Adirondack Whitetail Deer Day Hunt

Client Packing Checklist

Prepared for guided day hunts in the Adirondack Mountains
Conditions may include snow, mud, steep terrain, thick cover, and rapidly changing weather.

🥾 Hiking & Mobility Gear

These items ensure you can safely and comfortably move through Adirondack terrain.

☐ Sturdy, broken-in waterproof hunting boots
☐ Quality wool or synthetic socks (extra pair recommended)
☐ Gaiters (highly recommended in snow, wet brush, or blowdown)
☐ 3000 cubic inch day pack or hunting pack
☐ Trekking pole shooting stick (optional but helpful in steep or icy terrain)
☐ Blaze orange hat and/or vest (required by NYS law during firearms season)

🦌 Hunting Gear

Your guide will handle strategy and navigation, but these are essential personal items.

☐ Legal firearm or bow, properly sighted in
☐ Ammunition/arrows/bolts (bring more than you think you'll need)
☐ Valid New York State hunting license & deer tags
☐ Knife (fixed or folding) for field use
☐ Small headlamp or flashlight (with fresh batteries)
☐ Optional: binoculars
☐ Optional: rangefinder (especially for archery)

> ***Your guide will assist with tracking, field dressing, and recovery — but having your own basics is still important.***

🧥 Clothing (Layering Is Key)

Adirondack hunts often involve periods of movement followed by long sits or slow still-hunting.

Base Layers
☐ Moisture-wicking top and bottom (wool or synthetic)

Insulation Layers
☐ Insulating mid-layer (fleece, wool, or lightweight puffy)
☐ Heavy insulating layer for cold sits

Outer Layers
☐ Quiet, weather-resistant hunting jacket
☐ Matching hunting pants
☐ Waterproof or water-resistant shell if rain or snow is expected

Accessories
☐ Warm hat
☐ Gloves or mittens (bring a lighter pair and a warm pair)
☐ Neck gaiter or face mask (wind protection & warmth)

Avoid cotton whenever possible — it holds moisture and gets cold fast.

☕ Water, Food & Hot Drinks

Cold-weather hunts burn calories and demand hydration. We do provide lunch and snacks, but if you have a personal preference you are more than welcome to bring your own.

☐ Water bottle or hydration system
☐ Thermos with coffee, tea, cocoa, or soup
☐ High-energy snacks (jerky, trail mix, bars)

🔋 Electronics & Small Essentials

Keep it simple, reliable, and cold-weather ready.

☐ Fully charged cell phone
☐ Portable battery pack / power bank
☐ Phone charging cable

☐ GPS app or handheld GPS (optional — your guide will navigate)
☐ Personal medications

🏡 What You'll Need at Home for Game Processing

Your guide will help field dress and transport your deer, but plan ahead at home.

☐ Clean coolers with ice (or access to cold storage)
☐ Space in a garage, shed, or basement for hanging (if self-processing)
☐ Game bags or clean tarps
☐ Sharp processing knives
☐ Cutting boards
☐ Vacuum sealer & bags (recommended)
☐ Labels and marker for packaged meat
☐ Contact info for a local butcher/processor (if not processing yourself)

✅ Strongly Recommended (Often Forgotten)

☐ Extra socks
☐ Extra gloves
☐ Blaze orange rain shell
☐ Hand warmers
☐ Small towel or wipes

Final Notes from Your Guide

- Pack light but smart. Comfort equals patience, and patience kills deer.
- Let your guide know if you have concerns about mobility, cold, or equipment — we can often adjust plans or make recommendations ahead of time.
- Adirondack deer hunting is active, physical, and incredibly rewarding — being prepared makes all the difference.