

Hunting Equipment Checklist

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Note: *This list doesn't include weather related gear. You should plan accordingly on the climate you'll be hunting in. Be prepared for snow, rain and ice. Don't forget weather can change rapidly and you should be prepared for all situations.*

Hunting Related Equipment

- **Location Notice** – *This is given to friends or family members as to where you'll be.*
- **License & Permits** – *Check with local government for permits & license requirements.*
- **Firearm**
- **Ammunition** – *Make sure to bring enough, you could lose some or all of it.*
- **Shotgun Shell Bag** – *If you're using a shotgun. Note: Not so good for bear hunting!*
- **Rifle Cartridge Cases** – *If you're using a rifle.*
- **Hunting Knife**
- **Sharpening Stone w/Oil** – *For sharpening your hunting knife.*
- **Binoculars** – *This is one piece of equipment you shouldn't go for the cheapest unit.*
- **Scents** – *Depending on the type of animal this will vary.*
- **Insect Repellent** – *Should be unscented and only required in warm climates.*
- **Camo Face Paint** – *Nothing is better than blending into your surroundings.*
- **Game Bags** – *Depending on the type of animal this will vary.*
- **Rope and Hoist**
- **Game Feeders** – *Check with local government for rules and regulations.*
- **Decoys** – *Depending on the type of animal this will vary.*
- **Bonesaw**
- **Backpack** – *This should be waterproof and comfortable*
- **Pocket knife (Swiss Army-type)**
- **Compass** – *This is a life saver if you get lost.*
- **GPS Unit** – *This is even better than a compass, however the compass is a back-up.*
- **Local Map** – *You always need a map.*

Clothing Related Equipment

- **Underwear and Socks** – *Bring enough to change twice a day.*
- **Thermal Underwear** – *Bring enough to change once a day.*
- **Flannel Shirts** – *This depends on the climate you'll be hunting in.*
- **Hunting or Camo Pants\Jeans**
- **Insulated Vest** – *This depends on the climate you'll be hunting in.*
- **Camo**
- **Game & Shell Vest**
- **Hiking or Hunting Boots** – *Should be all weather and all terrain.*
- **Snake Leggings** – *Protect yourself from snakes in the brush.*
- **Orange Safety Vest** – *Follow all local government laws regarding orange coverage.*
- **Ski Mask (Camo)** – *This depends on the climate you'll be hunting in.*
- **Leather Work Gloves** – *When handling dead animals and meat.*
- **Silicone Gloves** – *When handling dead animals and meat.*

Repair and Maintenance Gear

- **Rifle, Shotgun or Pistol Cleaning Kits** – *Keep in a sealed zip lock bag(s).*
- **Solvent and Extra Patches**
- **Gun Oil** – *Keep out of direct sunlight and off hunting cloths due to scent.*
- **Silicone Spray**
- **Assorted Small Tools**
- **Trigger Locks**
- **2 Flashlight** – **Always want a back-up**
- **ATV Supplies & Fuel** – *If you're using an ATV.*

Safely and Just-in-Case Gear

- **Spare Set of Keys** – *Keep separate from your main set.*
- **First Aid Kit**
- **First Aid Guide Book** – *Not the one that comes with your first aid kit.*
- **Portable Weather Alert Radio**
- **Portable 2-Way Radio**
- **Cellular Phone** – *May or may not work in your hunting location.*
- **Spray Paint** – *Excellent way to mark where you've been.*
- **100+ Waterproof Strike Anywhere Matches**
- **Survival Guide** – *This should be geared towards your hunting climate.*