity should not reflect the number of days in the field or harvest but rather the experience you enjoyed.

Our Wounded Animal Policy on Public Land Hunts:

A wounded animal is an animal that a bullet or arrow has hit, and a single drop of blood has been found. You and your guide will look for that animal for the next 48 hours. If you cannot find this wounded animal in that time, you may continue to hunt under special conditions. If 2nd animal is wounded, this will end the hunt. You will spend the remainder of your hunt looking for both wounded animals until the end of your hunt or until you choose to depart camp.

Gun policy: Guns must always have a clear chamber, including during vehicle travel.

Your guide will let you know when to chamber your weapon in the field.

The empty chamber applies at night as well. If you have a gun chambered in camp, you will be asked to leave immediately, and no refunds will be given.

Accidental discharge of a weapon AT ANY TIME will result in you leaving camp immediately. No questions asked. Your hunt is over. No refunds will be given.

Drug/alcohol policy: It is unlawful in NM or Colorado to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, including legal marijuana.

Cell Phones:

There is NOT ALWAYS CELL PHONE reception in our camps. If you must have cell service during your hunt, talk with me about your location, and I can give you a heads-

up about the service quality/location available. A Garmin in-reach is the best way to stay in touch; guides will have one on all sheep hunts.

Drinking Water: I will always have bottled water in the truck, along with pills or a filter. You should pack a Camel Back or other drinking bottles to re-fill in camp and bring with you to the field. Pills are the most common on our hunts, and yes, they have a taste! I recommend you find an MIO or other water flavoring to pack with you.

After Hours Emergencies:

For emergencies, our best number to call is the office number 505-801-7500. My wife Karin mans the office during the hunting season while I am in the field. Should you find yourself lost on your way at night or your family need to contact you, you can call this number, and she will do her best to get in touch with me.

Should anyone need to reach you in camp, they may call/text my cell at 505-860-3197 (however, I do NOT always have service every day). Should they call this number after hours, a voice messaging system is in place, and we will give you the message when I hear it. Texting me is the very best way to reach me the fastest.

Global Rescue is a good idea on these hunts:

<https://globalrescue.com/compasswestoutfitters/index.html>

Camp Locations and Meeting Locations: We will provide detailed directions to the camp closer to your hunt date. We spend the summer tracking animal movements and use this information to determine our camp location. As a result, most years, we will not have a set location until later in August or even later on some hunts. You may need a 4x4 to access any of our camps in Colorado.

Hunting License –

COLORADO HUNTERS:

Hunters Education Card—You MUST have your card on you at all times in Colorado. Failure to do so will result in the termination of your hunt and no refunds will be given. Be sure to bring it with you or ensure that your CIN# with the state of Colorado is verified.

If you have any questions, please **do not hesitate** to call me any time: **505-801-7500 (office) or 505-860-3197 (Chris's cell phone)**. E-mail us at: info@compasswestoutfitters.com

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR HUNT:

GET IN SHAPE AND PRACTICE WITH YOUR WEAPON! You will get out of a hunt what you put into it ahead of time!

You will be hunting at about 10,000'-13,000' or higher in Colorado and 5500 to 12,500 in NM. Many of you come from altitudes of 500 feet or less, and you are not accustomed to the thin air like we are. Do what you can to help get your lungs ready! Even just walking for an hour a day will benefit you. Use a backpack with sand or other weight when you walk to get ready. If you can ride a bike or stair stepper, you'll be happy you did!

It's your hunt - guides will let you set the pace, but they will push you as they want to see you have a successful hunt. For what you're paying daily, take some time to get ready! YOU are the one that will pay for it with a sub-par hunt, blistered feet, and a crappy time overall if you don't shoot on sticks and get some exercise before you get here. Anything you can do to get ready is going to help you. There is nothing more depressing than seeing that big ram on day 3 and having to run as fast as you can up a steep hill and just not having the energy to do it.

Please be sure to talk with your guide about the quality of the animal that you're looking for. In the field, your guide can help advise you on the quality of animals you are seeing, but remember that ultimately, you make the call as to whether or not you shoot or don't shoot. We want you to harvest the largest animals possible, but every animal you let walk is a risk of not tagging out. Remember that opportunities are not unlimited on fair chase hunts.

We are aggressive hunters. That's why we have over 95% harvest and 99% shot on sheep for the last 10 years. We like to walk and hike and glass for animals along the way. We are not trying to kill you; we just want you to harvest as badly as you do! This means if you need a break, you will have to tell us when YOU need to sit on waterholes and feeding areas to take a break and recharge. It's your hunt; you need to set the pace!

Bow Hunters Information:

Please note that we like fixed-blade broadheads. Slick Trick 4 blade 100g standards, Exodus 125g, and Whack'em 125g are some of the best shooting fixed blades you can buy. We have had bad luck with the G5 Montec—they are dull. Iron will broadheads 125g are great as well, but they are very expensive. Please plan on using lighted knocks. Expendables are OK on sheep, but remember, one wound and done!

We also request that hunters **DO NOT** use single-pin or adjustable sights. They are very popular in the whitetail world now; however, in the world of sheep hunting, they will hurt your odds of harvesting. We like boss hog or black gold 7-pin sites and the option site (5 pins and a single slider) with 30-80-yard pins, and you will have no reason not to get the shot you want!

Just spend a little time shooting instinctively at ranges from 0-30 yds. Spend some time shooting from various positions. Shoot from knees, leaning over, around, over, and under branches. A swing pin sight, like “the option,” is a good choice for sheep as it gives you the best of both worlds.

A Primo bow sling or similar product will be your best friend on this hunt. I would be sure to pack one!

Call us anytime about bow or gear questions; we are ALL bow hunters in camp!

Rifle Hunters: PLEASE learn to shoot standing, sitting, and prone. Use your walking sticks like shooting sticks from a seated position!

Once you have your rifle ZERO AT 200 YDS, start practicing shooting off sticks. Loop your walking sticks together and practice this way. But please, for the good of your hunt, get ready to use walking sticks and shoot a bunch before the hunt starts. You’ll be glad you did!

Zero your rifle at 200, and be ready for 100-600+ yard shots. Most shots will be 300-400 yards, but learn to shoot at 200-600+—you might be happy you did!

Take a shooting class, do anything you can to get ready. Every year, I hear that you can’t shoot over 300 yards where you live. Just Google long-range shooting in your area and USE WHAT YOU FIND. You might have to join a club or travel 1-2-3-4 hours to do so. Well, you are traveling 1000+ miles and spending a great deal of money to visit us, so it’s a small investment to be ready.

When practicing 300+ shots, we recommend never shooting paper. What we like to do when practicing long distances (300+ yards) is to shoot at balloons. It gives instant feedback, and if you’re popping a balloon that is the same size as the kill zone on a sheep, guess what—you’re killing any sheep you are shooting at! It builds confidence at a more extended range! Don’t discourage yourself by shooting and evaluating paper!

Please bring the rifle you shoot best at 100-500 yards. We don’t care much about what shoots best on sheep hunts; what shoots best is what we want! It does not need to be a cannon! We also have loaner rifles.

We also sell all the long-range gear AND RIFLES! If you want a custom 300win or any other caliber (\$5500-?), let us know, and I can get one to you before your hunt all dialed in for our elevation as well as at home.

Colorado/New Mexico Sheep Hunt Packing List

Think lightweight; you are the one who will regret if it's not!

Gear

- **Hunting License (make sure you have all the required stamps)**
- **Hunter's Education Card (required only for all Colorado hunts)**
- **Rifle w/ full box of Ammo, scope, scope cover (zeroed at 200 yards)**
- Hiking Poles (They will also serve well as shooting sticks; please shoot sitting on walking sticks!!)
- Super lightweight tent, 1 or 2 man. Kuiu, stone glacier, MSR, and many others, just ask
- Backpack Sleeping Bag (0 -15 deg) Kuiu, stone glacier are waterproof down
- Sleeping Pad (Thermarest NEO light)
- Large black garbage bags 2
- Binoculars (Swarovski, Zeiss, Leica 10x42) with Bino Straps
- Range Finder
- Water Bottle 2 (Lightweight Nalgene)
- Lightweight cup with lid (oatmeal and coffee)
- Long-handled spoon (10") for Mtn House meals
- Head-lamp flashlight (extra batteries), place one battery backwards!!
- Lightweight camera, batteries if needed, or phone with battery booster.

Clothing

- Temperatures could be 10s to 70s. wind, rain, snow
- Sturdy, hard-soled boots - high-quality, waterproof, treated, and tested.
- Extra Socks (2-4 pairs; "darn tough" is the best, but any Merino wool recommended)
- Extra Sock Liners (2 pairs, silk or ?) if you like them
- 1 pair of wicking long underwear Merino is best 130 or 200 wt
- 1 Long-sleeve shirt 1 (wicking layer) Merino
- Lightweight rain Gear (top and bottom)
- Mid-layer style vest
- Lightweight jacket or pullover Peloton 240 (KUIU)
- **Puffy down jacket and pants!!!!**
- Pants (non-cotton, fast dry), kuiu Attack or guide
- Beanie hat (for cold weather and sleeping, Merino or fleece)
- Baseball cap or sun protective hat
- Gloves (light pair for hiking (important in the rocky terrain)
- Gloves/mittens (heavy pair for cold weather), waterproof and warm is a must
- Crocks for around camp and water crossing
- Gaitors waterproof and quiet

Personal Items

- Insect Repellent/head net (ask me)
- Sunscreen (unscented, mineral-based SPF 50+ recommended)
- SPF Lip Protection!
- Sunglasses (high-quality UV protection)
- Water treatment tablets 1 jar
- Toilet Paper/wet wipes needed for your hunt
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss
- Moleskin for blisters, antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, ibuprofen
- Bic Lighter
- Firestarter
- Medications
- Pre-moistened facial towelettes
- Zip-lock bags (for personal items and trash) 3 or 4-gallon and 3 or 4-quart size
- Gold Bond Powder or Baby powder in a small Ziplock
- Pillow case - make your laundry and puffys into a pillow
- Parachute cord 50' any color

*Minimize personal toiletries to essential items.

***Make sure your toenails are trimmed short 3-5 days before the hunt and hike with them fresh cut.**

Food

- Feel free to bring your favorite mountain snacks. I have stuff, but YOU know your body. Here, packing personal must-haves can help! We don't all eat the same!
- Powdered drink mix of your choice to mix with water or MIO
- I have been turned into a fan of MTN Opps and Wilderness Athlete and APX!
- **Please call to discuss any allergies, special food requirements.**
- **We will have main mountain house or Peak meals and a pile of snacks!**

Other Miscellaneous

- Waterproof compression stuff sacks/bags
- 1 small Havolon 5-10 blades
- Reading material 1 book

Keep your total pack weight as low as possible!

We will do a pack dump with you to ensure that you have the needed items and that unnecessary items are left behind. Your goal without rifle, ammo, or food items is less than 36 pounds.