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Alaska Caribou

The Hunt

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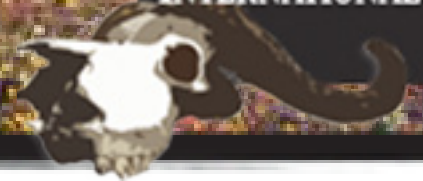
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Located in Northwestern Alaska out of Kotzebue. Hunt the largest herd of Barren Ground Caribou in the world, called the Western Arctic Herd. Caribou hunting in Alaska has never been better! You will be placed in a productive area with no competition from other hunters. Two caribou per hunter!

5 Day Drop Off Caribou Hunts:

5 days in field, 2 days travel
Ask for Prices

***September 1 - October 10**

***Two Caribou per hunter**

Unguided Hunts Include:

- Transportation in and out of field
- Airport pickup
- Transportation of meat & trophies back to Kotzebue
- Camp Gear (tents, cots etc.)
- Food

Do Not Include:

- Expediting of antlers, capes and meat from Kotzebue
- Food, lodging and travel change fees due to the inability to fly because of bad weather
- Personal Gear
- Sleeping Bag and Pack Frame
- Weapon and Ammo of choice
- [Tags/License](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT

TERRAIN

Tundra with perma-frost and tussocks (firm mounds of grass). Open country.

WEATHER

September will average about 45 degrees during the day and 35 at night. By October, the highs will be around 25 with lows of 15 or so. You may also see some snow. Cold weather isn't a problem as long as you prepare.

TRAVEL DURING HUNT

Outfitter provides drop-off and pickup from the field from Kotzebue, Alaska.

MEALS & ACCOMODATIONS

See what is supplied for the camps and food below.

REALISTIC TROPHY SIZE

Trophy caribou bulls are very common.

AVG. SHOT DISTANCE

This is open country and shots can be long.

WHAT IF I TAG OUT EARLY?

Wolf & Ptarmigan (bring a shotgun) hunting, and at some camps fishing is a possibility as well.

SUCCESS RATE

93% - 100% Depending on the year.



TYPICAL TERRAIN

GETTING PREPARED

HOW DO I GET MY PERMITS?

Just go here: www.adfg.alaska.gov

You need: Caribou Tag (limit 2 tags/non. res hunter)
Wolf Tag (optional)
Non-Resident Hunting License

ANY FORMS TO FILL OUT? Nope

SUGGESTED GEAR LIST:

- Framed backpack
- Folding saw w/ bone blade
- Rifle w/ 30-40 rounds of ammunition
- Binoculars
- Knives and a sharpener
- Good sleeping bag and pad
- Hip boots (Cabela's "Dry-Plus Breathable) in waist-high stockingfoot
- Boots to go over stocking foot waders (cleated, no felt soles)
- Clip-on suspenders for waist-high waders
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Camera



- Water bottle with filter
- Insect Repellent (100% Deet)
- Stocking Hat and Gloves
- Top Quality Rain Gear
- Camp Shoes (Insulated leather boots)
- 1 pair insulated hunting pants
- 1 pair non-insulated hunting pants
- 2 pair top and bottom insulated underwear (med-heavy weight. No Cotton)
- 2 - 3 hunting shirts
- Heavy weight socks, 1 pair for each day (wool)
- Heavy coat (with Gore-Tex)
- Cotton Game Bag
- Personal Toiletry Items



Self Guided
Alaska Barren Ground Caribou

*each hunter is limited to 70#'s of gear
excluding the weight of your rifle

TRAVEL INFORMATION

FLY TO: Anchorage, AK (ANC), then you will catch a flight to Kotzebue where your Outfitter will meet you.

ARRIVING / DEPARTING KOTZEBUE: It is important when booking your commercial airline tickets to and from Kotzebue that you arrive on **ALASKA AIRLINES FLIGHT #151** on the day you are scheduled to go into the field. This will put you in Kotzebue at approximately 8am. Arriving later in the day may not allow enough time to fly you out to the field. This will allow us the most time to get you out to your hunting area. At times we must wait for the weather to clear or frost or snow to melt off the wings before we can start flying. If such conditions do exist, be patient. We recommend departing on flight #152 or #153 back to Anchorage on the day after you are scheduled to be extracted from the field. This flight departs Kotzebue at 7:50pm.

* Weather is a variable that no one can control. Weather conditions may prevent us from being able to fly. Such instances are rare, but can occur.



ONCE YOU GET THERE

IN FIELD COMMUNICATIONS: Your hunt is being conducted in a REMOTE wilderness area within the Arctic Circle. Communications are very limited in such remote areas. There is no cell phone service from the field, and most cell phones from the lower 48 will not work in Kotzebue. **We require that all unguided groups rent an Iridium Satellite phone and have it with you when you arrive for your hunt.** This will allow you to keep in contact with us in case of an emergency or if something important is needed. You can do this by going online and typing in Satellite phone rental. Contact numbers will be given to you in Kotzebue. Take extra precautions while doing even routine tasks -- for your own personal safety. Your camp location is accessible only by small aircraft, and this access is completely weather dependant. Unless you can attract someone's attention, your ability to make contact outside of camp is VERY REMOTE without a satellite phone.

The Outfitter is very good at placing hunters where the caribou are. Your success is theirs. Since they fly every day, they attempt to put hunters in the migration pattern so that the caribou will be moving past the hunters in the field. The only time camp is moved is if it is scheduled, paid for and part of a customized hunt.

CAMP: Unguided hunters are responsible for set-up and teardown of their own tents and camping equipment. Camp rental is provided by the Outfitter in Kotzebue and is returned to Kotzebue when your hunt is over.

GEAR & FOOD: Supplied Gear and Food for every two hunters

1 6 man Guide model tent
1 Stove/ 4 one pound propane bottles
2 Cots
2 Chairs
2 Rolls of Toilet Paper
1 Tarp
1 Box Matches/Lighter

Breakfasts

Variety of Oatmeal and Scrambled eggs
2 lbs. Bacon/sausage

Supplied Food (for every 2 hunters)

5 lbs. of Potatoes
2 Loaves Bread
5 Onions
Jar of Jelly
Jar of Peanut Butter
Container Cooking Oil

Gatorade/Kool-Aid
Coffee Mate/Sugar
Butter
Candy/Granola Bars
Instant Oatmeal
Hot Cocoa

1 Cook Set
4 Garbage Bags
1 Lantern w/ Mantles
2 Sets of Silverware, Plates, Bowls & Cups
1 or 2 Collapsible Water Containers
1 Roll Paper Towels
1 Dish Soap

Lunch/Dinners

A mixed variety of Chicken, Beef and Pork Entrees
(DOUBLE servings)

Coffee
Tea Bags
Ramen Soup
Salt and Pepper
Seasonings

10 Qrt Size Ziploc Bags
20' Twine
1 Coffee Pot
4 Game Bags for Meat
1 Basic First Aid Kit

Desserts

Blueberry, Chocolate and
Strawberry crumbles

* Some items may become unavailable. They will be substituted with something of equal value at the outfitters discretion (i.e.: fresh products in late season - frozen fresh potatoes don't work well!!). If there is something you must have that is not on the list, please bring it with you.

AFTER THE HUNT

PICK-UP FROM THE FIELD: Pick up times are weather dependant and not time specific. If the plane comes to get you, and you are not at camp, or ready to go; the pilot may not be able to wait for you. You will be responsible for any missed flights, or additional charter fees in such cases. The Outfitter will make every attempt to get you back to town with ample time to prepare your gear before departing.

MEAT CARE: All edible meat must be salvaged. On the guided hunts your guide or packer will do this for you, "you are welcome to help!" Non guided hunters are responsible to pack all edible meat back to the runway at their camp (including rib and neck meat). Meat of the front and hind quarters, and ribs must remain on the bone until removed from the field (or eaten).

Antlers May NOT be removed from the kill site until ALL salvageable meat is removed (state law).

IS THERE A GOOD TAXIDERMIST? Yes, this Outfitter uses a few different taxidermists. Kaleb's Taxidermy is on-site and Schiermierer Taxidermy in Idaho. The Outfitter will coordinate all services necessary.

SHIPPING MEAT: For people wishing to take meat home with them, wet lock boxes can be purchased from the Outfitter for \$15 each. Boxes can be checked on as luggage. Boxes must not be over 50 pounds. Excess luggage fees will be charged by the airlines for additional pieces of checked baggage on Alaska Airlines.

For those of you wishing to donate meat: you must complete a transfer of possession form (the Outfitter has them). Meat can be donated to local citizens or to the food bank. Partially butchered quarters of meat are not accepted for donation. Remember it is the hunter's responsibility to see the meat is properly donated or boxed for your flight home. Deboning meat is not permitted by airport regulation at the airport facility. Fee for boxing game meat is \$50 per box, plus the box fee, and is only done on a time available basis.

Unguided hunters should bring good quality game bags with them. The Outfitter will provide burlap sacks to haul/load meat.

Meat will stay in the field with you for the entire time unless arrangements are made between you and the pilot. The Outfitter is not permitted to store meat at their facility in Kotzebue. Kotzebue does not have freezers or processing facilities to accommodate hunters.

GETTING BACK TO THE AIRPORT: You will fly back to the Anchorage, AK airport on a commercial airline from Kotzebue. Make your commercial flight from Kotzebue through Anchorage and back home to the lower 48.

MEET THE OUTFITTER

BRIEF HISTORY & INFORMATION: Transporting unguided caribou and moose hunters into the wild Alaska landscape is nothing new for this Outfitter. Specializing in unguided caribou and moose drop off hunts, they have the experience and local knowledge to put you in the optimum position to “get” that big bull you’re after.

They pride themselves in knowing where to put you for your best hunting opportunities. The goal is to drop you where the game is. That’s why they’ve chosen the particular planes they fly. If you’ve flown into the bush on a hunting trip before, you know the plane you’ll be riding in makes a big difference.

YEARS IN BUSINESS: Over 25 years



An advertisement for wilderness adventures. On the left, a vertical banner reads "WILDERNESS ADVENTURE". In the center, two hunters in camouflage gear are smiling and holding up a large set of caribou antlers. To the right of the hunters, the text reads: "SELF GUIDED HUNTS", "93%-100% SUCCESS RATES YEARLY", "TROPHY BULLS ARE COMMON.", and "TWO CARIBOU PER HUNTER". In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo with "O.I. APPROVED" written inside.

The unguided caribou package is a very hassle free hunt for the Do-It-Yourself hunter. This hunt is designed to eliminate all the headaches and hidden costs that one can incur. You will have help and guidance with all of these sometimes-difficult tasks, allowing you to concentrate on enjoying your vacation. The Outfitter will take care of all the logistical hurdles, and provide you with detailed pre-trip information about your hunt. Two Caribou per hunter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO HUNT THE MIGRATION?

We get this one A LOT! Every year is different, and it is all dependent on the weather. Caribou season is actually open all year, but people choose to hunt in Sept/Oct for a few reasons: the antlers have shed their velvet; the migration is in full swing; the bugs are disappearing. Some years early September can be warmer and slow down the migration, but on other years the first part of the season is the best.

DO HUNTERS SPEND THE NIGHT IN KOTZEBUE?

We suggest you make your flight arrangements the mornign that you arescheduled to fly into the field (ie flight #151 into Kotzebue). It arrives approximately 7:30 AM, which allows the Outfitter to pick you and your gear up at the airport, get you over to their building where you will have a hunter orientation and get you staged and readied to go into the field.

On the day you are scheduled to come out of the field, we suggest you make a room reservation in Kotzebue for that evening and schedule your flight to leave the following day. This allows you enough time to deal with your meat, antlers and gives you a place to shower after a long week in the field. This also provides you with the most flexibility and the less likely you will have a missed flight time for your commercial flight out of Kotzebue.