

Black Bear Hunters:

**Practice, practice and more practice**

Whether bow or firearm, make sure you know what your bow or gun does. Most bow shots are going to be between 15-25 yards, and gun shots will range from 15-90 yards. Most gun shots are in the 30-50 yard range, but there are a few stand pushed back further. You will be sitting an average height of 16'. You need to practice shooting dead-centre up and down from the top of the bear's back to his belly, and about 2-3 inches behind the front shoulder line. What you want to make sure not to do, is to think of hitting a bear on what would be a heart shot on a whitetail. On a black bear this is too low. We prefer broadside or slightly quartering away shots.

**Wound Policy**

Retrieval of your bear depends greatly on the blood trail that the animal is going to throw out, and believe me, we have a very lengthy track record of chasing bears all over the country due to poor shots. We'll discuss further with you on shot placement in camp, and if you are hunting from the lodge, we will show you a video to hopefully get you lined out on the do's and don'ts that can get you into trouble. Hunters whom wound a bear are able to go back out on the tree stand to hunt again, but must pay \$300 **PRIOR** to going back on stand. That means if you draw blood and we are not able to locate the wounded bear, the wounded policy comes into play. Most wounded bears comes due to lack of patience on your part in not waiting for a quality or proper shot angle. For those hunting Alberta due to the 2 bear limit, hunters only need to pay the wounded policy say if they wounded, then killed the next bear and then wanted to go back out again and try for the 2nd bear. Wound policies must be paid in camp, and prior to going back on stand.

**Weight restrictions for fly-in hunts**

Anyone whom is on a fly-in hunt whether Alberta or Manitoba, there is a 90 lb. weight restriction which includes any alcohol that you bring. Make sure to also bring a soft case to shuffle your bow or gun into at the float base so that we are not taking the big aluminum or hard case into camp.

**Manitoba hunters are required to have a hunter safety card.** Please do not forget to bring this. Every year we have a couple persons forget this, and then scramble to have others send it up. My advice is to take a photo of it now on your phone, and to photocopy it and put a copy in your wallet or gun/bow case. We can not issue you a hunting license without it.

Hunters whom are hunting from the lodge in Manitoba, we ask that your arrival is anytime after 3pm on the day you are due in. We fully understand that you are excited to get here, but also realize that this is generally our transition day where one group leaves and you show up, thus the gals need the time to clean cabins, and it also gives us a short window to catch our breath and get caught up before your arrival. All persons flying into Winnipeg, we ask that your arrival times are between 10am-1pm for both the arrival and departure times. Often times hunters will fly in the day before and overnight at a hotel which is ideal in case of lost luggage, and we stress to everyone to avoid flying through Toronto even though the flight might be a \$100 cheaper. We see so many problems with those that go through Toronto. The suggested hotel for those flying a day early, is Best Western Plus on Wellington Street near the airport.

Near the lodge hunt, there is a lake about 30 miles away where we will have two boats/motor on a trailer available to anyone whom wants to take them to go fishing once they tag out. Fishing licenses can be purchased at the lodge for \$40, and you will need a 2" ball receiver on the back of your vehicle to take the boat and trailer. We ourselves are too busy to take persons fishing due to the busy baiting and hunting schedules and our priority is on making sure each of you leave with a bear. You must provide your own fishing rods and gear for walleye and

pike. Fishing Season does not open until around the 15th of May though which eliminates those hunting from May 7-13 from being able to go fishing.

Fall bear hunters **ONLY** are required to wear blaze hat and vest so bring this with you.  
Suggested Black Bear Equipment List

- \* Sleeping bag/pillow for the outcamp, Alberta, or fly-in hunts only. Manitoba lodge hunters do not need to bring bedding.
- \* Towel—outcamp, Alberta, and fly-in hunts only
- \* Bathroom kit
- \* XL-large coolers for those that are driving in. Hunters whom fly we will package bear hides into rubber-maid totes for your flight home.
- \* Insulated field hat
- \* Rubber or muck style boots is suggested
- \* Lodge style shoes for running around in lodge or cabins
- \* Insulated socks
- \* Long underwear
- \* Camo pants/bottoms
- \* Insulated camo jacket, parka or bibs and pants
- \* Rain gear, top/bottom
- \* Soft case, bow or gun
- \* Life jacket for fly-in Manitoba hunters or those hunting from the lodge whom want to fish
- \* Back pack
- \* Headlamp and flashlight
- \* Safety belt/vest
- \* Bow hanger, either double or triple arm
- \* Gloves, one light pair and one warm pair
- \* Thermacell with 4 extra butane and 12 replacement pads
- \* Reading material, with preference to small paperback novels for the tree stand
- \* Seat cushion (very important, and pay attention to how noisy the seat is before bringing it)
- \* Treestand umbrella can be a nice addition in case of rain
- \* Most Manitoba baits, have cell service or enough to text so look into a Canadian plan before coming
- \* Alberta and fly-in Manitoba hunters we suggest to bring a 2 way radio
- \* Blaze vest and hat for Manitoba Fall black bear hunters
- \* If you think you are going to bring cover scent, I feel you are wasting your money. You'd be better off to purchase bacon, raspberry, or a different food source spray, although I have become a very big believer in Ozonics (at least for antelope, although I don't have enough experience yet with the bear hunting).

Driving directions to our lodge:

We would suggest to make sure to take the bypass west around Winnipeg. Beware though, your GPS's will likely want to run you through the city of Winnipeg. Take bypass west all the way around to HWY 7/Stonewall exit (roughly 20 minutes around city). You will circle around the clover leaf and begin going north to the town of Teulon. At Teulon, turn left onto HWY 17 which will run you through towns of Inwood, Poplarfield before coming to Fisher Branch. At Fisher Branch turn left onto HWY 233 and go through town and six miles west until you come to Fisherton Road (the pavement turns to gravel at this point). You will turn right (north) and go one mile north to Lambley Lane. Turn left (west) and go 1/2 mile west on Lambley Lane to our driveway. Drive time from Winnipeg is 1.45 hours and 5 hours from Fargo, North Dakota.

Supper meal on arrival day is planned for around 6pm. Please phone 204-372-8504 if you are running late.