

Hunting Checklist

Use this hunting checklist to help prepare for your next hunting or outdoor adventure. Pre-Trip Planning:

- Apply for special licenses, tags, and permits. Check local regulations for details.
- Contact hunting buddies to ensure they're prepared
- Leave a written plan of your hunt with friends or family members in case you get lost or in the event of an emergency.

Provide dates, locations, contact information, medical information, etc.

- Obtain written landowner permission if necessary
- Pre-season scouting and observation
- Purchase food and drinks
- Purchase gas (propane, vehicle, etc)
- Purchase or reload ammunition
- Purchase plane tickets (for out-of-state hunts)
- Reserve camp site or hotel room
- Schedule vacation time
- Sight in rifle Archery:
- Arrows
- Bow
- Bow string wax
- Broadheads
- Case for bow and arrows
- Broadhead cement
- Sharpening file
- Quiver
- String silencers
- Shooting glove or tab Calls, Scents, Decoys, and Lures:
- Game scents and attractants
- Game calls and lures
- Masking scents
- Decoys (turkey, duck, etc) Clothing:
- Blaze orange hat or vest (required by law in some states)
- Camouflage clothing (shirts, hats, jackets, coats, pants, and gloves)
- Camouflage rainwear (jackets, coats, and pants)
- Facemasks or balaclavas
- Hunting boots
- Other clothing (see camping checklist)
- Scent control or masking clothing (shirts, hats, pants, gloves)
- Hunting waders and wading boots Dog Supplies:
- Dog carrier or kennel
- Dog bed
- Dog vests and boots
- Dog food and water
- Dog first aid kit Field Gear and Accessories:
- Camping gear (see camping checklist)
- Cleaning kit
- Colored ribbon (for tracking purposes)
- First-aid kit
- Game bags
- Ice (to pack in game cavity)
- Game pack or cart
- Safety and emergency gear
- Salt

Guns and Ammunition:

- Ammunition of the right caliber
- Bipod
- Gun case or sleeve
- Gun chokes
- Gun cleaning kit
- Gun sling
- Rifle
- Scope and scope cover
- Shotgun Knives and Tools:
- Bone saw
- Fixed blade knife

- [] Knife sharpener
- [] Game shears
- [] Folding knife
- [] Multi-tool Licenses, Tags, and Regulations:
- [] Bird stamps
- [] Game regulations book for the current year
- [] Hunting licenses
- [] Hunting tags and permits Miscellaneous:
- [] Game cameras
- [] Game feeders
- [] GPS Optics:
- [] Binoculars
- [] Riflescope
- [] Spotting scope
- [] Rangefinder Stands and Blinds:
- [] Blind material
- [] Hunter's seat or cushion
- [] Safety belt or harness
- [] Tree stand ladder stand, or tripod stand Post-Trip:
- [] Fill out and mail harvest report card
- [] Process game
- [] Contact taxidermist
- [] Clean gear and store properly for next trip or season
- [] Contact private landowner where you hunted to share your experience and thank them