

4-DAY BACKCOUNTRY HUNTING COURSE OUTLINE

Welcome to the OENZ backcountry hunting course, we are excited to have you along. Below is a course outline for the full duration of your course. We will aim to deliver the content in logical order that is as close to this course outline as feasible. Your instructor/s may change the order or location that content is delivered to best meet the outcomes of the course. New Zealand weather changes quickly and often so we find it works better to have a bit of flexibility.

OENZ block courses

This 4-day hunting course is part of one of our “block courses” this means that you may have some people joining or leaving your group on certain days throughout your course.

Firearms

If you are bringing a firearm with you, please let us know in advance.

Hotel Pick-up's

If you are travelling from out of town, we will collect you from your accommodation. We will confirm your pick-up time in email leading up to your course.

Pick-ups from meeting locations

We will have space for you in one of the OENZ vehicles. You can get dropped off or leave your vehicle at any of the meeting locations. If you would like to drive your own vehicle to the training location or through to the lodge, you're welcome to do so, but please meet at one of the locations below.

- **10:00 am- Yaldhurst McDonalds.** Parking available outside McDonalds carpark.

If you would like to meet us somewhere different, please contact us before your course.

Day 1: Travel to South Canterbury & Trip Planning Session

10:00 – 12:30 pm: Travel to Fairlie

12:30 – 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Pack for multiday hunting trip

2:00 pm: Depart private estate.

2:00 - 5:00 pm: Travel to accommodation/campsite

- Pick up food from supermarket.



Day 2: Fly camping hunting trip

Over the next 3 days we be camping and hunting on public conservation land somewhere between Mt Cook and Christchurch. The location will be dictated by the weather forecast.

8:00 - 10:00 am: – Breakfast/depart lodge/camp & travel (location to be chosen by group on day 4).

10:00 - 12:30 pm: Navigation and bush hunting skills

- Navigating off track to specific contour features
- Bush hunting skills
 - Animal sign
 - scat identification
 - print identification
 - rooting (pigs)
 - Rubbing
 - Browsing
 - Bush Stalking techniques

12:30 pm: Arrive at camp, Lunch.

- Fly camp set-ups
 - Site selection
 - Using trees
 - Fly camping in open ground
 - Knots, tips, and tricks

3:30 - 7:30 pm: Afternoon/evening hunt (bino hunting)

- Glassing (use of binoculars)
 - Where to start looking
 - How to search a large area
 - Spots to focus on
 - What to look for

7:30 - 9:00 pm: Back at camp/dinner

Day 3: Fly camping trip continued

6:00 - 9:00 am: Morning Bino hunt & Photo challenge

This morning's aim is to find and photograph an animal to practice our stalking skills and to see how close we can get before spooking.

- Stalking
 - Planning the stalk
 - Importance of wind direction
 - What animals see and don't see
 - Importance of camouflage clothing

9:30 - 10:00 pm: Pack up fly camp.

10:00 - 2:30 pm: Bush Hunt

Time to put some skills into practice and see if we can spot a deer in the bush.

- Buh hunt/ Bush stalking skills
 - Planning a bush hunt
 - Where to look
 - How to look, listen & smell animals
 - Tracking

2:30 - 4:00 pm: Set up camp at new site and prepare for evening hunt.

- Species identification
 - What do they eat?
 - When do they feed?
 - Where do they sleep?
 - When do they mate?
- Trophy potential ID

4:00 - 7:30 pm: Evening Hunt

7:30 - 9:30 pm: Dinner and bed



Day 4: Morning hunt and travel back to Christchurch

6:00 - 10:00 am: Morning hunt

10:00 - 11:00 am: Pack up camp and packs.

1:30 - 2:30 pm: Arrive back at vehicles.

2:30 - 5:00 pm: Travel to Christchurch, drop off at accommodation.