



# MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY OUTFITTERS

*The Adventure of a Lifetime*



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Montana High Country Outfitters LLC is licensed to hunt all of Montana's big game animals, and we have the country to provide the trophies. Our Forest Service permits cover over 500,000 acres of prime habitat that holds elk, mulies, whitetail, sheep, moose, goats, black bear, cougars, and grizzly. Our hunting area includes the spectacular Cabinet Wilderness area and we are the only outfitter permitted to camp in the Wilderness. Located in northwest Montana, we hunt some of the most productive terrain in the lower 48. The Libby, Three Rivers, and Cabinet Districts of the Kootenai National Forest have rugged terrain, roadless areas and light hunting pressure. That combination equals trophy quality game.

Montana High Country Outfitters LLC is owned and operated by Tim and his son, Conor Reishus. Tim and his son are native Montanans with many successful years of hunting and guiding experience. Our guides all have great hunting skills, and we only select guides that get along well with the clients. Our guests stay at the lodge or in the cabin. We are prepared for small or large groups. We offer good beds, hot showers, and hearty home cooked meals. We guarantee a clean, honest, hardworking operation that gives 110%.

When you hunt NW Montana with Montana High Country Outfitters LLC, you are about as far from a game farm hunt as you will ever get. We hunt some of the toughest terrain in the lower 48. If success in a hunt is defined as always going home with something, then you probably won't like our hunt. The lure of our country is not high percentage hunting. It is the challenge of hunting wild country that holds 200 inch bucks and 400 inch bulls. They exist here because they always have the advantage, even in the best conditions.

That is not to say that we haven't enjoyed high success; we have. But there tends to be an ebb and flow in mountain hunting. When things come together i.e. (hunting conditions, weather, luck, high game populations, etc.) things can seem a picnic. The other end is low densities and terrible hunting conditions. I've been there too. The point is that we don't guarantee success in terms of taking animals. We do guarantee that trophy game is here and we will do our best to get you into them whatever the hunting conditions may be.

## Conditioning

There is definite correlation between fitness, hunting success, and hunting fun. Fitness in mountain hunting is in the heart, lungs, and legs. At least 4 weeks before you hunt, start walking briskly for 30-45 minutes. (Wear your hunting boots.) Two weeks before the hunt add a 30 pound pack to your workout. If you have steep hills in your area, do your workout there. Walk side hills as well as up and down. Sports such as basketball condition the feet to friction as well as providing cardiovascular benefits. You can't be overconditioned for hunting rugged mountain terrain.

## Marksmanship

Over the years I have seen a lot of great bench shooters fail on big game in the field. Bench shooting is great for sighting in a rifle, but in the real world of woods hunting, you don't have a bench or maybe not even a rest. Once your rifle is sighted, practice shooting in hunting situations at various yardages. Shoot over your pack, a rock, leaning up against a tree, off hand, etc. If you have to search for your target with a scope, practice until your scope is automatically on target when your eye first looks through it. Sometimes getting that trophy of a lifetime comes down to reacting correctly in a few seconds. **Be prepared!** Archery hunters should practice in field situations also.

## Bow and Arrow Selection

Select a bow that is quiet and one that you shoot comfortably and accurately. In elk hunting, penetration is right behind arrow placement in importance. Go for kinetic energy over speed. Simplicity and durability can be helpful in our rugged hunting situations. The less you have to go wrong, the less will go wrong. **Archery hunters must show certification of an archery safety course or proof of holding an archery license in another state or province in order to obtain a Montana Archery Stamp.**

## Prices and Dates

Prices shown per hunter are based on a 2:1 Guide Ratio, 1:1 hunts are an additional \$1,000. Our prices include 6 days of hunting, a guide, transportation to and from the airport, lodging, food, field care of meat, cape, and antlers. There is a **March 15th deadline in Montana to draw for all deer and elk licenses.** The deer license can be used on either a mule deer or a whitetail deer. Not included: Shipping costs and taxidermy. Licenses may still be available after March 15th, inquire.

Archery Elk Only.....	\$4000 per hunter
Archery Elk, and Deer.....	\$4000 per hunter
Rifle Elk Only.....	\$4000 per hunter
Rifle Elk and Deer.....	\$4000 per hunter
Rifle Deer Only.....	\$4000 per hunter
Moose, Sheep, Goat, and Lion (special permit).....	\$6000 per hunter
Wilderness Hunt Elk and Deer (minimum 2 hunters).....	\$5500 per hunter
Unguided Hunt Elk and Deer.....	\$1250 per hunter

\*hunters must draw their license, you can apply for you license by going to: [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov)

## Season Dates

<u>Archery Hunt Dates</u> 2012	<u>Rifle Hunt Dates</u> 2012	<u>Archery Hunt Dates</u> 2013	<u>Rifle Hunt Dates</u> 2013
September 1-6	October 20-25	September 7-12	October 26-31
September 8-13	October 27-Nov. 1	September 14-19	November 2-7
September 15-20	November 3-8	September 21-26	November 9-14
September 22-27	November 10-15	September 28-Oct. 3	November 16-21
	November 17-22		November 23-28

The Fish Wildlife and Parks has released the big game license prices for the 2012 season.

Nonresident Elk and Deer Big Game Combination price will be \$944.

Nonresident Elk Only price will be \$794.

Nonresident Deer only combination (good for whitetail or mule deer) will be \$561.

These licenses must be drawn. However, we are anticipating a very high success rate for the drawing. The good news for nonresident hunters is that the license prices are considerably less than the previous outfitter guaranteed license system and last year the draw was 100% successful. Licenses are sometimes available after March 15. Call or e-mail for info.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about applying for your license.

## Booking, Reservation, and Cancellations

Book early for the most available hunting dates. A 50% deposit is required to reserve a hunt. If you don't draw a license you have the option of rolling over the deposit or a refund. All other deposit refunds will be handled on a case by case basis.

## Transportation to the lodge

We transport our guests from Spokane, Washington as a part of our service, Our guests who choose to use our airport transportation are required to fly into Spokane on Thursday. They will be met at the Ramada between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. PST on Friday. Guests will be returned to the airport no later than 10:30 a.m. PST on the day following the hunt. If you need to make other arrangements there will be an additional \$250.00 charge for extra trips, or you may choose to rent a vehicle. People who rent vehicles or drive their own vehicles to the lodge should arrive at the lodge between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. MST on the day before the hunt starts. Special draw hunters will need to contact us to make the flight arrangements. To make your reservation call the Ramada at (509) 838-5211. Use code LWC3 to get a discount. Unguided guests will need to provide their own transportation to the lodge and throughout the hunt.

## Hunter References

Glenn McKay Vicksburg, MS (601) 636-7979	Paul Nigro New York, NY (917) 847-8967	Mike Slugg Fairfax Station, VA (703) 690-2318	Brad Kooiman Sioux Falls, SD (605) 332- 4310	Ken Daniels Knoxville, TN (865) 368-8910
Sean Ryan Sussex, NJ (973) 875-0125	Rich Guiney Linesville, PA (814) 683-5215	Tustin Swift Cuba, NY (585) 968-2173	Steve Brinkley Crimora, VA (540) 249-4860	John Douville New Berlin, WI (262) 827-0464
Peter Glista McLean, Va (703) 918-9809	Gordon Sammis Flummington, NJ (908) 872-8721	Eric Staffirny Milford, PA (570) 296-7279	Christian Fenex Palm City, FL (772) 260-1520	Shawn McMullins Hastings, PA (814) 207-8454
Ed Walters Pensecola, FL (813) 335-1219	John Bell Mt. Vision, NY (607) 433-4665			

## Unguided Hunts

The price includes good food, lodging in a modern cabin, information, and more country than you can hunt. We will have US Forest Service maps available for sale. We recommend bringing your own equipment, but we will have limited tree stands and blinds that can be rented. Guides and meat packers can be hired by day when available. \$1,250 per person. A separate equipment list will be provided upon request.

## Rifle and Scope Selection

Accuracy is paramount. Use a rifle that you shoot well. Although large magnums do offer some advantages, it is not necessary to purchase one for your hunt. A 30-06 is adequate for elk and deer. A 270 is adequate for deer. Synthetic or laminate stocks work the best in our wet climate. Rifle scopes can be turned down to 4 power or less. See-through type scope covers are best. Don't ever buy cheap scopes. They can ruin an expensive hunt.

**Ammo:** Bring one load. If you hand load, choose a proven big game bullet. We use Nosler partition.

## **How to Book a Hunt**

**Reservations are subject to availability. If you are a large party, booking early ensures you will get your desired hunting dates.**

**Step 1:** Call (406) 847-2279 and check for availability and then send a deposit for 50% of your hunt. Make deposit in the form of check or money order to Montana High Country Outfitters and mail to 345 Pilgrim Creek Rd., Noxon, MT 59853. We will mail a receipt to confirm.

**Step 2:** We will mail you an agreement contract to sign and mail back to us.

**Step 3:** Go to [www.fwp.mt.gov](http://www.fwp.mt.gov) to download a big game license application. The deadline for elk and deer licenses is March 15th. If you plan to hunt **the license deadline for Montana is March 15th. If you plan to hunt the current calendar year, your paperwork must be turned in before March 15th.**

**Step 4:** Fully guided guests make airline reservations, and one night motel reservations, if you plan to fly instead of drive. Our clients should fly into Spokane, Washington the Thursday preceding their scheduled hunt dates. You will stay one night. We will pick you up on Friday, and return you to the airport the following Friday for your flight home. We will provide directions for those who drive if needed.

### **Include reservation information with your deposit**

Name, Company Name, Address, Email, Phone Number, Desired Hunt Dates  
Number of hunters in your party, Name of other hunters in your party.

**Address for Deposits:** Montana High Country Outfitters LLC,  
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## **Equipment List**

If you will be walking a lot, I recommend leather/Gortex boots with light thinsulate. If you will be stand hunting, you may want to bring some heavier insulated boots as well. The soles should be air bobs, lugs, or some other aggressive tread. As far as clothing, I use polar fleece and microtex with dry plus. Wool and thinsulate clothing tends to be too warm when walking. Most camo patterns will work fine with the exception of desert camo.

In general, the weather is warm during the fall archery season. Rifle season temperatures can vary from -20°F to +80°F, although it is usually mild and wet.

The main consideration in clothing, other than comfort, is the noise factor. Noisy fabrics will cost you opportunities at game. A fluorescent orange vest (minimum 400 sq. inches) is also required for safety.

### **Checklist**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of hunting boot  | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic first aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Game calls (optional)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 sets of lightweight camo        | <input type="checkbox"/> Day or waist pack        | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass/GPS         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wool socks              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small flashlight or head lamp     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ear plugs                | <input type="checkbox"/> Slip on shoes       | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 warm shirts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of wool or dry plus pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire starter material    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 set of rain gear  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wool or dry plus jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Scholl's moleskin             | <input type="checkbox"/> Coveralls if sit hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 water bottles     | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra warm gloves or mittens      | <input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rangefinder         | <input type="checkbox"/> Flagging tape           |





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