

## ***Montana Whitetails Licensing & Deposit Information***

***Services Offered:*** Scheduled/reserved hunts are (7) days for archery, (5) days for rifle. Arrive Saturday, depart the following Saturday for archery hunts, Thursday for rifle hunts unless otherwise noted (some combo hunts). Ground transportation between Bozeman, Montana airport (BZN), and the hunting camp, and while hunting, in addition to meals and accommodations (lodging) while at camp, is provided by Montana Whitetails, Inc. (the outfitter).

***Deposit Information/Policy:*** On all hunts a \$1,500.00 advanced deposit is required to hold a reservation. Deposits will be applied towards the cost of the hunt. The deposits of those not granted a license through the general draw would be applied to holding a reservation for the following season or refunded. If you cancel your reservation/hunt, your refund will be non-refundable as we cannot rebook any hunters after the March 15<sup>th</sup> license application deadline to fill your spot.

***License Information:*** Procurement of Montana state licenses, special permits, and tags required for the hunt are the responsibility of the client/hunter. License rates are set by the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks outside the control of Montana Whitetails. License's are available through a drawing. Costs are subject to change outside the control of Montana Whitetails, Inc. Information for obtaining licenses are available through the outfitter, or through the Montana state department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. The hunter provides all hunting gear, including suitable clothing, bows, arrows, firearms, and ammunition. Hunters scheduled during the archery only season must obtain a archery license/permit.

Hunt balances are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> of that years booked hunt. Payments can be made by personal check, money order, cash, or cashiers check. To book the date of your preference, you must book *early*. Applications for Montana big game combination, and deer only licenses, must be received by Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks., Special Licensing, Box 8012, Helena, MT 59604-8012 by no later than *March 15th* in order to be considered guaranteed.

***Deposit/Booking Procedure:*** Once we receive the client/hunters \$1,500.00 deposit for the dates reserved, we send you the hunt contract with receipt of deposit. You must review the hunt contract, sign/date and send one of the 2 copies back to Montana Whitetails, Inc. (all clients will be provided a copy). You must then wait for the application process to begin for your years hunt, (usually in the beginning of February). Applications can be applied for online or paper apps will be sent to all clients with a full deposit. The client/hunter must complete the application and pay the required fee for the license(s) applied for. License application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> for deer and elk, June 1<sup>st</sup> for antelope. We can personally submit your paper application to the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks so you're assured that your application is filled out correctly and received by the department on time.

Airline reservations are best done as early as possible. Especially when booking around Thanksgiving weekend. You will be flying into Bozeman airport (BZN) in Belgrade, just a few miles outside of Bozeman. In choosing your arrival time in Bozeman, we recommend a time between 12:30pm and 2:00pm. Departure times we also recommend around the same time frame between 12:30pm & 2:00pm. We will arrange to pick you up and return you to Bozeman airport after your hunt. Delta & United Airlines have flights arriving @ these times. If an arrangement cannot be made within this time frame, arrive at Bozeman the day before and stay 1 night at the Gran Tree Inn (Best Western) where we have a discount for clients hunting with us. See contact information below.

Gran Tree Inn (Best Western) Phone: 406-587-5261

1325 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Bozeman, MT 59715-2511

You may also arrange a rental at your own expense and enjoy some of the scenic opportunities South Western Montana has to offer during your weeks stay with us. Yellowstone National Park is located just a 1 ½ hour drive South of our lodge and makes for a memorable day trip. Region 3 is also home to nine state parks, including Montana's oldest state park— Lewis and Clark Caverns—and Bannack State Park, which was the site of the first Territorial Capital. Other state parks in this region include Beaver Head Rock, Black Sandy, Clark's Lookout, Elkhorn, Madison Buffalo Jump, Missouri Headwaters, Parker Homestead, and Spring Meadow Lake. More information on these state parks plus other recreational activities to be enjoyed in region 3 can be found on the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks website at [www.fwp.state.mt.us](http://www.fwp.state.mt.us). For car rentals at Bozeman airport, visit [www.gallatinfield.com](http://www.gallatinfield.com) and click on Rental cars/Ground trans. Under airline terminal services and scroll down the list, there are several car rental companies available to you with links to their websites and phone contact information.

**Combo Hunts:** are available and must be acknowledged to the outfitter or agent of Montana Whitetails, Inc. before booking to ensure proper licenses are acquired before deadlines set by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and parks. Cost of additional licenses are the responsibility of the client/hunter. Prices for combo hunts are listed on our website or for special requests, please ask us how we can help you to plan your hunt.

*All fees associated with combo hunts are to be paid in full by the client/hunter before leaving camp.*

**Typical Montana Whitetails, Inc. Trophy Whitetail Deer Hunt**

- *Pick up at Bozeman airport*
- *Arrive at lodge/camp, unpack, prepare, and relax in preparation for the following mornings hunt.*
- *If time permits on that first evening, we will drive you around and show you some of the ranches and plenty of deer.*
- *A well prepared all -you- can eat meal will be made by the cook each evening.*
- *Enjoy good ol' hunting camaraderie and spending a comfortable night with anticipation for each mornings hunt.*
- *Awake early, breakfast is provided for you. Cereal, toast, oatmeal, coffee, pancakes, etc.*
- *Hunter will be dropped off at predetermined stands by 4 wheel drive. Hunters will rearrange pick up times with guide. Walking is minimal unless really wet conditions limit off road travel.*
- *Enjoy a day on a Montana river bottom stand for trophy whitetails!*
- *Dream becomes reality!*

**Camouflage recommendations for river bottom whitetail archery hunters.**

- **September:** *Whitetail hunters should bring anything with a light colored base overlaid with some green if you have any. Most stands are set against cottonwoods and poplars that blend well with light to medium grays as the green leaves definitely give your figure some depth perception. Skyline makes some great early season patterns as well as most of your major camouflage companies.*
- **October:** *This is a good time to stick with just the light to medium gray base and tree branch patterns. Patterns similar to Realtree Hardwood Grey or Natural Gear.*
- **November:** *Anything light in color with an open pattern works best. The more open the better. There are no leaves and all remaining colors are light to medium gray and white when the snow starts flying. If you have some snow camo, it wouldn't hurt to bring it along in addition to your other camouflage just in case.*

**Camouflage recommendations for mule deer, antelope, and elk hunters.**

- **Mule deer & Antelope:** *September and October recommendations are Natural Gear or any of the brush or sage patterns. November would see the same patterns unless there is snow on the ground. Then any snow pattern would work fine. Light colors generally work best all around for this type of hunting.*
- **Elk:** *Again Natural Gear or some ground cover pattern with softer tone open layers work best. You can also get away with some darker patterns while archery hunting in September from the ground as you will probably be setting up adjacent to thicker cover while calling. Snow camo is also recommended during the rifle season if snow is present.*

**Hunter Education:** *: If you were born after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or providence prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the license is for the rifle or archery season.*

**Bow hunters coming during the archery only season** (September through early October): To purchase a bow and arrow license, a hunter must:

- Provide a certificate of completing the National Bow hunter Education Foundation course, or
- Provide any prior year's bow hunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or providence. If you can no longer produce this license, for a \$5 fee you may sign an affidavit stating that you held such a license. The affidavit should be available at most FWP license providers. The affidavit entitles you to purchase a current year's

Montana bow and arrow license.

**Special note to muzzleloader hunters:**

- Must be charged with black powder, pyrodex, or an equivalent
- Must be ignited by a percussion, flintlock, matchlock, or wheel lock mechanism
- Must be a minimum of .45 caliber
- Must only use lead, not sabots

**Meat Care:** You can be assured that your game meat will be properly taken care of. If you intend to take your meat home with you, we can deliver it to a local butcher to prepare it for your journey home. You may also donate the meat to the local butcher to be distributed to different organizations that help feed the hungry. They generally charge a fee for this service to cover processing. We also have local contacts that will take a certain amount of deer from our hunters each year to help feed their families.

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