

## **WATERFOWL HUNT**

### **Packing List**

- chest waders (optional)
- camouflage clothing for your bird hunt
- a complete camo face mask
- 1 pair of easy-on/off camp slippers (with rubber bottoms). We have a muddy boots-off policy in all our buildings & these slippers will make your building-to-building travel easy
- 1 pair of long underwear
- several shirts and undershirts
- a coat &/or extra sweatshirt for cool evenings
- 1 fresh set of travelling clothes for the trip home
- camo rain suit or poncho
- 1 pair of warm mitts or gloves (water repellent)
- 1 pair of waterproof hunting boots (knee-high rubber boots are best)
- 1 hat/beanie for cool rides on boats & ATVs (we have available for purchase at lodge)
- Personal toiletries, toothbrush/paste, shaving kit, etc.
- extra duffel bag/cooler for transporting meat &/or trophies (only if you are driving &/or want to bring your own, we sell soft-sided cooler totes for transport)
- head lamp for morning set up & brushing in blinds, replacement batteries
- blind bag or backpack (to fit snacks, sweatshirt & gloves)
- sunglasses, sunscreen, chapstick

### **Required Hunting clothing/equipment**

- A soft case for transporting your gun from camp to the field.

### **\*USD CASH\***

Bring enough **USD** cash to cover tips. We can accept cash, checks and credit cards (3% fee) for merchandise but **please** bring USD cash for your gratuity.

### **The Truth About Tipping/Gratuity**

Tipping is one of the least understood aspects of a guided hunt & can be the most awkward to discuss or ask about so we created some guidelines/tips to better understand the tipping process.

- Camp minimum/average is 10% of your total hunt (per hunter).
  - 10% = Good hunt
  - 15% = Great hunt
  - 20% + = Hunt of a lifetime
- Tips should be paid in USD cash directly to Emily/Lance so that they may allocate it to your guides, the Chef and the Bird Spotter. Feel free to go above and beyond the 10% minimum and give tips directly to your guide or Chef. (The Chef works hard to make sure food is delicious- how much would you tip at a restaurant?)
- As owners, we do not take any tips from this amount as we know our staff works hard for their tips and want to reward them to the fullest extent.
- If you had the hunt of your lifetime; hunt/stay experience was over and above your expectations, fishing, etc. please tip accordingly!



- Tips should be forthcoming whether or not any animals were taken-provided the guide did his/her best to find said animals. It isn't the guide's fault if it is a slow hunting week.
- If you tip lower than is customary, we take it to mean you are unhappy with your experience and do not plan to re-book with us.

### **Passports**

**ALL VISITORS TO CANADA HAVE TO HAVE A VALID PASSPORT. HAVE YOUR PASSPORT WITH YOU WHEN YOU GET TO THE AIRPORT AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO BRING INTO CANADA MORE ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAN YOU ARE ALLOWED.**

**IF YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD, EVEN A DUI, YOU MAY BE REFUSED ENTRY. IF SO CONTACT CANADA BORDER CROSSING SERVICES 1-800-438-7020 OR VISIT <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage>**

### **Guns, Ammunition, Hunting laws & Regulations**

- Handguns are illegal. Don't bring them!
- Declare all firearms to a border services officer with your 'Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form' when you arrive at the border and answer all questions truthfully.
- Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form (form RCMP 5589) is required along with a nominal fee.
  - The declaration form should be filled out prior to arrival at the point of entry, in order to save time.

However, it ***should not be signed*** before arriving at the entry point, as a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) customs officer must witness the signature.

- Once the declaration has been confirmed by the CBSA customs officer, it acts as a licence for the owner and it is valid for 60 days.
- If you are interested in pre-processing your firearm prior to entering Canada as a non-resident hunter, contact your local CBSA. It is advisable to start the process early.
- Note: Muzzleloader hunters cannot fly with black powder. You can buy it at Cabelas/local Co-op

### **Hotels**

Typically our waterfowl hunters plan their travels to stay in Saskatoon or Edmonton a night prior to arrival and a night after your departure.

If your travel plans involve a stay in Saskatoon we would recommend the following properties.

- The Saskatoon Inn (306) 242-1440 [www.saskatoon.com](http://www.saskatoon.com)
- The Sandman Hotel (306) 477-4844 [www.sandmanhotels.com](http://www.sandmanhotels.com)
- Travelodge 1-800-255-3050 or (306) 242-8881 [www.travelodgesaskatoon.com](http://www.travelodgesaskatoon.com)

\*Ask for their outfitter rate under the name of 'Safari River/Goose Haven'

These hotels are hunter friendly & provide freezer space for travel home

### **Flights**

You can fly into:

- **Saskatoon Airport YXE**- John G. Diefenbaker International Airport (approx 3 hours & 30 min from lodge)
- **Edmonton International Airport YEG** (approx 5 hours from lodge)
- Meadow Lake Airport YLJ (Personal planes only) (approx 30 min from lodge)
- It is a good idea to confirm your flight the night before your departure. This can usually be done online or by phone.



### **Getting to Camp (Car Rentals)**

You can rent a vehicle from any car rental agency at the airport and drive to camp. Remember when talking to these agencies the currency will be in Canadian \$. We recommend the following out of Saskatoon:

- Easy Auto Rental (639) 471-4669
- Budget (306) 244-7925

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### **Dogs**

If you are thinking of bringing up a dog please contact us beforehand. We will plan accordingly if you'd like to have your dog retrieve on hunts. We will most likely have dogs in camp & just want to ensure they will get along. We have a dog-friendly set-up with a Gunner Kennels brand crate, dog dishes & beds, etc.

### **Beverages**

Safari River Outdoors does NOT provide alcohol for clients. We provide water, coffee, tea, orange/apple juice & a punch/juice for dinner. We suggest purchasing alcoholic beverages in Saskatoon/Edmonton or locally at the SLGA liquor store in Meadow Lake and local supermarket for your mixers.

### **Fishing**

Targeting Walleye & Northern Pike

If you are going to do some fishing we have the gear to do so. Please remember that fishing is a bonus for you. For an additional cost/lure & tackle donations, we can provide gear, bait and license for bank fishing. For a guided fishing trip (minimum 2 people), contact us ahead of time. The cost to add guided fishing to your trip is \$300 USD per person, per day.

Fishing licenses (available at the lodge)

1 day= \$25 USD

3 day= \$50 USD

Annual= \$100 USD

Fish cleaning= \$5 USD per fish (includes filleting, bagging & labeling for travel/border crossing)

### **Cell Phones & Internet**

We have cell coverage/a cell booster at the lodge and in over half of our hunting spots & wi-fi at the lodge.

### **On your travel day: What to expect**

Please stay in contact with us on your travel day. Feel free to text us at Emily's cell: (207) 576-6034.

We like to be prepared for your arrival with appetizers/a hot meal, help you settle in, etc.

### **Re-booking**

We offer first-refusal to all returning clients for their returning date the following year. Please let us know ASAP if you would like to return for the following year. We can get an invoice generated and collect a deposit to lock in your spot. If you fail to get back to us and do not have a deposit down, we will begin to contact people on our waiting lists. Please understand in most circumstances we have a waiting list and once your spot is given away, *they* now have first refusal to return the consecutive year. We will do our best to get you back in as you, as a returning client, have higher precedence than a new inquiry.