



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Black River Valley Outfitters for your Atlantic Flyway hunt! The goal of the BRVO staff and myself, is to provide a quality hunt that is safe, fun, and memorable. These documents contain a checklist of items that you need to bring for your hunt, as well as our policies which can also be found on the BRVO webpage. If you have any questions regarding these documents or your hunt, please contact me on my cell phone at 315-783-6679 which is my main source of contact. Other forms of contact (i.e. Email, Social Media, etc.) can be used for less urgent matters and I will respond to them in the order of which they are received. However, due to the busy nature of this business, please understand that alternative forms of contact may have a delayed response as I prioritize phone calls and voicemails first.

For fall Northern Zone hunts (Oct through Dec), we recommend the lodging options in Watertown NY. For Western Zone hunts (Late Dec through January), we recommend you obtain lodging in the Waterloo NY area of the Finger Lakes region. For Spring Snow goose hunts we ask that you do not make lodging plans until you speak with your guide 2-3 days before your hunt as we are very mobile during that season! Your guide will contact you 2 days before your hunt, as well as the evening prior to your first day of hunting with scouting reports, hunt reports, and information regarding your upcoming hunt. These calls may come later in the evening after sunset as we typically do not make contact until after we have completed our afternoon scouting work and have coordinated with each other.

From all of us here at Black River Valley Outfitters, we look forward to hunting with you and hope to give you an experience that encourages you to join us in the seasons to come! Please follow us and share our content on our Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube accounts as we progress through our season!

Sincerely,
Capt. Ben Roggie

WHAT TO BRING:

Spring Snow Goose Hunts:

1. Waterproof boots, calf to knee high, along with warm clothing, rain gear (waders and raincoat if you prefer), camo or black facemask or face paint. Thermal undergarments are recommended, as well as warm gloves and hand warmers.
2. NYS Hunting license, Federal Waterfowl Stamp, NYS HIP number (can be obtained online by googling "NYS HIP NUMBER" or calling the 1-800 number on the backside of your NY license.) If PA, all of the above PLUS PA Snow Goose Permit.
3. Steel Shotshells, Shot size BB, #1, or #2
4. A **SMALL** blind bag that is easily concealable while in the field, large enough to hold ammunition only. All other gear must remain at the truck including gun cases.
5. Per NYS law, shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 6 rounds (5 in tube 1 in chamber)
6. Coolers, large trash bags, and cleaning supplies for proper cleaning, storage, and disposal of your birds. They are your responsibility, not ours.
7. Preferably, a 4x4 Capable vehicle for getting to and from hunting locations. We do not provide transportation.

Fall Duck/Goose Hunts:

1. Chest waders (must be camo), Calf to knee high waterproof boots, warm clothing, rain gear, camo facemask or facepaint, thermal undergarments are recommended, warm gloves, handwarmers. All outer garments must be camo, and non reflective material, no acceptions!
2. NYS Hunting license, Federal Waterfowl Stamp, NYS HIP number (can be obtained online by googling NYS HIP NUMBER or by calling the 1-800 number on the back of your NY license)
3. Steel shotshells, size BB, #1, #2, #3 (Goose) and size #2, #3, #4 (Ducks)
4. A **SMALL** blind bag that is easily concealed while in the field, and a floating gun case is recommended. Capt Ben's famous quote- "We're going for a goose hunt, not a picnic!"
5. All shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 3 shells, 1 in chamber and 2 in tube.
6. Coolers, large trash bags, and cleaning supplies for proper cleaning, storage, and disposal of your birds. They are your responsibility, not ours.
7. 4x4 Capable vehicle for getting to and from hunting locations. We do not provide transportation.

Do's and Dont's

- DO...
- Bring the recommended items listed in these documents, along with any other items requested or recommended by your guide.
- Read our policy form
- Come prepared to HUNT! That means prepare for water, mud, weather, paddling your own canoes, walking, etc...This is not a tower shoot, it is a fair chase hunt that not only requires effort from your guides, but yourselves as well.
- CALL if you have serious questions relating to these documents, your hunt, or if there are any issues so they can be addressed in a timely manner
- Follow any and all instructions given to you by your guide before, during and after your hunt...This not only ensures your success but your SAFETY!
- Tell us if anyone in your party has ANY health issues, or any condition that makes hunting from a layout blind, boat, or canoe uncomfortable or impossible.

- Bring or rent a vehicle that is off-road capable. We do not have means to “shuttle” hunters to a from locations, and our insurance policy does not allow our customers to ride in our vehicles. Transportation is your responsibility.
- Practice safe gun handling as well as safe and ethical hunting practice. Failure to practice gun safety (i.e. safety on, no discharge until shot is called, safe shooting etc) will result in that person being immediately removed from the field. We have a ZERO tolerance policy on unsafe gun handling, and we have a ZERO tolerance policy on breaking ANY state or federal law or regulation.

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- PLEASE DON'T...
 - Show up to your hunt unprepared. We do not bring extra gear, clothing, waders, boots, ammo etc for our hunters. It is your responsibility to bring the necessary items for the hunt.
 - Call or text to ask about migration status, bird numbers, hunt success, etc., these calls cut into our day and the time we need to do our job efficiently and effectively. These calls and texts may not receive a response. As much as we love talking with our hunters, during the season we are extremely busy and need to prioritize our calls to ensure each hunting party is getting the full attention and service they expect from us.
 - Argue with or “Guide” your guide. If your guide tells you something, it is for a reason. Your safety and success are our #1 priority, and in that order. Our guides take their jobs and their hunts seriously, and your success is their goal. We ask that you and your hunting party take the hunt seriously as well by listening to your guide and cooperating throughout the hunt. Failure to fully cooperate with your guide may result in the hunter(s) being asked to leave the field. If you feel unhappy with your guide, contact Ben Roggie (owner) immediately to resolve the issue.
 - Shoot, damage or destroy our decoys and equipment. Sometimes things just “happen”, but we simply ask to use caution with, and around our equipment.
 - Bring alcoholic beverages or drugs, or show up to the hunt under the influence of alcohol or drugs. You WILL be asked to leave, but you will also be responsible for your balance.

NOTE- There is a safety briefing/meeting before every hunt. The hunts do not begin until the safety meeting is completed. Everyone must participate!

Hunt Policies:

Dog Policy: Your dog may accompany you on your hunt ONLY IF IT IS REQUESTED BEFORE YOUR HUNT and if the following requirements are met! Any special equipment (i.e. dog blinds, vests, etc) must be provided by the hunting party. Dogs will remain on leash/lead at all times until the guide instructs the handler/owner that it is ok for the dog to work and retrieve. Dogs must be fully trained, well mannered, and obedient. We are here to take hunters hunting, we are not here to train or serve as a training experience for your dog. If your dog breaks uncontrollably, barks or whines uncontrollably, acts aggressive towards hunters/guides/other dogs, will not heel when commanded etc, you will be asked to kennel your dog for the remainder of the hunt. **A MINIMUM PARTY OF 6 IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR DOG TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON A GOOSE (FIELD) HUNT, MINIMUM PARTY OF 3 IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR DOG TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON A DUCK HUNT, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

At Black River Valley Outfitters, our guarantee is that we will do our absolute, very best at putting you in the best possible location for obtaining whatever species of bird you seek. Our goal is to not only make your trip successful, but to make it a fun experience that you will never forget. **A credit card and Non-Refundable deposit is required for all New York & Pennsylvania hunts.**

Note - All “Deposits” collected in advance and before the hunt, are for services rendered BEFORE the hunt. These are not “hunt” payments, nor are they guide or balance payments and cannot be used as such. Credit card information will remain on file until final balance payment has been made.

Total remaining balance, for all persons in the hunting party and for any and all consecutive days being hunted, is due 48hrs BEFORE the morning of your first trip unless otherwise specified. Your hunt will not begin before a full and final payment has been made. Our guarantee is that we will do our very best to put you on a successful and memorable hunt or trip. We also do not “over book” hunts, so that we have proper time between groups and hunts to properly and thoroughly scout for each group, and each hunt. However, we cannot change things that are out of our control such as weather, hunting pressure etc. that is just hunting. We do our very best when scouting before your hunt, and will have “backup” locations pre-scouted if at all possible before each hunt to help ensure a successful hunt. If we, for any reason, have to cancel your hunt, we will reschedule your group for a different day. **Any deposits for hunts that are canceled by the client or clients party for any reason will not be refunded. Cancellation of a hunt within 30 days will result in 25% of your total balance for your group being charged to the card on file. Cancellation within 48 hrs of the day of the hunt will result in the remaining balance being charged to the card on file. This includes partial cancellations, where 1 or more persons from your group do not show up or participate in the hunt. (i.e.- If you reserve & pay deposit for 4 hunters, but only 3 show up on the day of the hunt, the balance for the 4th person is still due within 48hrs of the hunt.)** We will do everything we can to reschedule you or your group if possible, but hunts cancelled by the client(s) or for reasons that are out of our control (i.e. weather, unsafe conditions, unforeseen equipment repairs or failure etc), are non-refundable. Safety is our primary concern on any given hunt. In the event that any hunter conducts him or herself in an unsafe manner the guide will escort the hunter back to the vehicle. In the event you are asked to leave the hunt by your guide for any reason, the balance is still due and the deposit is non-refundable. We also hunt in accordance with State and Federal law. Each hunter is responsible for shooting their limit, and only their limit. You may not shoot another person’s limit including the guides! Tags will be provided, and birds will be tagged and in the possession of the hunter to whom they belong until said hunter leaves the field. **ANY VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, WILL RESULT IN YOUR GUIDE CONTACTING STATE AND/OR FEDERAL DNR OFFICERS. ANY UNPAID BALANCES DUE, WILL STILL BE COLLECTED BY YOUR GUIDE! IF YOU CAN’T KEEP IT LEGAL, HUNT WITH ANOTHER OUTFITTER!**

There is a \$50 daily surcharge for single hunters, and single hunters may be mixed with another group or hunting party. All waterfowl hunts will run until 11:00 am, or until the bag limit is reached, whichever comes first. If we decide to hunt in the afternoon rather than the morning, or if we decide to hunt mid-day (sometimes common very late in the season), you will hunt for the same amount of hours as you would have we began at sunrise. Spring turkey hunts will run until noon or until a bird is killed, whichever comes first. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions, or make any special requests prior to or after booking your hunt, as we strive to do our very best in tailoring our hunts to your needs!

Lodging, bird cleaning/storage/disposal, meals, car rentals, license, federal waterfowl stamp, and gratuities are NOT included in the hunt. Gratuities for your guide are customary and greatly appreciated. Our guides spend a lot of time putting miles on both vehicle and foot to deliver a quality hunt that will be remembered for a lifetime. We ask that you please keep this in mind and thank them accordingly.