

Nanticoke Outfitters Duck Hunting Gear Checklist

1. Gun: Bring at least one shotgun, a 12-gauge or 20-gauge will be perfect.
2. Ammo: Bring two boxes of 25 shells for each day of hunting. Recommend using shot sizes of 2, 3, or 4 shot. 3 inch and 3 ½ is recommended.
3. Choke Tube: Recommend Improved Cylinder and Modified choke for both ducks and geese. Experienced hunters can use full or waterfowl specific chokes.
4. Duck Calls (OPTIONAL): Each of our guides are exceptional callers, we do encourage our hunters to serve as “backup” callers. Pintail/widgeon whistles, snow goose, goose, and mallard calls are all effective.
5. Camo Clothing: Upper body camouflaged clothing is highly desired.
6. Camo Hat: Insulated, water-resistant hat which sheds water well.
7. Camo Facemask or face paint: Most clients prefer to watch the waterfowl. To ensure the closest range shooting, please bring a full-face mask with eye, nose, and mouth cutout.
8. Waders: The water depth varies. We recommend chest waders for all duck hunts. Hip boots will also work but waders are preferred. in case you fall to and from the blind/pit to stay dry.
9. Gloves: Bring a pair of Gore-Tex/Thinsulate water-resistant gloves, we have hand warmers for those that are cold natured.
10. Shell Box: Guides bring two boxes of shells to the pit/blind each trip. We recommend a shell box or shell bag.
11. Warm Socks: Thermax long johns and socks make a very comfortable trip. Temperatures may vary from 20-70 degrees during the trip. Cotton Socks are not recommended.
12. Gun Sling: Wal-Mart sells cheap gun slings, which do not require tapping into your gunstock, they make it more enjoyable when you are leaving the blind or pit with two fists full of game. We also recommend game straps, which hang over your shoulder.
13. Small Flashlight or headlamps: Mini-mag flashlights are small lighting devices that enable you see in the dark marsh prior to shooting hours.
14. Rain Gear: Not required but always a great thing to have in case in rains so you stay warm.
15. Ear Plugs: 4 hunters and guns in each pit or blind make a lot of racket, not required but recommended.

16. Your favorite stool/seat. If we are sitting in the marsh grass you will need something to sit in. Your guide usually has an extra one aboard the boat if you forget yours.

17. Maryland Hunting License; also need a Maryland HIP Card: A state HIP card is required even if you already have a HIP card from your state. Ask for it when getting your license.

- Maryland Duck Stamp
- Federal Duck Stamp: Federal duck stamps are required and good in all 50 states.

These can be purchased at Wal-Mart and at the post office.

18. A positive attitude!

Remember, we are hunting wild birds in the salt marshes of the Chesapeake Bay. Yes we scout, yea we pattern the birds BUT they are wild game and they are going to do what they want to do. We can't always predict what they will do but we certainly try our hardest to put our clients in the best possible scenario to harvest as many birds as possible while maintaining a safe hunting experience.

19. Gain experience and memories!