

# Elk Hunting Supply List

Supply List · 37 items · 9 sections

Everything you need for a successful elk hunt, from camo clothing and optics to calls, field dressing gear, and backcountry camp essentials.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/elk-hunting-supply-list>

## CLOTHING AND LAYERS

- Camo hunting jacket (scent-control)  
**HIGH**
- Camo hunting trousers  
**HIGH**
- Moisture-wicking base layers (top and bottom)  
**HIGH**
- Mid-layer fleece or insulated jacket  
**HIGH**
- Waterproof outer shell (rain gear)  
**HIGH**
- Knee-high hunting boots (waterproof, insulated)  
**HIGH**
- Wool or merino socks  
**HIGH**
- Blaze orange hat and vest (where legally required)  
**HIGH**
- Gaiter / gaiters

## WEAPON

- Rifle (calibre suitable for elk: .30-06, .300 Win Mag etc.)  
**HIGH**  
*Check local regulations for legal calibres*
- Ammunition (bring more than you think you need)  
**HIGH**
- Rifle scope (3-9x or 4-12x for elk ranges)  
**HIGH**

- Bow (for archery season)

HIGH

*Check draw weight minimums for your state*

- Arrows with broadheads (pack of 12)

HIGH

- Rifle sling

## OPTICS

- Binoculars (10x42 minimum)

HIGH

*Elk hunting requires glassing large terrain: do not skimp on optics*

- Spotting scope and tripod

- Rangefinder

HIGH

## ELK CALLS

- Bugle tube (for locating bulls)

HIGH

- Cow call / mew call

HIGH

- Diaphragm mouth calls (variety pack)

## SCENT CONTROL

- Scent eliminator spray (for gear and clothing)

HIGH

- Rubber boots (for scent-free walking)

## FIELD DRESSING

- Field dressing kit (knives, saw, gloves)

HIGH

- Meat bags / game bags (breathable, enough for a 700lb animal)

HIGH

- Packable cooler bags or ice chest (at trailhead)

HIGH

- Hoist rope and pulley system

## CAMP AND PACK OUT

- Frame pack / hunting backpack (65L+)  
**HIGH**
- Tent (lightweight backpacking)  
**HIGH**
- Sleeping bag (rated for expected temperatures)  
**HIGH**
- Sleeping pad (insulated)  
**HIGH**

## NAVIGATION

- GPS device and topo maps  
**HIGH**
- Compass  
**HIGH**
- Hunting license and tag (in pocket)  
**HIGH**  
*Carry physical copies, not just digital*

## SAFETY

- First aid kit (wilderness-rated)  
**HIGH**
- Emergency whistle and mirror  
**HIGH**
- Satellite communicator (e.g. Garmin inReach)  
**HIGH**  
*Backcountry elk country may have zero cell signal*