

Hunting Checklist

1. Hugg-Inn Reservation

The best part of hunting is the camaraderie of the buddies, the stories of the day and the relaxation at the end of the day in a great place to stay. If you haven't booked it yet, don't miss out.

2. Clothing

Hunters have experienced warm sunny days turn into cold wet miserable days. The message is be prepared by bringing hunting clothing appropriate for all kinds of temperatures and precipitation.

a. Boots

If you have new hunting boots, break them in before you come out hunting.

b. Hunting Pants

Good quality khaki-colored brush pants with the with nylon or heavy canvas facing on the legs. This type protects against barbed wire, thistles, stickers, cockleburs and thorns.

c. Orange Top

South Dakota does not have a blaze orange law, but wearing a blaze orange shirt, vest, cap or jacket is strongly recommended. A hunting vest makes keeping track of your shells easy. If vest doesn't have a game carrier on the backside, then purchase one.

d. Rain Gear

Rain gear and/or waterproof chaps work great in tall CRP grass and wet fields.

e. Eye Protection

Shooting/safety/sun glasses are a must.

f. Misc.

Plenty of socks

Shooting gloves

Stocking hat

3. Shotgun

Bring your shotgun cleaned and in good working order.

4. Shells

You can use lead shot in most places on private land. Number 6 shot is the most commonly used shot size. Some hunters are fond of #5 shot and late-season hunters swear by #4 because it's heavier and will more effectively bring down birds that flush at longer ranges.

You must use non-toxic shot when hunting public land. If using steel, the best shot sizes are #2, #3 and #4. Number 4's are very effective at the short ranges. The #2's and #3's are better at longer ranges.

5. License

Hunters must have their hunting license and proper identification (i.e. drivers license) in their possession with while hunting and transporting game. The hunting license can be purchased on line at the following website:
<https://www.state.sd.us/applications/gf82/Default.htm>

6. Dog

If bringing a dog, bring its health certificate and veterinarian's phone number in case of an emergency.