



Hunting Trip Checklist

Clothes & Footwear

- ☐ **Hunting Apparel** — Choose camo or neutral colors that blend with the environment. These clothes should be durable and designed for rugged outdoor conditions.
- ☐ **Base Layer (Top & Bottoms)** — Thermal or moisture-wicking base layers help regulate your body temperature and keep you dry. Choose materials like merino wool or synthetic blends that wick sweat away from the skin.
- ☐ **Fleece or Sweater** — A mid-layer such as fleece provides insulation and retains heat. Look for materials that are warm but lightweight, as you'll want freedom of movement while hunting.
- ☐ **Shirts/Pants/Casual Clothes** — Comfortable, casual clothes are essential for downtime. Opt for items that are easy to layer, especially if the weather is variable.
- ☐ **Insulated Rubber Boots** — Waterproof boots with insulation are a must, especially for wetlands or cold, early mornings. Make sure they are broken in to avoid blisters and discomfort.
- ☐ **Wool Socks** — Wool is an excellent insulator and remains warm even when wet. Pack multiple pairs for multi-day use.
- ☐ **Wool Hat** — A wool hat keeps your head warm during cold mornings and helps you retain body heat. Look for one that covers your ears for added warmth.
- ☐ **Hunting Pants or Bibs** — Waterproof hunting pants or bibs protect you from wet and muddy conditions. Opt for durable, breathable materials to stay comfortable throughout the day.
- ☐ **Hunting Jacket** — A high-quality waterproof jacket keeps you dry in rain and snow. Look for one with plenty of pockets for easy access to gear.
- ☐ **Gloves** — Insulated gloves are essential for warmth and protection, especially when handling equipment in cold weather. Consider bringing an extra pair in case one gets wet.
- ☐ **Hat with Brim** — A hat with a brim helps shield your face from sun and rain, keeping your vision clear when aiming.
- ☐ **Facemask** — A facemask can help with warmth and concealment. Some hunters also use it to reduce scent, adding an extra level of stealth.
- ☐ **White Coveralls (if Snow Goose Hunting)** — White coveralls help you blend in with the snowy landscape during snow goose hunts. They're easy to put on over your gear.

Hunting Accessories

- ☐ **Flashlight & Headlamp** — Essential for early morning or late evening setups, a headlamp allows hands-free lighting while setting up or packing up gear.
- ☐ **Hunting Knife** — A versatile knife is useful for field dressing and other tasks. Choose one with a sharp, durable blade that can withstand heavy use.
- ☐ **Work Gloves** — Work gloves provide additional protection for handling decoys, blinds, and other equipment. Look for gloves with a good grip that are durable yet comfortable.
- ☐ **Sunglasses** — Polarized sunglasses reduce glare and help you see clearly in bright conditions. They're also helpful for eye protection during shooting.

Firearms

- ☐ **Shotgun** — A reliable shotgun is essential for waterfowl hunting. Ensure it's compatible with the ammunition you plan to bring and is cleaned and prepared for the trip.
- ☐ **2-3 Cases of BB and 2 Shot Shells** — Having plenty of ammunition is crucial, so bring enough to last the entire trip. BB and #2 shot are common choices for geese, but verify local regulations and recommendations.
- ☐ **Travel Gun Case** — A durable, lockable case protects your firearm during travel. If you're flying, check airline regulations on firearm transportation.
- ☐ **Gear Bag** — A waterproof, sturdy gear bag keeps all your essentials organized and protected. Look for one with multiple compartments for easier access.

Miscellaneous/Optional

- ☐ **Binoculars** — Useful for scouting and spotting birds from a distance, helping you plan your approach and adjust as necessary.
- ☐ **Day Pack** — Great for carrying extra gear, snacks, and other essentials during each hunt. Opt for a lightweight, waterproof model.
- ☐ **Personal Toiletries** — Bring toiletries for your comfort, especially if you're staying at the lodge for multiple days. Include items like toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and any other personal care essentials.
- ☐ **Cooler for Birds** — A cooler keeps your game fresh and is ideal for transporting it home. Ensure it's large enough to hold the birds you plan to harvest.
- ☐ **Ziplock Bags for Birds** — Use ziplock bags for storing individual birds or parts. They're especially useful if you plan to process your game before transport.

Forms, Documents & Licenses

- ☐ **Passport (if traveling from outside Canada)** — If you're an international visitor, ensure your passport is valid and accessible. Check for any entry requirements specific to your nationality.
- ☐ **CAFC 909 Form – Gun Declaration** — This form is necessary if you're bringing firearms into Canada. Complete it in advance to streamline the border crossing process. Ensure you understand Canadian firearm regulations for a hassle-free experience.