

Goat Hunt Gear List

1. High quality rain gear (sitka, kuiu, or Helly Hansen)
2. Good clothing that can be layered and adjusted for hiking (synthetic or down layers are great)
 - a. Our guides use a 2-3 layer system for their upper body and lower body. Base layers with a hunting pant and a rain pant cover are my system for my lower body. Same for my upper body except with a rain jacket. The rain gear also serves as an excellent wind break. I want a system that I can change quickly as the weather and the physical activity changes
 - b. Sitka and Kuiu are all gear companies that help you design your gear system and make it easy to set up good clothing. There is nothing wrong with wool and old school clothing either.
 - c. Set up your clothing so you can minimize sweating
3. High Ankle Hiking boots (if leather we highly recommend you use "snowseal" or other waterproofing on the leather, will keep your boots dryer longer, Kodiak is very wet)
 - a. These hunts will test your gear and your physical ability. Please prep your boots and don't "cheap out" on your footwear. Boots will make or break your hunt.
4. Wading System: We recommend "Wiggys Lightweight Waders" wading sock. Very lightweight and compact.
5. Backpack (should be at least 4000 cubic inches of space)
 - a. You will need to pack food, water, and clothing all day long. As guides we don't expect you to pack meat but sure love help where we can get it. There is a good chance you will carry some of the guide's gear or some meat if you are physically capable.
6. Lightweight rifle (popular calibers: 28 nos., 6.5, 7mm, flat shooting .30 caliber of some kind)
 - a. Its not super critical but a gun that weighs 5 lbs. vs 8 lbs. sure feels better on your shoulder after a full day of hiking. Leave your heavy guns at home if possible.
7. Kahtoola "Microspikes"
8. Wiggy's wading socks
9. Lots of good socks
10. Light tough gloves for grabbing brush and protection your hands
11. Heavier mitts or gloves for wearing on top of the mountains, waterproof gloves/mitts are better
12. Beanie or warm hat
13. Reliable headlamp with extra batteries
14. Sleeping Bag (20F degree rated at least)

Personal gear weight limit for flight to camp: 75 lbs.

Goat hunts are very challenging physically. You want to have as light of gear as possible. You need warm gear but try to keep it light. Physical training before the hunt is highly recommended! You can never train enough, being physically ready will increase your chances of success and make the hunt more enjoyable.

Kodiak mountains are steep and rugged, and the footing is awkward. Average elevation is somewhere between 2500-3000ft. Fall weather on Kodiak can bring lots of rain and sleet. Staying dry all day is critical. Temps will run from high 40's to low 30's

Shooting distances can vary a lot from very short shots to sometimes a bit longer. We will always try and get as close as possible. We recommend that guys should feel comfortable shooting out to 400. Goats have a way of keep hunters at distance. Most shots we take are in the prone position off a backpack rest. Hunters should feel comfortable shooting from this position and other awkward positions. Shooting up and down a hillside is very common. The more you know about your gun and its ballistics the better you will be. Practice shooting in all types of weather situations if you can.

You do not need to bring any spotting scopes. All guides will be carrying their own. Guides carry range finders as well.

Expect some longer hikes on this hunt. Sometime the stalk starts from the lakeshore and sometimes it starts 3 miles into a valley. Most times when you harvest you will come home in the dark. Its important to eat and stay hydrated to avoid exhaustion as well as muscle cramps.