

# WILLOW CREEK OUTFITTERS LTD.

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## GENERAL HUNT INFORMATION

For your benefit please take time to review the following information regarding your upcoming hunt. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact us.

### GETTING HERE

- Book your flight to Calgary International Airport. Please arrive a day prior to us picking you up at the hotel. Giving yourself this extra time is a good idea in case your luggage gets misplaced which should give the airline enough time to find it before your hunt starts. You will then spend the night at the hotel and we will plan to pick all hunters up in the hotel lobby at 1pm the day prior to your first day of hunting. If needed we will hunt the morning of your last day of your hunt and that afternoon you will return to the hotel in Calgary where you will spend the night and fly home the next day. Included in your hunt cost is pick-up and return to your hotel in Calgary on the designated days and times shown on your contract, if you arrive late for your hunt or need to leave early a fee of \$150 US will be charged per unscheduled trip to our lodge or back to Calgary. Book your return flight to depart the day after your last scheduled hunting day.

### HOTEL

Please make your hotel reservations as soon as you have booked your hunt for both your arrival and departure date. **The Best Western Port O'Call - 1-800-661-1161** is located near the airport and is the only hotel that will let our clients use their freezers to store meat and trophies. When booking your rooms let the receptionist know you are with

Willow Creek Outfitters which will get you a better rate. The cost of the hotel is your responsibility.

## **ENTERING INTO CANADA**

You will need a valid passport to enter into Canada. If you have a criminal record or D.U.I. charges you will have to deal with this months before your hunt commences. For more information about dealing with these matters go to [www.bordercrossing.ca](http://www.bordercrossing.ca). It is your responsibility to make sure you will not be denied access into Canada. **Refused entry by Canada Customs is not sufficient reason for a hunt refund.**

## **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

To align with our cancellation policy we highly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance in case you have to cancel your hunt for any reason. We have partnered with Global Rescue who can provide our clients with different levels of coverage. If you decide to choose coverage that let's one "cancel for any reason", which we recommend, you must purchase coverage and provide proof of purchase within 20 days of booking the hunt. Please check out the link for coverage options, <https://ss.globalrescue.com/partner/willowcreekoutfitters/>

## **BRINGING A FIREARM INTO CANADA**

You will need to register your firearm with Canada Customs when you arrive. To speed up the process you can download a form from their website at <http://www.willowcreekoutfitters.com/pdf/Firearmform.pdf> or you can call them at **1-800-731-4000**. You can have it filled out but not signed when you arrive at Customs. You will need 3 copies total, fill out the required information on one and then make 2 additional copies. You will be charged a fee of \$25 plus tax when you present these forms at customs and your permit will be valid for 6 months.

## **WHAT WE PROVIDE**

Included in your hunt cost is airport pick-up, trophy care, guide service and we provide all meals and lodging during your scheduled hunt while in the hunting area. Towels, bedding, assorted snacks and soft drinks are also included. Liquor is not included but you can get it here once you arrive.

## **PHONE USE AND INTERNET ACCESS**

We have wireless internet access. Cell phone service is pretty good in our area but we suggest you inquire with your service provider to adjust your plan as you could have a big surprise on your next bill if you don't due to roaming and data charges.

## **HUNTING LICENSES**

We will pick up your hunting licenses for you just prior to your hunt as long as you have returned your contract with your WIN# (Wildlife Identification Number).

## **WOUND POLICY**

We do have a wound policy. **If at our discretion we think an animal is possibly mortally wounded and can not be recovered, this will be considered as a kill.** On all hunts we will only hunt the morning of the last day of the hunt. The reason for this is we want to have plenty of daylight to recover an animal if a marginal shot has been made or a lengthy pack out is needed.

## **TROPHIES & MEAT**

Upon harvesting of a trophy we will prepare your meat, hide and/or antlers for transportation. Meat will be de-boned and frozen, hides caped and frozen and antlers cut at skull plate and cleaned of all meat. For those of you that would like to take home meat with you, bring a cooler or you can purchase one here at a hardware store. If you do not want to take the meat home with you we can donate it to a local person here that could use it. We recommend bringing your gear in a duffel bag, depending on how much gear you have, the contents of your duffel can be added to your cooler or tote giving you one less piece of luggage to take home with you. **All trophies must be taken home with you when your hunt is over** as this is the cheapest and easiest option and your hunting license acts as your export permit when the trophy is accompanying you. We no longer have a local taxidermist to do work for our clients as the expense and hassle was too great to ship out of the country. Some antlers may have to be split to fit into a plastic tote. We will not ship meat or trophies.

## **TIPPING**

Quite often clients will ask about tipping guides. Gratuities should be based on the effort your guide puts into your hunt, not if you get an animal or how big your animal is. **If you are pleased with you guides effort I ask that a minimum tip of \$500 US (or equivalent in other currencies) or 10% of the hunt cost, which ever is greater is given per hunter. Please tip the cooks as well, I recommend \$150 US per hunter.** They will make sure you are well fed with great home cooked meals. Gratuities are a good portion of the income for people working in the service industry. If you feel you have received exceptional service a larger tip would be greatly appreciated and will show that you really appreciated the persons efforts. Remember this is fair chase hunting and weather conditions, animal activity and your abilities in the field are out of your guides control.

## **THING TO DO IF YOU TAG OUT EARLY**

Our number one focus is to work as a team to give all hunters in camp the best chance at being successful on their hunt. If you are the first one to tag out we encourage you to join your guide in trying to locate animals for the others in camp that are still hunting. If you would rather do some other activities on your own please let us know prior to arriving so we can see what possibilities may be available for you during your hunt time frame.

## **GEAR INFORMATION**

Below you will find separate gear lists for the different hunts that we offer. **Hunter orange is not required to be worn while hunting in Alberta. If you are coming on a November deer hunt please bring a outer layer of white in case we have snow cover.**

### **Spring and Fall Rifle Hunts**

Temperature range (15-60F)

- Clothing layers of wool or fleece, does not need to be camo
- Raingear
- Warm gloves and hat as well as a neck warmer
- Quality leather hiking boots
- Warmer pack or rubber boots

- gaiters
- Hot packs for boots or gloves
- A good sized day pack that can hold everything you need for the day, lunch, and extra clothes. Make sure that there is enough room for some meat in the event that we have to pack out your trophy on foot.
- 2 boxes of ammunition
- quality binoculars
- range finder
- flashlight or headlamp
- Shooting sticks, 3 legged with a cradle for a rest, these seem to work a lot better than a bipod that attaches to your rifle.

### **Bow Hunts**

Temperature range (30-90F)

- Clothing that is camo and quiet! Only bring light patterns like Open Country, Prairie Ghost, and King's Field Shadow, they work great here. A lot of the regular hardwood patterns are too dark for this terrain!
- Quiet camo raingear
- Warm gloves and hat as well as a neck warmer
- Quality soft soled hiking boots
- A good sized day pack that can hold everything you need for the day, lunch, and extra clothes. Make sure that there is enough room for some meat in the event that we have to pack out your trophy on foot.
- quality binoculars
- range finder
- flashlight or headlamp
- detachable quiver that holds a least 4 arrows
- we recommend a good fixed blade broadhead like a Muzzy 100, the only expandable we recommend is the Rage.
- extra release

### **Coyote Hunts**

Temperature range (-10-50F)

- Clothing layers of Camo wool or fleece. Only bring light patterns like Open Country, Prairie Ghost, and King's Field Shadow, they work great here. Also bring pants and top in a snow pattern
- Warm camo gloves and hat as well as a neck warmer
- Quality leather hiking boots
- Warmer pack boots
- Hot packs for boots or gloves
- A good sized day pack that can hold everything you need for the day,

lunch, and extra clothes.

- 2 boxes of ammunition
- quality binoculars
- range finder
- flashlight or headlamp
- Shooting sticks, 3 legged with a cradle for a rest, these seem to work a lot better than a bipod that attaches to your rifle.
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