

Revelation Mountain



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GEAR LIST

For Bear & Moose:

Clothing:

1 pair rain gear; I prefer stretchable pvc type rain gear. Helly Hansen Impertech is what most of us personally wear. The key here is, easy to dry, and don't worry about the noise. If you have Gore-Tex you are absolutely confident in then go for it, but nothing stops rain like pvc.

2 pair of fleece, or synthetic pants-avoid heavyweight style (I use Cabela's Legacy Fleece and the Windshear option is preferred)

1 down jacket or similar synthetic (essentially a good mid-weight warm layer) Avoid heavy winter style coats.

1 fleece jacket, or pullover-midweight (Cabela's Legacy Fleece or Microtex)

2 thermal shirts, Duofold, Thermax are very good-midweight, or lighter; in my opinion they are simply the best.

1-2 thermal bottoms, (Duofold midweight has two layers of material, 1 layer wool, and 1 of 100% thermax)

You should be prepared for temps in the mid 60's to mid teens with plenty of wind.

3-5 top quality hiking socks, Thorlo's Mountaineering sock are the best I have found to date. Cost around \$17 per pair, but worth it. These are getting more difficult to find and they are fairly bulky for warmer weather or close fitting boots, so I am usually using Thorlo's Coolmax Light Hiker. Do not, I repeat, do not skimp on socks, or try unfamiliar types for your hunt, buy the best and wear them before the hunt.

Waders or hip boots. I use either waist high breathable stockingfoot waders from Cabela's (Gold Medal model), or Lacrosse ankle fit hip boots. I prefer the waist high breathables for myself. The breathables will require a pair of light hikers (I use 1 size over my normal size) if they are stocking foot waders. Cabela's Backcountry Hikers will work well for use with stockingfoot waders. Avoid neoprene.

1 pair of camp shoes can be nice if you don't go overweight with all your other gear.

Backpacks: I am currently using the Mystery Ranch G 7000 that is made in Montana. Capacities for all packs should be 6,000 cu. in. or more. External frames with similar capacities can be used if necessary. Apart from the Mystery Ranch I would look to Dana Designs and Gregory.

1 large pack cover-waterproof

Sleeping bag -Currently I am using the Mont-Bell Super Stretch #2, which is a 25° bag and probably not warm enough for some folks. I use the extra long model and it weighs in at 1 lb. 15 oz. and of course it is down. The Mont-Bell Ultra Long Super Stretch #0 is rated at 0° and weighs in a wonderful 3 lb. 1 oz., while the #1 in the same product line is rated at 15° and weighs in at 2 lb. 7 oz. Long bags are recommended if you are 6' or taller. Synthetic bags rated between 0° to 20° degrees are fine as well, but a bag weighing 5 lb. is simply not the way to go. Please spend the money and keep your bag under 3.5 lb.

Therma-rest self inflating pads are great, and I use the Pro-Lite 4. If full length pads are used they should be the models no wider than 20"s

1 hat, and fleece facemask or similar.

Gloves-wool, or any waterproof glove is good, although neoprene tends to sweat, and gets clammy.

Miscellaneous Gear:

Knives-avoid overweight Rambo knives. Small caping type knives are preferred.

Gun oil and maintenance tools. Critical tools to dismantle rifle in the field may save the day. Minimal weight is the key.

GSI Outdoors Lexan® 32 oz. Fairshare Mug (www.campmor.com) and additional small cup for coffee, etc.

Nalgene water bottles, at least 1, 32 ounce bottle

Spoon

Washcloth, towel-lightweight, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, razor if you are so inclined. Packaged moist towelettes (baby wipes) are great for freshening up. Small bottle of shampoo, etc.

Flashlight-small LED headlamp, or similar. Headlamps are certainly preferred. I use a Petzl Myo XP LED.

First aid-prescriptions, ibuprofen, gel blister pads.

MSR Mini-Works - Water purifiers are recommended if you have concerns about giardia and the State of Alaska recommends their use in all waterways.

Binoculars-8x40 minimum, but 10x42, or 10x50 are best, higher grade glasses permit longer viewing with less eye strain, which brings better results in the long run-don't skimp if you are purchasing for the first time.

Spotting scope is optional, but recommended if you are going to constantly want to look through your guide's scope.

Laser rangefinder is optional, as guides pack one.

Rifles and cartridges should be discussed prior to the hunter's arrival.

20 rounds of Ammo should be sufficient, but 30 is not too much.

Length of nylon rope has many uses.

Emergency space blanket, -Thermo-Lite® Emergency Bivy Sack by Adventure Medical Please do not bring the small aluminum foil type that fit in a shirt pocket (www.campmor.com)

Camp Time Roll-up Pack Stool® or REI Trail Chair or similar. Invaluable when glassing for hours.

Sunglasses

Sunblock

Insect Repellant, and lightweight headnet, or jacket.

Weight:

Individuals need to keep their gear at 50 pounds max, excluding rifle, due to load constrictions on chartered flights.