

Packing list 7-day hunting course

Packing for 7 days is a big job so we have broken it down as much as possible. On this course, there are three nights where we'll be either camping or staying in a hut, so you will need to carry everything you need. All the other nights you will be sleeping in the farmhouse in South Canterbury.

We recommend packing two bags. One tramping/hunting pack for the campout and a large duffle bag with all your spare clothing and accessories. You may also like a smaller day pack for the days spent at the shooting range and evening/morning hunts. For your food we will have a very large chilly bin available everyone to use for cold food storage.

Bringing a firearm to the course?

Please let us know in advance if you are planning on bringing a firearm.

Backcountry camping equipment

- Tramping pack 50-60 L (bigger is ok)
- Pack liner or dry bags to keep stuff dry
- Tent or fly camp set-up
- 1x Sleeping Bag
- 1x Sleeping Mat
- 1x Boots or sturdy shoes
- 1x Gators (optional)
- 1x Waterproof pants
- 1x Waterproof jacket
- 2x Socks
- 1x Base Layers top & bottoms (polypro or wool)
- 2x underwear
- 2x Shirts (Not cotton)
- 1x pant/shorts (not cotton)
- 1x jumper (fleece or wool)
- Down/Synthetic jacket (optional)
- Binoculars
- 1x Sunglasses, Sunhat & Beanie
- 1x Sunscreen (small tube)
- 1x Torch/Head torch
- 1x Toilet paper + Sanitizer
- 1x Personal Medications (if needed)
- 1x Drink bottle (1ltr min)
- 1x Spoon/spork/knife/Bowl
- 1x Cooker & gas
- 1x Cooking pot
- 1x Toothbrush/toothpaste
- 1x Notebook and pencil (optional)
- 1x Walking pole (optional)
- 1x Compass

Note: Please do not wear/pack any cotton items for the campouts or training days as these are not suitable for this course. If you do not have some of the gear in the list above, then get in touch with us as we have some equipment that can be borrowed or hired.

Extra stuff for the rest of the course (Packed in a separate bag left in car or lodge)

- Pillow (optional)
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Casual clothes for around the lodge in the evenings (can be cotton)
- Socks (including some pairs of good hiking/tramping socks)

- Underwear
- Outdoor clothing sufficient for 7 days of outdoor training in a row (non-cotton)
- Spare shoes
- Firearm & Ammo 80-120 rounds (optional as can be rented and purchased at the range)
- Bipod (optional)
- Range finder (optional)
- Spotting scope (optional)

Note: It is possible to wash some clothing at the farmhouse.

Food while staying at the private hunting estate on days 1, 2, 3 & 4.

- 3x Breakfasts (3x lodge/farmhouse breakfasts)
- 3x Dinners that can be cooked at the lodge/farmhouse
- 4x Lunches (4x lunches that don't need to be cooked 1x can be purchased on the travel day)
- Snacks

Food for overnight camp-out on days 4, 5, 6 & 7.

- 3x Lunch (food that does not need to be cooked)
- 3x Dinner (a hot meal)
- 3x Breakfast (can be a cooked meal)
- Snacks for 3 days

Supply Stops on days 1 & 4.

On day 1 we will travel from Christchurch to Fairlie and we will make a stop at a hunting store and a taxidermist along the way, as well as stopping at a supermarket to buy food. We will also have the opportunity to stop at a supermarket on day 4 to resupply for the backcountry hunting component over the last 3 days.

Firearm rental (for days 1-4)

If you don't have a rifle, you can rent a one directly from the shooting range where we deliver our course. They have a number of quality firearms in a range of calibres that can be used for the duration of the course. The cost of renting a rifle includes a minimum rental charge plus ammunition used. Large calibre rifles cost a bit more than smaller ones. We recommend a minimum of 80-120 rounds/shots for the duration of the course. Please allow \$180 - \$250 for rental of a rifle.