

BUSWHACK ADVENTURES GEAR GUIDE SPRING BROWN BEAR HUNT

Message from Guide Tim Winslow: “These early seasons bear hunts can have a wide variety of conditions and we can always take layers off, but we need to be ready for winter conditions and we want snow! It is logistically better for snow machines and client’s success and amazing pictures.”

Clothing

- ☐ Pack all clothes in Sea Summit Waterproof Cinch Dry **Stuff Sack**
 - Allows compression; You can use your stuff sack as a pillow
- ☐ 5-7 Pairs of **Wool Socks**
 - Darn Tough Hunting Heavy*
- ☐ 1-2 **Baselayer sets** (top and bottom), Wool or Synthetic
 - Origin Nano Wool Set*
- ☐ 1 Polar Fleece **Midweight Jacket**
 - Sitka Bluff Berber*
 - Origin Stealth Wool Jacket*
- ☐ **Windproof Pants / Bottoms**
 - Sitka Windstopper Timberline*
- ☐ **Mid-Weight Down Puffer** to stuff in your backpack
- ☐ **Rain Gear**
 - Helly Hansen Rain Jacket and Pant*
 - Sitka Rain Gear*
- ☐ **Winter Hat** Beanie Wool or Synthetic
- ☐ **Neck and Face Gator** Fleece
- ☐ Waterproof Insulated **Gloves**
 - Hestra claw mitten*
- ☐ **Leg Gators**
 - OR brand Goretex*
- ☐ Quality **Hiking Boots** *Please break in Boots*
 - Lathrop and Sons (Mink oil wax prior to trip)*

- ☐ **Hip Waders** that fit correctly
 - Simms Pant/Chest Waders with Boots*

Backpack & Gear

- ☐ **Internal Frame Mid-Size** 2000-2500 cubic inches
 - Pintler by Mystery Ranch Sleeping Bag rated 10°F Synthetic or Down*
 - Feather Friends, Sleeping Pad*
 - BIG AGNES Riptide*
- ☐ **Shooting Sticks** (optional)
- ☐ Hunting **Knife**
- ☐ 10X40 **Binoculars** and Bino Harness
 - Marsupial*
- ☐ **Trekking Poles** or walking stick (optional)

Personal Items

- ☐ **Toothbrush**, toothpicks, etc.
- ☐ Any necessary **medications****
- ☐ **License(s)/Tag(s)/Photo ID(s)**
- ☐ Water **bottle**
 - Nalgene Water Bottle 32oz*
- ☐ Waterproof **matches**
- ☐ Small **first aid kit**
- ☐ Small amount **duct tape**
- ☐ Advil
- ☐ **Hydration packets**
 - Jocko fuel*
- ☐ **Alcohol and tobacco*****
- ☐ **Gratuities** (cashier's cheque or cash)****

Notes:

Temperatures range from **0-50°** Fahrenheit, **layering under a waterproof jacket is a must**

** Indicates guide recommended but other brands will do. If you bring a few things extra that's okat but don't over-pack.*

*** Ensure to bring extra medication/ necessities in the case of being weathered in. For a 10 day trip, we recommend you bring 15+ day's worth*

**** It is illegal for us to sell liquor as Iliamna is a damp village by law and alcohol/tobacco products are hard to find or unavailable in most areas of the Alaskan bush. That said, we would like you to enjoy your vacation. If you want these items, bring them from home or buy them in Anchorage before heading to Iliamna. Anchorage liquor stores box and label your spirits free of charge. Alternatively, you can place an order with Brown Jug Liquor online with delivery to Talarik Creek Lodge. Shipping times to rural Alaska can be lengthy, so be sure to plan ahead. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and are happy to assist you with pre-ordering alcohol. We have a variety of mixers available for our guests at the lodge.*

***** Cash or cashiers cheque for your guide(s). Gratuity is usually 10-20% of hunt cost paid at the end of your trip, separate from trip cost (which must be paid in full before arrival). Please do not forget gratuity for the pilots and lodge staff to show your appreciation for their effort towards your trip's successes, comfort, and enjoyment.*

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