



Wilderness Camps

General Information

We hunt both the early and general seasons for rifle. Our early season camps are at Strawberry Creek and Big River Meadows. These camps are in elk and deer District 150 in the Flathead National Forest. Both camps are in the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, which is home to one of Montana's largest big game herds. Our late season camp is on the South Fork of the Two Medicine River in elk and deer District 415 in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. This area is a narrow strip of country between the Bob Marshall Great Bear Wildernesses and Glacier National Park. All backcountry camps are accessed by horseback and pack mule train. Our camps are clean, efficient, and well equipped to support a true wilderness hunt.

Early Season Wilderness Camps:

Strawberry Creek Camp

This is a beautiful camp located at the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River on Strawberry Creek. We use this camp for our early season guided and unguided hunts in September and October. It is approximately a 7½-hour ride from the nearest trailhead. This camp is nestled below the Continental Divide which loops around it to the north and east. Upper Strawberry Creek burned in 2017, and as a result the area is quite a bit more open with substantially improved feed. The elk and deer will spend considerable time in the burned areas unless the daytime temps get too hot. This camp is at about 6,000 feet of elevation and is accessed via Badger Pass to the north at 7,500 feet. We can get snow any time in this country but it rarely accumulates until we get into October.

Gateway Gorge Camp

This camp is on another tributary of the Middle Fork of the Flathead River on Gateway Creek. Big River Meadows is an impressive open meadow nearby. We use this camp as our primary early season guided hunting camp in September and October. It is approximately a 7-hour ride from the nearest trailhead. Strategically located between bottomland timber and open slopes of the Continental Divide, this camp has quick access to prime elk and mule deer country. This camp is nestled below the Divide to the East and South, and offers a wide variety of habitat to hunt. We have a mix of high open ridges, timbered bottoms, as well as older (20 yrs) burned areas to the west. This camp is at about 6,200 feet of elevation and is accessed via Gateway Pass to the south at 6,500 feet. We can get snow any time in this country but it rarely accumulates until we get into October.

Late Season Wilderness Camp:

Two Medicine River Camp

This camp is located on the South Fork of the Two Medicine River. It is approximately a 2-hour ride from the nearest trailhead. It is our late season guided camp. Our close proximity to Glacier National Park allows us to hunt the residential elk herds as well as some elk migrating out of the park to their wintering grounds. The valley is covered intermittently by open hillsides and dense timber in the bottomland as well as quite a bit of area opened by fire burn 16 years ago. We use this camp for our

late (general) season guided hunts in late October and early November. By November, we can usually count on snow at this camp. This camp is accessed via the Two Medicine River, and we essentially ride up it the entire way to camp. It is a very gradual grade with multiple river crossings.

Big Game: Elk • Mule Deer • Black Bear • Wolf

In our early season camps, the principle game we pursue are elk (wapiti) and mule deer. Black bear are also common in the early camps. We encourage our hunters to have the elk-deer combination licenses. There are few whitetail deer in the mountains.

In our late season camp black bear hunting is possible depending on weather and we have gotten some nice bear. However, the weather has a crucial role in black bear hunting in our late season camp. If the snow and cold quickly hit, the bears will hibernate by the first week of November.



Number of Hunters in Camp

We typically limit the size of the early season camps to four hunters per trip. Camps of this size are consistent with the quality of hunt we provide. We are fortunate that our hunting areas are strategically located such that we can disperse hunters widely into quality areas. We will gladly accommodate hunting parties smaller than six. There is no extra charge for small groups. We will also take single hunters in the guided camps. If multiple, independent groups want the same hunt, we may choose at our discretion to combine them in the same camp. Unguided and guided hunts are not mixed, but we may choose to fill hunts up to the maximum capacity.

We typically limit the size of the general season camps to four hunters per trip. However, we do occasionally have up to six in camp. Camps of this size are consistent with the quality of hunt we provide and give us a good chance of getting guys on animals.

Camp and Food

Our commitment to quality and service applies to everything we do. We do not cut corners with equipment, livestock or supplies. We think you would be hard pressed to find a cleaner, more comfortable, more professional camp in the mountains. There is a limit to comfort in the backcountry, but we make every effort to furnish the essentials for a high-quality camp. This includes comfortable cots to keep you off the ground at night, large heated wall tents for sleeping, large tables and benches in a comfortable dining tent, and some of the best food in the mountains. We make it a priority to serve hearty, filling meals. Breakfast and dinner are served in camp. Sack lunches are prepared for the day's hunt away from camp. Meals prepared in camp are complete with lots of meat, fresh vegetables and delightful desserts.

For unguided hunters we recommend a mix of frozen foods to start the hunt with dry goods to finish it out. Without staff in unguided hunts it is not efficient to plan more robust menus.

