

Gear List for Deer Hunting



Basics to bring hunting

- Hunting implement (firearm or bow)
- Ammunition/arrows
- License/tags
- Firearm Identification Card (if using firearm)



What should you wear?

The most important thing to remember when dressing for any outdoor activity is layers. Start with an undergarment layer (long sleeves and long pants) that can wick moisture. **Avoid cotton next to your skin.** Your outer layer should be fleece and/or wool to keep you warm during cold mornings.

- Insulated pants – camouflage bibs are a good option
- Jacket/coat
- Gloves – fingerless gloves are best so you're free to use the safety and trigger
- Rain gear – if you don't have rain gear, a large plastic bag is a good substitute
- Hunter orange for your head, chest, and back – required during shotgun and muzzleloader season
- Boots – warm, comfortable, and waterproof boots are essential. In colder months it is recommended to wear boots larger than normal to give yourself extra room for an additional pair of socks.
- Socks – it helps to have a thin sock layer with a thicker layer over it



What should you pack?

You may be outside for many hours in cold temperatures; it is a good idea to fit everything in a small pack you can bring along.



Recommended Items:

- Pen, sandwich bag, and rubber band or zip-tyes to fill out and attach your tag
- Water bottle or thermos and some high energy snacks
- Tissues or toilet paper and a plastic bag
- Sharp pocket knife or sheath knife – helpful for cutting down twigs, branches, and field dressing



Optional Items:

- Handwarmers are lifesavers!
- Insect repellent
- Navigation/GPS – it is helpful to have your hunting locations marked
- Extra socks – helpful to have an extra pair in case your feet get wet
- Binoculars and/or camera
- Range finder
- Latex gloves
- Attractants – calls, scents, etc.

Items to leave in your car

You don't need to carry everything with you, but have these things in your car to be prepared to harvest a deer.

- Space in car/tarp or plastic bag
- Sled and rope (optional)