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WILDERNESS HUNTING INFORMATION PACKET 2014



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2014 WILDERNESS HUNTING PRICE INFORMATION

**EARLY RIFLE SEASON BIG GAME ELK (priority), DEER, BLACK BEAR, WOLF
\$4500 package deal –Tent camp**

**ARCHERY WILDERNESS BIG GAME ELK (priority), DEER, BLACK BEAR, WOLF
\$4000 package deal -Tent camp**

**GENERAL SEASON WILDERNESS BIG GAME ELK (priority), DEER, BLACK BEAR, WOLF
\$4500 package deal - Tent camp, cabin or lodge
WILDERNESS or PRIVATE LAND HUNT**

BIGHORN SHEEP - \$8000 with a \$5000 trophy fee for bighorn sheep harvest

MOUNTAIN GOAT - \$4300 WOLF - \$3800

MOOSE - \$850 per day BLACK BEAR – Spring \$2500 BISON - \$2500

Hunting Licenses/Permits are not included in the price of the hunt.

(For more information on license & permit prices refer to the General Hunting Information Packet or go online to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, www.fwp.mt.gov.)

Deposit & Payment Policy

A partial deposit of \$1000 is required to book your hunt. The \$1000 partial deposit will be refunded if you do not draw a license. The drawing takes place in mid-April. The remainder of the deposit (50% of the cost of the hunt) is due when the draw is posted. The balance of the hunt is due 30 days prior to your hunt and is non-refundable. Hunts not fully paid by this date will be considered cancelled. Trip Cancellation Insurance, which we recommend, is available at:

http://www.travelguard.com/agentlink.asp?ta_arc=150573&pcode=GREAT

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

All Hunt Prices include a \$50 fee for the MOGA Hunter/Angler Defense Fund

Drop Camp Pricing

The cost of a drop camp is \$2250.00 for one person. The cost for additional hunters or ride-a-longs is \$500 per person. The location for the drop camp will be discussed between client and outfitter. Outfitter will have final say in drop camp determination. Location is determined by Outfitter's approved Forest Service area and best opportunity for game without infringing on other hunters.



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2014 HUNTING SEASONS AND DATES

General Rifle and Archery Dates To Be Confirmed in early February

**ELK, DEER, BIGHORN SHEEP, MOUNTAIN GOAT
BLACK BEAR, WOLF, MOOSE, BISON**

EARLY SEASON RIFLE WILDERNESS HUNT– SEASON BEGINS SEPT. 15

Hellroaring Camp 7 DAYS (DAY IN, 5 DAYS HUNTING, 1 DAY OUT)
Hunt #1 Sept 14-20

GENERAL SEASON RIFLE HUNTS – SEASON: OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 30

Independence/Boulder Drainage Area Hunts

7 DAYS (DAY IN, 5 DAYS HUNTING, DAY OUT)

**Hunt #1 Oct 24-30 Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7 Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15
Hunt #4 Nov 17-23 Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1**

Greater Yellowstone Area Hunt - 7 DAYS (Arrival Day, 5 Days Hunting, Departure Day)

**Hunt #1 Oct 24-30 Hunt # 2 Nov 1-7 Hunt # 3 Nov 9-15
Hunt #4 Nov 17-23 Hunt # 5 Nov 25-Dec 1**

ARCHERY HUNTS – ARCHERY ONLY SEASON: SEPTEMBER 6 - OCTOBER 19

WILDERNESS ARCHERY HUNT DATES - 7 DAYS (DAY IN, 5 DAYS HUNTING, DAY OUT)

**Independence & Greater Yellowstone Area - Hunt #1 Sept 5-11
Hunt #2 Sept 22-28 Hunt #4 Sept 30-Oct 6 Hunt #5 Oct 8-14**

BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS – SEASON: SEPTEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 1

10 DAYS (DAY IN, 8 DAYS HUNTING, DAY OUT) **HUNT#1 Sept 14-23**

MOUNTAIN GOAT HUNTS - SEASON: SEPTEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 30

7 DAYS (DAY IN, 5 DAYS HUNTING, DAY OUT)

**Hunt #1 Sept 22-28 Hunt #2 Oct 1- Oct 7 Hunt #3 Oct 9-15
Hunt #4 Oct 17-23 Hunt #5 Nov 1-7 Hunt #6 Nov 9-15**

MOOSE HUNTS - SEASON: SEPTEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 30

BLACK BEAR - FALL SEASON: SEPT 15-NOV 30 SPRING SEASON: APRIL 15-?

WOLF – SEPTEMBER 15, 2013 – MARCH 15, 2014 *Fall 2014 Season TBD

BISON - SEASON: NOVEMBER 15 – FEBRUARY 15

4 DAYS HUNTING



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INFORMATION FOR WILDERNESS HUNTING

Our wilderness hunts are in rugged, rigorous country, typical of the great hunting areas in North America. The area in which we hunt is prime habitat for elk, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, moose, black bear and wolf. The elk in this area are a resident and migratory herd. The area is rough and remote, which allows the elk the years necessary to develop quality antlers. The landscape varies from large open meadows to lightly timbered south slopes and long benches. This area is also grizzly bear habitat; however, encounters are rare. The weather in September is usually in the sixties and seventies during the day and in the thirties at night. It gets cold in October and much colder in November. It can snow in September and be mild in November. One thing you can always count on is that mountain weather is unpredictable.

ABO operates three wilderness hunting camps: Hellroaring, Independence and Bassett Creek.

Hellroaring, an early season camp, is located in Bull Moose Meadows, 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. We hunt elk, deer, mountain goat, black bear and moose out of Hellroaring. It is accessed by a 12-mile horseback ride. Getting to Hellroaring from Bozeman or Big Timber takes the better part of a day.

Accommodations in Hellroaring include comfortable carpeted wall tents with cots, foam pads and wood stoves. There are 3 or 4 hunters per tent. A shower is available, which is always medicine for the weary. Hearty meals are prepared by our great camp cook and are served in a central eating tent.

Independence is a multi-purpose camp. It is used for bow hunting, early season rifle hunting, sheep hunting, goat hunting and the early part of the general season. It is located 55 miles south of Big Timber at the head of the Boulder River. Independence is accessed by 4 x 4 vehicles. Accommodations and meals are similar to Hellroaring but without the shower.

Bassett Creek is a general season backcountry camp. It is located in the Greater Yellowstone area just outside Gardiner, Montana. Gardiner is the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Bassett Creek is accessed by a two-hour horseback ride to camp. Accommodations include comfortable wall tents with meals prepared by our camp cook. When hunting the **Greater Yellowstone area** we will **base out of private cabins above Yellowstone National Park**. Depending on the elk and the weather we may or may not choose to stay overnight in the Bassett Creek Camp.

A typical day of hunting consists of leaving after breakfast and riding before daybreak. Some days we will hunt until late morning, return to camp, and then hunt again in the late afternoon until dark. Other days we will stay out all day. Walking and/or riding are mandatory. Being in good condition for hiking and riding will help you have a more successful hunt. We hunt as hard as you choose to hunt. Mountain goat and bighorn sheep hunters should expect long days of glassing. Our guides are experienced outdoorsmen and know the area extremely well.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED AND WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED WILDERNESS HUNTING

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The rates for hunting trips include:

- Field care of trophies and transportation of your animals to our local taxidermist and/or your meat to the local butcher
- In the backcountry, use of horses, mules, tack, all camp accommodations, all meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates for hunting trips do not include:

- Transportation to Montana
- Montana hunting licenses and permits
- Montana fishing licenses
- Hunting equipment including guns and ammunition
- Transportation of trophies to final destination
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Sleeping bags
- Incoming and outgoing nights lodging before and after trip
- Any additional transportation costs
- Gratuities for guides and cook



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILDERNESS HUNTING

- ✦ **All Hunters** (hunting out of our Hellroaring or Independence camps) plan to stay in **Big Timber** the night before your hunting trip begins.
- ✦ **You will need to make hotel reservations for your incoming and outgoing nights.** On the day we depart for camp, we leave early in the morning and on the day we return from the mountains, we return in the late afternoon.
- ✦ Hotel information is listed on the next page. **Please check in with ABO (406-579-3866) upon arrival to let us know you have arrived. Leave your cell phone number so we can call and confirm the morning departure time.**
- ✦ **Guests Driving:** Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.
- ✦ **If you are driving,** you will want to make your **hotel reservations in Big Timber for your incoming and outgoing nights.**
- ✦ **Guests Flying:** Plan to fly into the **Bozeman International Airport (BZN)** the day before your trip begins. The following airlines service Bozeman:

Delta 1-800-325-1999 American 1-800-433-7300
Northwest 1-800-225-2525 Horizon Air 1-800-547-9308
Alaska Airlines 1-800-252-7522 Frontier 1-800-432-1359

The service is usually very good into Bozeman. However, this is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early. Check out **Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or (info@mttravel.com) for some of the best airfares available. Remember, Bozeman is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.
- ✦ **If you are flying** you will want to make a **hotel reservation in Big Timber for your incoming night** and in **Bozeman for your outgoing night.**
- ✦ If you are not renting a car we will provide you with shuttle service from the Bozeman Airport to your hotel in Big Timber and return you to your hotel in Bozeman at the end of your trip. The cost of this service is \$300 round trip per vehicle. (Example – If we are picking up 4 clients and their gear in one vehicle, the cost would be \$75 round trip per person. If we are picking up 1 client, the cost would be \$300 round trip for that one client.)



HOTEL INFORMATION

Big Timber, Montana

✚ **The Grand Hotel** (www.thegrand-hotel.com) (406-932-4459).

The Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. The hotel provides a wonderful full breakfast but not before 8:00 am. It has a well-stocked vintage bar, which serves lunch and dinner. For those with a “grander” palette it sports a fabulous restaurant that serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**.

✚ **The Super 8 Motel** (www.super8.com) (406-932-8888).

The Super 8 Motel has comfortable rooms with small refrigerators and serves a light breakfast. For a heartier breakfast, the Country Skillet is across the street and opens at 6:00 AM.

Bozeman, Montana

✚ **The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West**
(www.holidayinnexpress.com) (406-582-4995).

The **Holiday Inn Express** is a small, friendly hotel conveniently located at 2305 Catron Street. The Inn has a breakfast bar that opens at 5:30 each morning, comfortable rooms, pool and exercise facility. They provide shuttle service to the airport. For reduced rates, refer to our **VIP CODE (ABO)** when making reservations. Make your reservations early. The summer is a busy time for tourists while the fall is filled with college related activities.

✚ **The C'mon Inn** (www.cmoninn.com) (406-587-3555).

The **C'mon Inn's** heavy timbered look with Montana's big game animals perched on rocks and above waterfalls has the charm and feel of a mountain lodge. Comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, several hot tubs, a breakfast bar and shuttle service to the airport leave you wanting for little. The Outback Steakhouse is conveniently located next door. The C'mon Inn is located off Interstate 90 at Exit 305 on East Valley Center Road. Ask for **Absaroka-Beartooth Outfitters' (ABO) associated rates** to receive a substantial discount on your room.

Bozeman is a delightful old western town with great restaurants, wonderful art galleries, the Museum of the Rockies and many other fun places to visit. If you have the time, arrive a day or two early or stay over a day after your ABO trip to enjoy some of what Bozeman has to offer.



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GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA HUNTS 2014 DATES AND PRICES

Hunting the migration corridor on the Yellowstone Park boundary is the most prestigious hunt Montana has to offer. Habitually, the elk migrate out of the park to winter range offering hunters the opportunity of a lifetime to harvest trophy bulls. We offer a very limited number of hunters this elite hunt. Accommodations include comfortable private cabins above Yellowstone National Park and a backcountry camp with comfortable wall tents. Both the cabins and camp serve delicious hardy meals.

ARCHERY HUNTING: \$4000 per hunter

7 Days (Arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

Hunt Dates: Hunt #1 **Sept 5-11** Hunt #2 **Sept 22-28**
Hunt #4 **Sept 30-Oct 6** Hunt #5 **Oct 8-14**

GENERAL SEASON BULL ELK RIFLE HUNT: \$4500 per hunter

4-6 HUNTERS – 7 Days (Arrival day, 5 days hunting, departure day)

This hunt is in a Special Permit Unlimited Area - 313-40 - (An unlimited draw area means the permit is guaranteed.) *Apply for Area 313-40 (A general license is required in order to apply for a special permit area)**

Plan to arrive the afternoon before your hunt begins. We will base out of private cabins near Gardiner. Depending on the weather and the elk we may choose to stay overnight in our backcountry camp, Bassett Creek. Access to Bassett Creek is by horseback and takes approximately 2 hours. Deer season is open in this area through mid-November. During deer season this will be considered a combo hunt, priority elk.

Hunt Dates: Hunt #1 **Oct 24-30** Hunt #2 **Nov 1-7** Hunt #3 **Nov 9-15**
Hunt #4 **Nov 17-23** Hunt #5 **Nov 25-Dec 1**

SHEEP HUNT: \$8,000 hunt with a \$5,000 trophy fee for a harvested bighorn sheep

Season dates: Sept 15 – Nov 30

Hunt dates scheduled with Outfitter at the time of booking.

BISON HUNT: \$2500 per hunter – Hunt dates are located on the drawn permit.

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DEPOSIT & PAYMENT POLICY

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Field care of trophies and transportation of your animals to our local Taxidermist and/or your meat to the local butcher
- Use of horses, mules, tack, sleeping accommodations, all meals and non-alcoholic beverages during your hunt
- Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates for hunting trips do not include:

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- Montana fishing licenses
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- Sleeping bags
- Any additional transportation costs
- Gratuities for guides and cook



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA HUNTS

Driving Directions to Gardiner: From Bozeman take Interstate 90 East to Livingston. From Billings, take Interstate 90 West to Livingston. Take Exit 333 off I-90 at Livingston. This is the Yellowstone/Gardiner /Hwy 89 South Exit. Head south on Highway 89 to Gardiner. The drive from Bozeman to Gardiner is about 1 hour and 45 minutes. The drive from Billings to Gardiner is about 3 hours. You will be staying at private cabins the night before your hunt begins.

Directions to ABO Headquarters in Gardiner: When you arrive in Gardiner stay on Hwy 89/Scott Street. You will turn left onto Fourth Street. A good landmark on the right will be a convenience store and Cenex Station called Kremers. Fourth Street is before the Yellowstone River Bridge. After you turn onto Fourth Street you will take an immediate right onto Jardine Road. You will see a wooden sign that says North Yellowstone B&B. You will also see a sign that says Jardine 5 miles. Continue up the mountain on Jardine Road 2.5 miles. Turn right off Jardine Road at the signs that say North Yellowstone B&B and North Yellowstone Outfitters. A good landmark before you get to your turn is a large wooden Mountain Man, which will be on your right. We are the next right. Once you turn right off Jardine Road stay on the main road and follow it to the bottom of the hill. You will see a house and cabins. We'll be waitin' for ya!

Guests Flying: Fly into the Bozeman International Airport (BZN) the day before your hunt begins. Please schedule your flight so you arrive at the Bozeman airport by early afternoon. You will still have an hour and forty-five minute drive to Gardiner. Most of the major car rental agencies are available at the Bozeman International Airport. If you are not renting a car we will provide you with shuttle service from the Bozeman Airport to the hunting lodge in Gardiner and return you to the airport in Bozeman at the end of your trip. The cost of this service is \$350 round trip per vehicle. (Example – If we are picking up 4 clients and their gear in one vehicle, the cost would be \$87.50 round trip per person. If we are picking up 1 client, the cost would be \$350 round trip for that one client.)

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