

# Ultralight Gear List



Hunt Type: 10-Day Back Pack Goat Hunt

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Gear! Our favorite part of preparing for a hunt. We get asked all the time what kind of gear the professionals at Bolen Lewis choose, that's why we have made this gear list very specific for many of the items. Are there other Brands and Models that will work? Yes, but we live and work in one of the toughest pieces of earth on the planet, and we rely on our gear to see us through to the next hunt. We know better than anyone what works in our country. Your gear can make or break your hunt. It can turn a good experience into a nightmare. Please follow the list closely. If you substitute one of our recommendations for another, make sure it is with a piece of gear with similar function and specs.

One more thing, if it's not on the list you don't need it! It will only be dead weight in your pack. Many of you have not backpacked before, or if you have, it hasn't been in the mountains on the Northern Coast of British Columbia, so heed this advice.

Good Luck and Have fun!

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## Pack and Sleep System

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Your pack and sleep system are very important pieces of gear. Your pack must be fitted to your body to maximize comfort. All high end packs come in different sizes for back length and hip size so just ordering a pack from Amazon will not necessarily work. The same goes for your sleeping bag, they come in different lengths and cuts. A tightly cut bag will be warmer and lighter, but may not be as comfortable for some. Down or Synthetic? Think about all these things before making your purchase.

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
1	Back Pack	KUIU - PRO 7800/6000	Your pack is one of the most important pieces of gear for this hunt. We are all built a little different so you want to make sure your pack fits you correctly (hip belt, frame length, etc). The new Pro 7800/6000 was completely redesigned last year. Kuiu sought advice from some top outfitters and hunters and there team nailed it! With redesigned bag configurations and frame geometry this pack is tough as nails, will haul massive loads and has been well tested in our outfit! We encourage you to try on and find what size fits you best. If you decide to bring a different pack, it needs to be 6000 cubic inches minimum. <b>Do not bring a daypack!</b>

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
1	Rain Cover	KUIU - Pack Cover	The pack cover is a must have to keep your gear dry.
1	Sleeping Bag	KUIU - Super Down Bag   15 degree/0 degree.	Down or Synthetic? Well, that used to be the question. Now, with the advent of KUIU Super Down, you get the weight and packability of down with the weather-resistance of synthetic. The 15 deg bag should be good for your hunt but if you are hunting in Oct or sleep cold you may prefer the 0 deg bag.  If you decide on a traditional down bag, we suggest a micro-bivy sack to put around it for extra weather protection. You should strive to buy a bag that weighs less than 3 pounds.
1	Tent	Outfitter Provided	What tents do we use? We use top of the line tents! The Kuiu Stormstar has been bomber for us on the coast!
1	Waterproof Compression Bag	OUTDOOR RESEARCH - Airpurge Dry Compression Sack	What tents do we use? We use top of the line tents! The Kuiu Stormstar has been bomber for us on the coast!
1	Sleeping Pad	Exped- SynMat UL  Klymit- Insulated Static V	At 16.2 oz. this is a lightweight pad and it's comfortable too! This style of pad can be more comfortable for side sleepers or people who get sore shoulders when they sleep. Their inflation system is cool too! Order appropriate size  At 16.2 oz. this is a lightweight pad and it's comfortable too! This style of pad can be more comfortable for side sleepers or people who get sore shoulders when they sleep. Their inflation system is cool too! Order appropriate size

## Boot and Clothing System

Perhaps there is not a hunt you can go on (OK maybe Polar Bear!) where your boots and clothing play a more important role than a backpack goat hunt in the Coast Mountains. We can have the most inhospitable weather at times and your clothing can truly increase your comfort level and in turn your chances of success. Pay particular attention to your boots and rain gear, besides a dry sleeping bag and properly fitted pack they are the most important piece of gear on your trip. I repeat boots and rain gear.

Your guide will judge you by your boots! Show up with Rocky boots and the guides will know you weren't serious about killing a goat! If you bring a poorly fitted or ill-functioning pair of boots don't bother coming. Is that too harsh? We have seen more hunts fail to a poorly fitted pair of boots than any other reason combined. We believe so strongly in the Lathrop and Sons 3D Mapping and Custom Hunting Boot System that they are the only boots Spike, Allen and Dave will trust in the Mountains. Don't compromise on boots!

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
2	Underwear	Icebreaker - Merino Wool Boxer Brief or comparable	We're talking about your skivvies here. Merino wool is naturally anti-microbial, odor resistant and moisture wicking to keep those extended trips more tolerable.
1	Base Layer Bottom	KUIU - Ultra Merino 145 Zip-off Bottom or comparable	The 145 bottoms are comfy next to the skin, naturally anti-microbial, odor resistant and moisture wicking. The zip-off function is pretty cool! As we get into October the 210 weight becomes a good option.
2	Base Layer Top	KUIU - Ultra Merino 145 Zip-T or comparable	The 145 are comfy next to the skin, naturally anti-microbial, odor resistant and moisture wicking. We are a big fan of Merino Wool base layers.
1	Mid Layer Top	KUIU - Peloton 240 Full Zip Hoodie	This mid layer is a personal favorite. Very functional for layering or as an outer over your base layers.
2	Pant	KUIU - Attack or Axis Hybrid pant	The Attack pant are a highly durable, quick drying pant. You may not carry 2 pairs with you, but you may be happy you have a second pair in base camp. For hunts running into or close to October the Axis Hybrid may be the pant of choice.
1	Vest	KUIU - Guide DCS Vest	This is a versatile piece of clothing. It can be worn underneath outerwear or as a stand-alone windproof outer. Vest is optional and left up to personal preference.
1	Insulation	KUIU - Super Down Ultra or Super Down Pro Hooded	Soft shell jackets are very wind and weather resistant. They are designed for heavy winds and bad weather. Tough as nails climbing threw the coastal brush as well! The new Axis line has Waterproof materials in just the right spots!
1	Soft Shell Jacket	KUIU - Guides Jacket or Axis Hybrid Jacket	We live and hunt in a wickedly wet part of the world. Your rain gear is one of the most important pieces of gear you will bring. The Chugach NX jacket has proven itself very effective in the coast mountains. It is the most waterproof and breathable fabric we have ever tested, and we have tested all the major brands. The Kutana line is new but 2 of our guides have tested it and big thumbs up. This could be the future!
1	Rain Jacket and Rain Pants	KUIU - Chugach NX Jacket or Kutana Storm Shell	We live and hunt in a wickedly wet part of the world. Your rain gear is one of the most important pieces of gear you will bring. The Chugach NX jacket has proven itself very effective in the coast mountains. It is the most waterproof and breathable fabric we have ever tested, and we have tested all the major brands. The Kutana line is new but 2 of our guides have tested it and big thumbs up. This could be the future!
1	Water Proof Gloves (insulated)	KUIU - Yukon Pro Glove or Northstar Glove and Super Down Glassing Glomitt	These are waterproof and warm. Even Early in the year it can get wet and cold feeling. The glassing Glomitt is recommended on hunts later than mid-Sept weather depending.
1	Utility glove	KUIU - Guide Glove or Axis Glove	This type of glove is for every-day use while hiking and stalking. Save the waterproof gloves for wet weather or camp.
1	Gaiters	KUIU - Yukon Gator	Gators are an important part of your wet weather system. Even the best boots will get wet inside without good gators. Gators are most effective if worn under you rain pants.

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1	Head Gear	KUIU - Guide Beanie/ Peloton 240 Beanie Ultra Merino Neck Gaiter	When the weather gets nasty a Beanie is an essential part of your equipment.
1	Brimmed Hat	Hunter Preference	Do you have a lucky hunting hat? Bring what you like to hunt in.
4	Socks	Darn Tough or comparable	Bring 4 pairs of Merino wool hiking socks. There are many good brands, just make sure they are Merino for odor resistance. Darn Tough or Kuiu Ultra Merino are a great options.
4	Sock Liner option	KUIU - Peloton 240 Full Zip Hoodie	Sock liners are optional. Not everyone wears them, but they can aid in moisture removal and blister control.
1	Hiking boots	LATHROP AND SONS-  Mountain Hunter or Mountain Hunter Elite	If you happened to miss the intro to the Boot and Clothing Section, you should go back and read it. In our mountains, there is no more important piece of gear than your boots. There are many great boots on the market we as mountain hunters have seen or read about, the problem is that we see too many ill-fitted boots causing pain, blisters and sometimes injury. We have seen many hunters sidelined in our terrain when their feet give out. We believe very strongly that the Lathrop and Sons Custom Boot System is the answer! L&S takes boot fitting to the next level giving yourself the best chance for a safe successful hunt. I encourage any hunter to call them and set up a consultation. If you are reading this because you have booked a hunt with us give Spike or Dave a call and we will personally set up a consultation for you to talk about 3D Mapping, Boot Systems and training shoe options. You will be blown away with what you learn!
1	Dry Bag	KUIU - XL Dry bag	This dry bag is large enough to keep all your extra clothes secure and dry. Don't take any chances always have your extra dry clothes protected.

## Bow Gear

We get asked constantly what kind of bow equipment we use personally. In this list I will list what we personally use. Why do we use this gear? Because we believe this gear to be the toughest made. We have two main requirements for our gear at Bolen Lewis, it must be bulletproof tough and functional. We have said before that we live in a rugged harsh part of the world. We want to be able to beat the hell out of our equipment for ten days straight, see that trophy animal and draw back with confidence. We have seen and looked at it all and this is what we use.

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
1	Bow	HOYT - Carbon Redwrx RX-4/ Ultra. Spare bow is optional. It can be left at base camp and flown in if needed.	Hoyts are incredibly tough and smooth to shoot. You can even run this sucker over with a truck and keep hunting (ask Allen he has done it!) The new ZTR Cam has a smooth draw and the new integrated draw stop has a super solid wall. We are excited about this new bow. We have decided to try and shoot the Ultra this year for a stable platform for Hunting and 3D.

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
18	Arrows	GOLD TIP - Airstrike	We started using these arrows last year with outstanding success. They are tough, shoot well, and get great penetration. Use these with the Gold Tip outsert so you can run normal sized broadheads. The outsert increases the strength and FOC of this setup as well for an incredibly hard hitting stable arrow.
1	Sight	HHA - Tetra Max Dove-tail 4 Pin www.hhasports.com	We made the switch to HHA early last year and are we glad we did! We haven't been this excited about a sight in many years. These are incredibly bombproof with awesome features. We love the dial for quick and accurate yardage acquisition. Sighting in and sight tapes are the easiest process in the business. No more complicated computer programs. Check out a video and see for yourself! The Tetra combines the toughness you need in our mountains with the precision that any situation requires from fur to foam or paper! 100 % USA made, this company has an incredible history of quality and customer service, you will not be disappointed with this sight whether you are hunting with Bolen Lewis or elsewhere. Outfitter Tips: The Dovetail will allow you to remove from your bow and protect in your pack on rugged climbs! Level your 3rd axis and learn to use you bubble (level) on every shot. In the mountains, the level is absolutely necessary when shooting at angles.
12	Broadheads	Grim Reaper - Carni-Four 4-blade or Pro 3-blade	Fuse makes some great quivers to suite all your personal preferences. Fixed, removable, it's up to you.
1	Quiver	Fuse	This is an incredible stabilizer system. When coupled with the Bee Stinger Side Bar Adjustable elite and side bar you can totally balance your bow to offset the weight of your sight and quiver.
1	Stabilizer	Bee Stinger - Microhex Hunting with sidebar.	This is an incredible stabilizer system. When coupled with the Bee Stinger Side Bar Adjustable elite and side bar you can totally balance your bow to offset the weight of your sight and quiver.
2	Release	Shooters preference	Shoot what you are comfortable with. We recommend you carry a spare in your pack up on the mountain.
1	Rangefinder	Leupold RX 1600i	You will need an angle compensating rangefinder for goat hunting; and you want to practice with it and trust it. Very rarely do you get flat level shots at these mountain dwellers. Make sure your rangefinder is waterproof and fog proof not just water resistant. The Leupold is the most operable rangefinder in foggy conditions that we've seen, and we have tested all the top models.
1	String Cover	Kuiu - bowsling cover	Lay your bow down and cut your string on a rock and your hunt may be jeopardized. Catch it on the wrong bush and same thing. No matter what string you use it is vulnerable on a hunt like this.
	Tool Kit		Don't go overboard, but it's good to have a few light things: Allen keys, small piece of wax ect.

# Rifle Gear

I know you all have your favorite rifles and ammo. I will list our preferences to answer some of the questions you may have.

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
1	Rifle	MG Arms Ultra Light	We have searched far and wide for a sub 5-pound rifle that performs to our standards. Kerry O'Day at MG Arms has been perfecting the MG Ultra Light for almost 40 years. Low-recoil, a smooth and reliable action, and sub-MOA accuracy make this rifle our choice for an ultralight mountain rifle. This is an affordable custom gun that will last for a life-time of serious mountain hunting. For goats and sheep, we recommend the flat-shooting and hard-hitting 6.5 Creedmore.  www.mgarmsinc.com 281-821-8282
40	Ammo	Hunter Chosen	There are many good ammunition manufactures on the market. We have had extremely good luck with Barnes bullets. Make sure you use a quality bullet and know your ballistics. Bring 20 rounds up the mountain.
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# Hunting Gear and Personals

Lots of little stuff in this list. This is where you can really add a lot of unnecessary weight. You can add twenty pounds of "I'll take this, it doesn't weigh anything"! Follow the list and we won't let that happen.

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
1	Binoculars	Leica - 8x42 2-3 small microfiber lens cloths	Bring a good quality pair of Binoculars; you will spend many hours using them. They may have to endure extreme weather conditions. Leica optics have always performed flawlessly for us in the harshest weather conditions.
1	Bino Harness	KUIU- Bino Harness	We love the Kuiu Bino Harness. Keeps your bins protected and dry in rainy conditions. There are some cool accessories for this harness as well.

#	Function	Brand   Model	Comments
0	Spotting Scope	Guide Provided	You do not need to bring a spotting scope. Your guide will have a high-quality scope and you don't need two on the trip. Save the weight.
2	Trekking Poles	BLACK DIAMOND - Trail Trekking Poles (Aluminum not Carbon)	Bring a pair of Trekking poles. We will teach you how to use them and they will be your best friend. They reduce stress on the legs by up to 30% and make you surer footed. Black Diamond with the double flicklock adjustments are extremely tough and reliable.
1	Camera	Phone	If you have a newer iphone or Samsung using your phone as your camera is a no brainer! Save the weight and use your phone.
1	Headlamp	FENIX - HL30	We have had great luck and durability with Fenix headlamps. Make sure this is always with you. This is an amazing little light at a very good price. Bring a spare set of batteries.
1	Water Bladder or Bottle	Nalgene Wide-mouth 1 liter Camelback 2-3 liter	Camelback or Nalgene bottle, it's your choice. Make sure your choice is at least 1 liter. There is no shortage of water in our area. Bringing both a Camelback and a Nalgene is not a bad idea.
1	GPS/Satellite communicator	Garmin InReach Explorer+	The communication game has changed big time in the last few years. The InReach is the ticket for now. GPS and 2-Way texting and SOS functions all in one. Your guide will have one in camp for emergencies but if you need to communicate frequently please bring your own.
1	Knife	Havalon - Piranta and extra blades or comparable	You need one small utility knife with you. The Piranta is great for backpack hunts. Bring extra blades and you don't need a sharpener.
1	Sunglasses	Hunters Choice	With all this talk of crap weather, yes it can get nice and your eyes will suffer if you don't have sunglasses.
1	Mosquito Head Net	SEA TO SUMMIT	The bugs can be bad at times. This is a must have.
1	Bug Dope		One small bottle.
1	Watch	Optional	One small bottle.
20	Wet wipes		Put 20 or so wet wipes in a Ziploc. It feels nice to freshen up every day. Some hunters dry them first to save weight.
	Extra Batteries		Extra batteries for headlamp, range finder, ect.
1	Battery Pack portable USB charger	Anker - 10,000 mha	You can find these on Amazon for \$31. Light 6.4 oz. and powerful. 10,000 mha would be minimum or bring 2 if you use lots of juice on your phone or InReach.
	Entertainment	Phone or paper-back book	When the weather keeps you in the tent, you will be happy for the entertainment. Audio books, movies or books can be a fun way to pass the time. Highly recommended. Don't forget headphones.

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1	Toilet Paper/Wet Wipes		1 roll of toilet paper. Wet wipes can make a big difference to your comfort out in the field!
	Ear Plugs		These can help you sleep in a storm or if you have a snoring guide.
1	Toothbrush, Paste and Floss		Small tube of toothpaste and brush of choice. We have been known to cut the handle of our brush off.
	First Aid Kit		Your guide will be equipped with some first aid equipment. You don't need much. If you require anything for blister control, please bring that (we have found a roll of white cloth athletic tape to work very well for blisters.) Lip Balm is also nice to have if you need it.
	Personal Medication		Ibuprofen, ect. Please discuss any health issues with your guide before the hunt.
	Duct tape		A small amount can be useful for many things. Peel a stretch off the roll and roll it up on itself. You don't need the whole roll.
	Food	Outfitter Provided	Mountain House, Assorted Energy Bars, Trail Mix and Oatmeal
	Cooking Stove	Outfitter Provided	We use MSR or Jetboil stoves.
	Cooking Utensils	Outfitter Provided	
	Water Purification	Outfitter Provided	This is part of your guide's standard gear.
	Fire Starter	Outfitter Provided	It is next to impossible to light a fire in our country. Your guide will have lighters in his gear for lighting the camp stove.
	Rope	Outfitter Provided	This is part of your guide's standard gear.
	Bone Saw	Outfitter Provided	This is part of your guide's standard gear.