

Revelation Mountain



Tony Dingess
Registered Guide #1043
GMU's 9,14,16,19 & 21

1 B Perry Lane
Pecks Mill, WV 25547
304-752-1361

www.alaskahunts.net
e-mail, tony@alaskahunts.net

GEAR LIST

For Sheep & Goat Hunts:

Clothing:

1 pair rain gear, lightweight Gore-Tex is okay, but I prefer stretchable pvc type rain gear. Helly Hansen Interface is what I personally wear. Should be very packable.

2 pair of fleece, or wool pants-avoid heavyweight style (I use Cabela's Legacy Fleece)

1 wool sweater, or lightweight down jacket

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

2 thermal shirts, Duofold, Thermax are very good-midweight, or lighter

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

1 extra fleece shirt or pullover

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. Bridgedale also has great reputation. Coolmax sock material is generally considered cooler on the feet in warm environments. 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. Thorlo Light Hiker with Coolmax is also exceptional and much cooler in warmer times of the year.

1 pair top quality mountaineering boots. Whether you choose synthetic (Koflach, Scarpas) or leather (La Sportiva), make sure you are dealing with a real mountaineering boot, and avoid so called hunting boots for sheep country. I am currently using the La Sportiva's Trango, which is a mid-weight leather mountaineering boot.

1 pair of lightweight water shoes or sandals for stream crossings. "Crocs" are super lightweight.

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 Alpinelite down bag from Western Mountaineering. The 6ft. model weighs in at 1 pound 15 ounces and I use the 6 ft. 6" model which is just over 2 pounds for a 20 degree bag. Synthetic bags rated around 15 -20degrees are fine as well.

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. No pads over 2 " thickness.

1 hat, wool cap can be useful in late September.

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 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 discretionary-if you feel the need to purify your drinking water we ask that you bring your own mechanism for doing so. Giardia is apparently common in all wilderness streams, but I routinely drink un-filtered water.

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 (www.campmor.com)

Insect repellent.

Camp Time Roll-up Pack Stool® 14 ounces.

Sunglasses

Sunblock

Weight:

For individual's sheep hunting, you should strive to keep your fully loaded pack between 30-40 pounds. Everyone is expected to carry their load, which obviously translates into sharing the overall weight of the camp, food, etc., and especially the harvested game. This extra weight can easily mean 30 extra pounds on occasion, so for this reason we stress getting your gear streamlined before you ever arrive in camp. If someone expects to carry 50 pounds of their own gear around, they will certainly be disappointed by the extra 30 pounds that the guide is going to put in their pack. Streamline is the key word here.