

TUCKER RIDGE OUTDOORS

# Trip Packet

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## Hunting, Fishing & Recreation Trips

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Release, Medical, Contacts, What To Expect, Procedures, Species Information, Lodging Plans, Local Amenities & Services, Licensing, Seasons & Limits, Packing Lists, FAQ



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## RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in return for use of premises and equipment, instruction in firearms, professional guide services & for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Undersigned agrees to the following:

To indemnify, hold harmless and defend **Tucker Ridge Outdoors** and any of its employees, instructors, directors, officers or agents from any and all fault, liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of, related to or connected with the instruction in or discharge of firearms and/or guided hunting, fishing, camping and recreational activities ; the Undersigned's participation in discharging firearms and/or guided hunting, fishing, camping and recreational activities; observing the discharging of firearms and/or guided hunting, fishing, camping and recreational activities, the range, buildings, lands, waters and premises used (the "Premises"); the Undersigned's presence on or use of Premises; and any and all acts or omissions of the Undersigned. Should any such claim, demand or lawsuit arise or be asserted in any way related thereto, whether arising under the laws of the United States, the State of Maine or any other State, or under any theory of law or equity, the Undersigned will indemnify, hold harmless and defend **Tucker Ridge Outdoors**, from any and all costs, expenses or liability including, but not limited to, the cost of any settlement or judgment made or rendered against **Tucker Ridge Outdoors**, whether individually, jointly, or in concert with the Undersigned, together with all costs of court and other costs or expenses incurred in connection with any such claim, demand or lawsuit, including attorney's fees.

The Undersigned waives any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands and any other actions, which exist or which may arise **Tucker Ridge Outdoors**, (including, but not limited to any and all injuries, damages or illnesses suffered by the Undersigned or the Undersigned's property), which may, in any way whatsoever, arise out of, be related to or be connected with: discharging firearms, guided hunting, fishing, camping and recreational activities, the Premises, including any latent defect in the Premises; the Undersigned's presence on or use of Premises; the Undersigned's property (whether or not entrusted to **Tucker Ridge Outdoors**); **Tucker Ridge Outdoors**, shall not be liable for, and the Undersigned, hereby expressly releases **Tucker Ridge Outdoors** from any and all such claims. This waiver is both personal and on behalf of any minor for whom it is executed.

The Undersigned hereby expressly assumes the risk of entering the Premises and taking part in activities on the Premises which include, but are not limited to the discharge of firearms, the firing of live ammunition and/or guided hunting, fishing, camping and recreational activities; or observing individuals discharging firearms and/or guided hunting, fishing, camping and recreational activities; & the use of the facilities. The Undersigned furthermore hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read, understands and will at all times abide by all **Tucker Ridge Outdoors** rules, instructions, procedures, safety rules, and any and all Range Safety Officer instructions, whether communicated in writing, posted on the premises & communicated verbally.

This instrument binds the Undersigned and his/her executors, administrators, assignees or heirs and any minor for whom it is signed. If obviously under the age of 21, my age is listed. If a minor, under the age of 18 years, I understand a parent or legal guardian's signature is required.



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By signing this waiver I also confirm and attest; that I am not a convicted felon seeking activities with the use of a firearm, or under indictment in any court for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, I am not a fugitive from justice, I do not use or addicted to any unlawful controlled substances, I have not been adjudicated as a mental defective or have been committed to any mental institution, I am not an illegal alien, have not been discharged from the military under dishonorable conditions, have not renounced my United States citizenship, am not subject to a court order restraining me from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of the intimate partner, and have never been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. I also further attest to the fact I am not currently under the influence of any substances that may hinder or impede my actions in handling a firearm, hunting and/or fishing equipment or recreational vehicles, safely for the intended purposes of this course, training or activity.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Age if under 21

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Contact #1

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Contact #2



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## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide us with Primary and Secondary emergency contacts in the event of hospitalization or injury (Exclude contacts that will be present with you during your trip/visit)

### Primary

Name		Relationship
Address		
Phone 1		Mobile or Home
Phone 2		Mobile or Home

### Secondary

Name		Relationship
Address		
Phone 1		Mobile or Home
Phone 2		Mobile or Home



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## MEDICAL & HEALTH BACKGROUND / QUESTIONNAIRE

Outdoor recreation frequently involves hunting & fishing equipment, firearms & ammunition, primitive camp sites and strenuous physical activity. While your guide/instructor maintains Red Cross First Aid certification, ensuring we have a client's background of any current medical conditions or chronic ailments will help us to help you if an unforeseen incident or injury occurs. We are well aware of HIPA privacy laws and will treat your information accordingly. This is strictly a volunteer questionnaire and you may request this section back or destroy it at the end of your visit.

Do you currently have or suffered in the past, any of the following: (circle all that apply)

Shortness of breath	Dizziness/Vertigo	Seizures
Heart Attack		

Do you currently suffer from any of these conditions: (circle all that apply)

Diabetes	High Blood Pressure	Raynaud's Syndrome
Hemophilia	Epilepsy	

Have you ever suffered a hot or cold weather injury such as Heat Stroke, Heat Exhaustion, Frost Bite or Hypothermia? YES / NO If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any known allergies? If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know your blood type? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wear a Medical I.D. bracelet? YES / NO

Is there any other pertinent information that would assist us in a First Aid situation should you be unable to respond? If so, please describe: (please list any prescription medication, insulin, etc)



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## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

**Q. What exactly does this trip involve? How exactly will we be fishing, hunting or travelling? Am I (or others in my party) physically capable of this trip? What changes can be made if the trip is too difficult?**

A. Each type of guided trip is unique. We'll provide activity specific itineraries for your trip/hunt after booking. Additional info can also be downloaded from our website on the Resources page at <https://tuckerridge.me>

Your answers on the questionnaire in this packet will help us determine the trip details for specific activities in accordance with your fitness level and or medical conditions. For instance, having a fear of heights means no tree stands for some hunters and not being able to swim is an important factor in planning a canoe trip. As a general rule, most outdoor activities require physical exertion. Please be prepared for the activity you are booking; having to greatly modify or suspend your trip in progress may result in a disappointing experience.

**Q. How likely are we to be successful?**

A. How you define success may be different from another person's view. Any guarantee of success should be viewed with caution. While we will make every effort to put you in position to make a shot or catch fish, your success truly depends on your skill and effort as a sportsman. We are very happy to provide any additional help or tips you may need on your trip.

**Q. How many others will be in camp? How many others will be with my guide? Will someone other than the person I am talking with be my guide?**

A. We aim to never have a greater ratio of 6 clients per bear camp & 9 clients for deer camp. This ensures maximum attention to client needs and helps you fully enjoy your trip/hunt. I believe this size camp also helps build camaraderie and develops long-lasting relationships – something very important to us at Tucker Ridge. John is the owner-operator and will be your guide. He is available to you 24 hours a day.

**Q. What can I expect for weather conditions? What will happen if the weather conditions prevent my trip from happening as expected? Is there an alternative trip or refund plan?**

A. There is an old saying in Maine..."If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes." Unfortunately, weather is the only thing we cannot control during your trip. The amount of planning, resources



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allocated and money spent in advance of your trip can not be recouped if we cancel trips for rain or snow. In some cases, a little weather may enhance your experience. In extreme cases such as natural disasters, multi-day blizzards, acts of terrorism or other events beyond reasonable control that prevent a trip as scheduled, we will reschedule you at no cost or penalty. We reserve the right to cancel or modify trips due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

**Q. What is the price? Exactly what is included in that price? Are there any other costs? Are tips or gratuity included or added on?**

A. Each trip/hunt is priced individually. All guided trip/hunt packages include lodging unless stated otherwise with the American Plan (meals provided) standard. Meal plans are available for self-guided, DIY trips & recreation groups booked at the lodge. Gratuities are not expected, but are very much appreciated if you feel inclined to do so. The only other costs are licenses or permits for you specified hunt/fishing trip and registration fees for ATV or snowmobiles if applicable.

**Q. Is a deposit required and if so, what is the policy on refunds? What are the expected terms of payment?**

A. Deposits are required on all trips. This ensures we can have all of the requirements in place for your visit. A **non-refundable deposit\*** is due when you book your trip with the balance due upon arrival for fishing trips and/or 60 days before guided hunts. We accept cash, checks and all major credit cards. Personal checks may only be used for deposits.

\*You may reschedule your trip up to six months in advance; inside the six month window, if you fill your slot with another qualified, paid client, we will be happy to refund your deposit.

**Q. Are meals included? If so, what sort of meals will be served?**

A. All guided trips/hunts include the American Plan standard. We offer meal plans for DIY trips on a requested basis. Your trip/hunt will be planned as either a Housekeeping or Meal Plan in advance. Meals are based on type of trip activity but staples include farm fresh eggs to order, pancakes, chicken, pasta and wild game for those who enjoy it. If you have special dietary requirements or requests make sure that you let your guide know.

**Q. Is transportation included? If so, from where to where?**

A. All local transportation is included. We'll get you to and from hunting sites, put in and take out sites for boaters and all game tagging, processing and taxidermist locations. We'll also provide trips to the local general store or services hub of Lincoln, ME as needed. For clients flying in to Bangor International Airport, we offer a pick up and drop off shuttle service for a flat fee.



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**Q. Are licenses required? If so, are they included?**

A. Licenses are not included but may be purchased here upon arrival. Hunters must possess a Hunter's Education Safety card or previous hunting license (including out of state) to buy necessary permits/licenses onsite at the camp. We can also facilitate the registration of ATV's and snowmobiles upon arrival.

**Q. Are you fully licensed? What certifications do you hold?**

A. John is licensed by the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a Registered Maine Guide with endorsements in Hunting, Trapping, Fishing, Recreation & Commercial Boat Operator, License #12121623

John is also a Certified NRA Instructor with ratings in Pistol, Home Firearm Safety and Range Safety Officer, Cert #177106770

Additionally, John is an NRA Hunter Clinic Program Instructor certified to teach Wild Turkey and Whitetail Deer hunter clinics. He holds a current American Heart Association *Heartsaver First Aid* certification and completed the *Combat Lifesaver First Aid* course in the U.S. Army.

**Other considerations**

- Please contact us to discuss any aspect that you are unsure of, especially what will be included in the package price for services. We want to make sure that we are both clear on every included detail and are in firm agreement on the price and services offered and expected.
- Be realistic and have obtainable goals. Realize that many factors can affect hunting or fishing trips including things, such as inclement weather, that are beyond the control of the guide. Be sure that you are not asking your prospective guide for something unreasonable, unobtainable, or unsafe.
- We will send you a written or email confirmation when booking a trip after the deposit is made. It will outline each detail offered, promised, or expected on the excursion. It will also include method of payment and terms of payment. Terms for cancelations or refunds will also be outlined in the agreement.





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## Hunt Packing List

Items you'll need:

- Rifles – we recommend .30 caliber rifle or larger, Handguns - .44 Mag or higher, Shotguns – 12 or 20 ga.
- Layered Cold Weather Gear, Quality Hunting Boots (600 -1000gr Thinsulate)
- Wet Weather Gear, Head Nets & Light Gloves for Bear & Turkey Seasons
- Compass, Knife, Fire Starter & Spare Ammunition
- Headlamp and/or Flashlight, Spare Eyeglasses, Prescription Medicine w/ Copy of RX
- Hunter Orange for Deer, Moose Seasons

Optional items:

- Cell Phone & Charger
- Binoculars, Rangefinder
- Casual Camp Clothing, Shower Shoes
- Fishing Gear, ATV
- Coolers, Extra Hunting Seat Pad
- Hand/Feet Warmers



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## What to expect at hunting camp

As a professional hunter in Maine, I often expect to find myself dealing with the seasoned hunter; an individual who has hunted for many years, perhaps made a hunt or two out west or down south, and now is coming further north to hunt for species that have eluded him elsewhere.

The seasoned hunter knows what firearms he needs and what equipment will be necessary - and he knows the ropes. The most noticeable thing about seasoned hunters is that they don't seem to be lost souls. It's obvious that they have done this before.

They generally bring one rifle in a hard case; it is sighted in, has a quality scope installed and a couple of boxes of extra ammunition are on hand. They also have a minimum of personal equipment, which is packed in two small duffels that will easily fit in camp.

Proper footwear, cold weather and rain gear are in one of the duffel bags, and a super light camera is tucked in a shirt pocket. Perhaps the only items of obvious excess are the cell phone and other electronic gadgets prominent today.

Many first-time hunters are sure they know someone of the type I'm talking about. Furthermore, on their first hunt they are often positive I've described everyone else in camp – and not them.

The truth is very few hunters are the above-described "perfect hunter."

Most hunters still bring too much gear, and they pack it in oversize gun cases and extra-large duffels or totes. New hunters to the north woods of Maine tend to pack everything but the kitchen sink and even experienced ones pack things they don't need.

I think we (as hunters) probably come to expect this "perfect hunter" persona of everyone, and all too often forget about the people who haven't hunted in the north before. These hunters often are intimidated by what goes on around them.

At last they are in Maine, Big Woods Country, and the place that dreams are made of. It's all new to them and sometimes, overwhelming. The size of the country, the remoteness, and the casual manner in which everyone treats the sprawling woods and quick changing weather is quite different from what they are used to.



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## What to expect (continued)

They sometimes feel they do not fit in. They don't ask questions for fear of looking ignorant, or maybe they just don't know what to ask. It is obvious to me that many don't book hunts, simply because they do not know what to expect. Others are willing to go, but only if they have someone along who has been here before.

It is my hope that seasoned veteran hunters in camp mentor and offer advice to the younger, less experienced in camp. Similarly, novice hunters should seek the wisdom and experience of those who have “been there, done that.”

This dynamic of hunting camp is one that solidifies the hunting community and ensures that traditions pass down from generation to generation. Hunting camp is far more than a place to sleep when you aren't on stand. It is a place of camaraderie, union of spirit and legacy building.

At Tucker Ridge Outdoors, we aim to capture the spirit of the traditional sporting camps of Maine lore. As hunters, we are all brothers (and sisters) in arms, from the astute woodsman to the greenhorn rookie. We all share the passion for the pursuit of game and all that nature reveals to us, deep in the solitude of the wood.

We hope you enjoy your time on Tucker Ridge. As you make new friends and swap tall tales, you'll not only be participating in the richest of hunting heritage and tradition, you will be helping to build ours...



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## Local Amenities and Services

Smith's General Store - Springfield, ME (15 min)

Services - Lincoln, ME (40 min)

Bangor International Airport (90 min)

## Day Trips

Grand Lake Stream (1 Hr.)

Million Dollar View (45 Min)

Mattawamkeag Wilderness Park (25 min)

Bar Harbor (2 Hrs.)

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (1 Hr. 20 min)

West Quoddy Head Lighthouse (2 Hrs. 10 min)

Baxter State Park/Mt Katahdin (90 min)

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (1 Hr. 40 min)

## Local Lakes & Rivers

Silver Lake, Lee	Duck Lake, Lakeville	Bottle Lake, Lakeville
Big Lake, Grand Lake Stream	West Grand Lake, Grand Lake Stream	Upper Cold Stream Ponds, Lincoln
Grand Lake, Danforth	Sysladobsis Lake, Lakeville	Stump Pond, Lincoln
Mattanawcook Pond, Lincoln	Folsom Pond, Lincoln	Molunkus Lake, Macwahoc
Baskahegan Lake, Brookton	Cold Stream Pond, Enfield	East Musquash Lake, Topsfield
Penobscot River, Lincoln	Mattawamkeag River, Kingman	Long & Caribou Ponds, Lincoln
Junior Lake, Lakeville	Mattagodus Stream, Webster	And more....



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## Rentals & Miscellaneous Fees

Rentals	Daily	Weekly (Trip)
Rifles & Shotguns		\$150
ATV's (Fuel Included)	\$50	\$225
Canoes & Kayaks (PFD's & Paddles Included)	\$50	\$200
12' Fishing Boat	\$50	\$225
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Airport Transfer – Round Trip	\$100 per person	\$200 minimum/trip
Deer, Moose, Bear Registration		\$5

Licenses & Permits	Maine Resident	Non-Resident
Big Game Hunting (16 & over)	\$26	\$115
Small Game Hunting	\$15	\$75
Archery Hunting	\$26	\$75
Coyote Night Hunt	\$4	\$4
Bear Permit	\$10	\$74
November Bear Permit	N/A	\$40
Crossbow Permit	\$26	\$56
Wild Turkey Permit	\$20	\$20
State Migratory Waterfowl Permit (Fed Stamp also req)	\$7.50	\$7.50
Fishing – Season (16 & over)	\$25	\$64
Fishing – 1 Day	\$11	\$11
Fishing – 3 Day	N/A	\$23
Fishing – 7 Day	N/A	\$43
Fishing – 15 Day	N/A	\$47
Fishing/Hunting Combo	\$43	\$150.00

Moose Lottery	Maine Resident	Non-Resident
One Chance	\$15	\$15
Three Chances	N/A	\$25
Six Chances	N/A	\$35
Ten Chances	N/A	\$55
<b>Moose Permit</b>	\$52	\$585