

List of Hunting Gear

What Larsen Bay Lodge Provides:

- Comfortable lodging, including bed linen and towels
- All meals
- Soft drinks
- Transportation between the Larsen Bay air strip and the lodge
- Transportation from the lodge to the hunting grounds
- Duck decoys for duck hunters
- Meat processing, freezing and boxing
- Hot tub & Sauna!
- Laundry Facility

What You Should Bring:

The airlines will allow you to check only two bags. For hunting trips, that will typically mean one duffle bag and one gun case. There is also a weight limit of 50 lbs. per bag or else pay an excess baggage fee of \$25. If your bag weighs over 70 lbs.- then it will cost you \$100! The airlines will allow you to carry a maximum of one carry-on bag that have to fit under your seat or in the overhead bin. Some hunters choose to put heavier, more valuable, of fragile items in their carry-on's like, binoculars, cameras, camcorders, etc. Remember you cannot carry ammunition in your carry on *or in your gun case*. It must be in your checked baggage but not in your gun case.

Other suggestions for your carry-on luggage might include reading material suitable for long airplane rides and weather related delays, toiletries, and maybe a change of underwear and socks. That way if you arrive in Anchorage late at night and you are flying to Larsen Bay the next day, you can leave all your luggage at the airport at the storage facility in the Baggage Claim area. Then, just take your carry-on to the hotel and wear the same shirt and pants to camp the next day. This strategy also works well if the airlines lose your luggage.

Cash

Your hunting license cost is \$85 plus your state duck stamp. Deer tags are \$150 each. Your tip for the guide is about 10% of the trip, plus a tip for the cook, cleaning staff, etc. There will be meals on the way to camp and the way home, plus tips for baggage handlers, shopping, etc.

Clothing

As you probably already know, weather in Alaska is unpredictable. No matter what time of year you come, weather can be unseasonably warm, cold, wet or dry! So **prepare for the unexpected**. Dressing in layers is imperative for comfort. For instance, if you are deer hunting and you climb up to a higher elevation you will probably shed layers while you climb, but put them back on once you get to a spot that you are going to sit and glass for deer. With that in mind, here are some suggestions:

- 1 Heavy Jacket
- 1 Polypro-Pullover or Wool Sweater
- 2-3 Warm Shirts
- 1 Turtleneck Shirt
- 1 Undershirt per day
- 1 Packable Rainsuit
- 2 Pairs of Long Underwear
- Socks and Underwear
- 2 pairs of hunting pants (1 pair of jeans, 1 pair of wool pants)
- Warm Hunting Hat
- Hiking Boots (leather, pack or ankle fit knee high rubber boots)

- For duck hunters, neoprene waders are warm and comfortable, but hip boots or even knee high Rubber Boots will be sufficient
- A Variety of Gloves
- Travel Clothes

Note: There is no legal requirement in Alaska for wearing hunter orange.

Equipment

- Day pack (for deer hunters it needs to be pretty sizable in case you cannot drag your deer to the beach and have to quarter it and pack it out with the cape and horns. In Alaska you are required by law to bring back all of the meat from your kill)
- Sharp hunting knife – you will be field dressing your own deer and if you are a long way from the pick up point you will want to quarter the deer and bone it out.
- Rifle
- Scope Cover
- Shotgun if Duck Hunting
- Ammunition (1 box of rifle shells for deer hunters. For duck hunting, 2+ boxes of shotguns shells – check with us before you leave as we sometimes have shotgun shells available for sale in camp)
- Binoculars
- Flashlight

Miscellaneous

- Toiletries
- Lip Balm
- Hand Cream
- Reading Material
- Matches or Lighter
- Several \$.25 cent packs of tissue for your day pack
- Camera
- Extra Camera Batteries
- 4+ rolls of film
- Federal Duck Stamp
- Garbage Bags for dirty clothes, boots, etc.
- Gun oil & rag in a Ziplock bag

Optional

- Soft Gun Case – to protect your gun from salt spray while traveling by boat to the hunting area.
- Waterproof Gloves
- Leatherman or Swiss Army Knife
- Range Finder
- Ear Plugs
- Hand Warmers
- Travel Pack of Baby Wipes for cleaning your hands after your have gutted your deer, etc.
- Rope for dragging deer
- Bathing Suit for Hot Tub
- Various Small to Medium Size Tupperware-like Containers (square or rectangular) can be useful for packing small loose items that otherwise might get lost in your cavernous duffel bag! They also come in handy for protecting fragile items you have packed and souvenirs on the way home that you do not want to get crushed.
- Duct Tape
- VHF Handheld Radio

If you get to Alaska and realize you forgot something, Macy's Sporting Goods in Kodiak (907-486-4276), will have virtually anything you may need for the trip - from clothing to supplies.

CLIMATE DATA	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<i>Avg. High</i>	49.5	55.6	60.5	61.9	56.6	47.2	39.9	36.4
<i>Avg. Low</i>	37.5	43.6	48.2	48.4	43.4	34.2	28.8	25.2
<i>Avg. Daylight</i>	16.5	18	17.5	15.85	13.5	11	8.75	6.75
<i>Avg. Precip.</i>	5.5"	4.8"	3.7"	5.2"	7.0"	7.2"	6.0"	6.8"