



Hunting With J

Ultimate Hunting & Camping Trip Checklist

Field-Tested Packing System I Spent Years Developing

Licensing & Legal

- Hunting license
- Tags
- Hunter education proof if required by the state you're hunting in
- State issued id like a drivers license
- Land access permission if hunting on private property
- Copy of hunting rules and regulations

Trip Logistics

- Area map (offline + paper backup)
- Weather forecast check
- Sunrise/sunset times
- Legal shooting hours
- Emergency contact informed. i.e. left a note for spouse or someone close to you
- Route shared with someone close, like spouse or parents. Have a plan and stick to it. If your plan changes you need to notify your emergency contact of that change in plan.

Rifle Setup

- Rifle
- Scope (checked zero)
- 20+ rounds (practice + field)
- Bipod / shooting sticks
- Sling
- Cleaning cloth
- Scope covers if rain and snow are expected during the hunt.

Archery Setup

- Bow (tuned)
- 6+ arrows
- Broadheads (sharp)
- Release + Backup release incase your main one breaks or malfunctions.
- Extra D-loop / field points
- Rangefinder
- Allen wrench set

Optics & Navigation

- Binoculars
- Rangefinder
- Spotting scope (optional)
- GPS / OnX / mapping app. I use and recomend the OnX app
- Compass (backup)
- Headlamp and flashlight+ extra batteries

Clothing System (Layered System)

- Base Layer
- Moisture-wicking top & bottom
- Mid Layer**
- Insulating fleece/down
- Outer Layer**
- Windproof jacket appropriate for that time of year
- Rain shell
- Extras**
- Gloves (light + insulated)
- Blaze Orange baseball style hat
- Beanie
- Extra socks
- Tee shirts
- Two -Three pair fo hunting pants
- Hiking Boots that are appropriate for the time of year and terrain
- Extra set of boot laces (keep in hunting day backpack)
- Gaiters (if snow/mud)

Camping Setup

- Tent or bivy
- Large tarp
- Sleeping bag (rated appropriately)
- Sleeping pad
- Fold up Cot (Hlghly recomended)

- Camp pillow
- Folding table
- Propane heater (Portable heater for inside the tent) WARNING!! YOU MUST KEEP A TENT FLAP OPEN A BIT FOR VENTILATION OR YOU COULD DIE OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISION
- Cooking Stove + fuel
- Lighter or Matches, I have a few lighters in camp and always one in my backpack
- Food (calorie planned) Stored in plastic containers with locking lids
- Water bottles / bladder. Keep some water in your vehicle too
- Water filtration pump and straw in my pack

Kill Kit

- Game bags
- 2 knives (primary + backup)
- Bone saw for getting through pelvis bone. I carry a small foldable one
- Knife sharpener
- Latex gloves
- Paracord 100 feet or more
- Flagging tape
- Citric acid spray (optional) Helps keep flys off of the meat
- Wet wipes or something to wash your hands with after gutting the animal
- Headlamp (for night pack-outs)
- Flashlight. I carry a headlamp and a small flashlight with a clip on it.

Emergency & Survival- Do yourself a favor and take your first aid kit out of your backpack when you get your gutting tools out to field dress and animal. You're one accident away from needing blood clotting agent and or a tourniquet quickly. Its good to be prepared.

- First aid kit
- Tourniquet (Learn how and when to use it so you dont do more harm than good with it.)
- Blood clotting agent
- Emergency blanket or 2
- Fire starter
- Glow sticks
- Satellite communicator (if backcountry)
- Whistle
- Multi-tool
- Pain relievers. Ibuprofen or Tylenol

Vehicle Prep (Often Overlooked)

- Full tank of gas- Always fill up before you head into the hills or mountians

- Oil changed recently
- Tire chains If snow is expected during your hunt.
- Spare tire checked (Make sure its holding air and aired up to recommended psi)
- Cooler with ice.
- Extra water and Gatoraide