

LEGACY BIGHORNS LTD.**C/O BRETT LOGUE**

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The hunting season starts Sept. 1st and runs until Oct. 15th. Most hunts are 12 days of hunting plus travel and driving to/from Grande Prairie to Camp and back. We hunt 1 or 2 hunters per hunt date period.

Flat Rate Bighorn Hunt: \$47,500 USD or**Trophy Fee Bighorn: \$37,500 plus \$15,000 USD (\$52,500 USD total) trophy fee.**

Trophy fee is due if the client quits before the allotted time on the contract, if he turns down a legal ram, 7.5 years or older or if he misses a ram at a "reasonable" distance. If no ram has been seen during the allotted time period, client can stay for a small daily rate to cover costs, until a ram is taken.

Alberta Government Licenses and Tags

(The following are approximate cost in US Funds & are subject to change. All species tags must be purchased before the hunt either in person at the local sporting goods store in Grande Prairie, AB, using C. Card or prepay with final hunt payment)

AB Win Card: \$15 Hunting License: \$75 Sheep: \$400 Wolf: \$40 Deer: \$150

Additional Costs & Hunt Options

Hotel and meals (before and after hunt) – Grande Prairie

Shipping & Crating of Trophies and/or Meat (unless hunter self-exports)

Government Licenses and Tags

Commercial Airlines Flight or Drive to Grande Prairie, Alberta

Guide and camp staff tips (typically 6-10%)

Non-hunting companion - \$200+/day

GST on the Hunt (5%)

Arrival & Departure

All hunts start and end in Grande Prairie, Alberta, which is accessible by daily airline service (Air Canada and West Jet) through Edmonton or Calgary, AB. You will arrive in Grande Prairie, in the evening, then check into a hotel. You will purchase your License and tag(s) the next morning, before departing for the hunting area, which is an 2.5-3 hour drive on 30% pavement and 70% gravel roads. Our clients have had good success with all luggage arriving with them but if your luggage is delayed, we can wait for it to arrive the next day or you can arrive a day early and spend an extra day in town. Since we drive to camp and don't fly, luggage delays haven't been an issue. On the last day of the hunt, you'll be taken back to Grande Prairie, where you'll get a hotel to clean up before flying home. Also, at any time, during the hunt, we can drive to town for supplies or your business/email needs as we don't have cell phone or wifi at camp. Most hunters spend the duration of the hunt in the field. One of our guides and a local biologist or game warden will assist you with registering and plugging the bighorn (compulsory inspection) in Grande Prairie, after your hunt. Unless scheduled in advance, sometimes they won't inspect a ram on the weekend, so we might have to wait until the next Monday. No hunter can leave Alberta before their ram is checked as they must be physically present to do this. We will call the game department using Satellite phone, from base camp, to schedule the inspection if you have a tight schedule. Your ram will be shipped to you by a taxidermist/broker after it has been dried. We can recommend a couple of good taxidermy options or if you wish to take it home with you, that is also an option.

Hunting Area and Methods and Bighorn Sheep

The non-resident Alberta Bighorn season runs from September 1st until October 15th and we have 4 bighorn allocations each year in our management area 445. You can go the AB wildlife website to see the map and area boundaries. These tags cannot be transferred to another hunter or to another year, so it's in our best interest to have successful hunters and hunters who are willing to hunt hard and not quit early. The tags are "use it or lose it allocation", like all of the different

species Allocations in AB. We offer three main hunt dates, Sept 1-14th, Sept. 15-28th and Sept. 29th – Oct. 13th. Because we take a small number of hunters, we can be flexible on dates a bit. The first hunt is good for people not wanting to hunt in colder weather as snow is not as likely, but if the weather is hot, the rams will be in the timber longer each day and will require lots of patience and hard glasses. Historically, few days are lost to “bad” weather on any of these hunts, but maybe less on the 1st hunt. The 2nd hunt in September is a bit colder and there is always a good chance for snow, which is good for getting the rams to move and come out of the timber more frequently. The last hunt is normally reserved for a hunter who can’t make the September dates or for a hunter, who had to leave early or didn’t find a ram in September and usually there has been at least one snowstorm by early Oct. Hunters can return approx. Oct. 1st and stay until Oct. 15th if needed. We want our clients to shoot rams, but usually perseverance is needed, so the longer you can plan to hunt, the higher the success rate is. The area doesn’t have much resident hunting pressure compared to other regions, but in Alberta, resident hunters can start August 25th, 1 week before non-residents can start. Usually, only 1-2 AB residents shoot rams each year in unit 445. Many AB hunters use horses and they prefer the Wilmore and more central and southern areas, which are closer to Calgary and Edmonton. It is nice not to be in foot races with residents, as this can happen in many of the Southern BC and AB areas, where several hunters are sitting and waiting like wolves, for the sheep to make a mistake. The hunting in our area, is a cross between Stone Sheep and typical Bighorn hunting. The terrain is less bushy and less cliffy than many of the southern areas and few places are treacherous.

When hunters arrive in camp, all gear is sorted, rifles are shot and a game plan is made for where and how the hunt will take place, depending on what we’ve seen during scouting and what the weather is dictating. We utilize ATV’s, glassing, hiking and Hilleberg style backpacking to hunt the area. Horses were used in the past but due to seismic trails and some oil/gas pipelines, but they are not used now; many areas require walking to avoid spooking rams and to be in position for glassing during prime times. There are three main and different mountain ranges in the area, one large, a medium-large and one smaller range. The areas elevation ranges from about 3,500 to 7,700 feet, from base camp to the tallest peaks. Most rams are hunted between 4,750’ - 6,000’ so altitude sickness is generally not an issue. Rams like to feed in green pockets and slides, between timber and brush patches and rarely are up in the alpine. Rams often bed in timber or on rock ledges along a brush line, so spotting is seldom “easy”, unless they are feeding with their white rump patches, exposed. Tree line is between 5,500 and 5,800 in most places, but some cuts and cliff areas, it’s below 5,000’. About 60-70% of the two largest mountain ranges should be backpack hunted to access the sheep country. Day hunting these areas is too taxing on a hunter and it’s not efficient. The other parts of the area can be glassed from ATV accessible lookout points, where we spot mornings and evenings and sometimes, all day, if the weather is not too hot or windy. The sheep can come in/out of the timber, so it’s important to be in good locations for spotting them, during these critical hours. After a big rain or snow-storm, and during cold weather the rams can be active and moving/feeding all day. We often use an additional/spotter to help locate new sheep, while the hunter is out with his main guide.

We utilize a wall-tent style base camp with cots, stoves, tables, propane stoves. Usually there are two guides, two hunters and one or two assistants per hunt date. We haul water to the camp and each tent has a wood stove for heat. There is an outhouse, but no shower house. Sometimes, the guide and hunter double on an ATV, as some of the trails are technical and we’ve had hunters with no ATV experience, so they lack the skills to effectively ride in such conditions. The ATVs allow us to access the area quickly compared to a horse. We can do in 1-2 hours, which would take over a day on horses, but other than glassing and pick-up, drop-off, we hunt on foot. We recommend hunters bring a pair of safety glasses (clear), sunglasses and for later hunts, ski goggles, to protect the eyes from wind, dust and brush.

Bighorn Sheep

This area is a 4/5 curl area, which means that some 6.5 years old and almost all 7.5 years old sheep will be “legal” to shoot. We try to shoot rams from 7.5-11.5 years of age. In full curl areas of southern AB and BC, many of the rams, if they broom off, from a young age, will never reach “legal” status, so it is an advantage to hunt an area, like ours, with a 4/5 regulation. We often get asked the average size of the sheep. This is the most northern heard of sheep in North America. The sheep in this area move back and forth between the British Columbia Border and sometimes could cross the Kakwa River, into the Wilmore Wilderness. But we don’t have any park or coal mine borders, so we don’t have to sit on the borders, waiting for rams to come into our area, like some areas in Southern Alberta or BC. The biggest ram every killed in the area was about 179, in the research we’ve done. The largest sheep the previous outfitter shot was low 170s. He outfitted the area for 9 years. The typical ram scores in the low to mid-150s with some going into the 160s. A 170 Class is possible, but we don’t promote this size of sheep. The sheep are very handsome, but smaller and more compact than a southern bighorn, both in body and horn size. Even in early September, the capes are some of the best we’ve ever seen, both in color (quite dark) and hair quality. A Bighorn hunted, fair chase in an open area of Canada, it is a trophy

well earned. It is not for people without patience, time and mental toughness. It is one of the hardest hunts in N. America and one of the most sought after and cherished trophies.

History

The most well know outfitter to hunt with area is Basil Leonard, who was also a pioneer in the Wilmore Wilderness areas. When he outfitted it, there were no roads and it was several days horse ride, from the east, to the mountains. Now we take a road, which runs to the North, center of the area. In our research, the next main outfitter to run the area was Gordon Utri. He also was a horseback outfitter and was quite successful. Scott Carter, currently another outfitter in AB, owned these tags for 9 years, before he guided for Gordon. We purchased the tags from Scott in the winter of 2012 as he wanted central AB tags, closer to his home and so that he could run horses again, since he is a great horseman. He took many great rams, averaging 3 rams for 4 hunters, most seasons. A couple years, he was 4 for 4 but this is difficult. The area is a bit more difficult to hunt now due to the longer, hotter, drier summers and maybe natural sheep movement, which has put more of the rams and sheep into the timber, but it is a good area for many reasons.

Deposits & Hunt Payments

A hunt, less than 1 year away, is booked with a 50% deposit. Hunts booked more than 1 year out only require a 25% deposit and more than 2 years out, a 15% deposit. We will set future hunt prices a year out from the hunt date and a new contract, with final hunt pricing will be completed at that time, unless a 50% deposit is made, which will lock in future hunt price. Final payment is due approx. July 1st the year of your hunt (60 days before). If a hunt is cancelled, and we have adequate time to resell the hunt, we will refund the deposit less our booking fees (about 10%). Hunts booked at less than retail value will be refunded, minus the difference between retail and the cancellation hunt selling price, minus a 10% booking fee. If hunt cannot be rebooked, deposit is non-refundable, but it can be transferred to another party for the same year and dates. Exceptions may be made and will be handled case by case, as determined by the company. You will purchase your hunting license and tags (Sheep and Wolf) in Grande Prairie, for under \$500 USD, from the local sporting goods store (Credit Cards are accepted). We recommend logging onto the AB WIN site to purchase your WIN card before the hunt (it's like a 5 yr. ID Card/license for hunting AB); it will speed up the tag and license purchasing process.

Trophy Fees

We offer the hunts as a flat rate or trophy fee-based hunt. If you choose, the trophy fee style hunt, payment must be presented at beginning of hunt. No personal checks will be accepted: only traveler's checks, money orders, bank checks, cashier's checks, US Cash or money wire. If an animal is not harvested, wounded or missed, the trophy fee monies, where applicable, will not be owed. **But**, the trophy fee will be due, if the hunter is presented/shown a legal ram, even if no animal is taken or wounded. If a hunter leaves earlier than dates on hunt contract, the trophy fee is due also. We recommend the flat rate hunt for most of our clients as most hunters should not be in a "rush" when bighorn hunting.

Trophy Care

Trophy care on your hunt includes caping, fleshing and salting of all hides, horns and antlers in the field. You can take salted/dried sheep and goat trophies home as checked luggage if the skin is dried enough to self-transport. Another option is to have a local taxidermist, ship your skin/horns to your taxidermist or we have a US Taxidermist who will transport trophies to the US after the season. If you don't have a taxidermist skilled in mounting sheep, one of these taxidermist can mount and deliver them to you. All shipping and crating is at the hunter's expense.

Meat Handling

If you wish to take bighorn meat home with you (about 50 pounds), a cooler and waterproof bag can be purchased in Grande Prairie or the guides will be happy to take the meat. We don't recommend leaving meat with a butcher, having it cut/wrapped and shipped as it is expensive and not efficient.

Gear List/Itinerary/Additional Information

We will provide a detailed equipment list plus can suggested fitness, shooting courses, travel tips, assistance with airline flights & hotel reservations before the hunt. It is easy to bring a rifle to Canada: you just need to fill out an online form from the Canada Firearms site, present it and your rifle, at the border and sign it in the presence of an officer or you can do everything when you reach the Canadian border. We recommend completing a US Form 4557 to show rifle ownership before leaving home. We provide camp equipment, meals, lodging & guides, plus horse or ATV and all vehicle transportation to/from and while in the hunting area. Please call or email us for additional information. We look forward to you hunting with us.