



## Policies and Hunt Information

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- Payment: 50 % of total hunt cost due 15 days after booking- Remaining balance due 60 days prior to hunt- Deposits made are non refundable. Checks, Credit Cards, Wire Transfer, or Cash accepted.
- Can pick up from and drop off at local airports (San Angelo and Brady Texas) free of charge.
- Soft Drinks and Beer can be provided with packaged hunts that include lodging at the Cross Oaks Ranch. Cross Outfitters does not provide liquor or any other alcoholic beverages. Hunters and guests are welcome to bring liquor with them. The HT Ranch does not provide beer or any other alcoholic beverages on packaged hunts with lodging at the HT Ranch. Guests are welcome to bring beer or liquor to the HT Ranch. No drinking is allowed before or while hunting. Cross Outfitters reserves the right to not allow a guest to hunt if they are not of safe mind.
- Cross Outfitters can assist with basic meat and antler preparation for travel- We can transport hunters to a local taxidermist and processor.
- Gun Safety: Guns are only loaded when in hunting blinds or when instructed by a guide or Cross Outfitters Staff Member. Guns should never be loaded in vehicles or near Lodges/Ranch Facilities.
- Any wounded game is considered a **KILL**. Guides determine whether an animal was hit or wounded. Decision is made based on animal reaction, guide or hunter seeing where it was hit, seeing the wound, or finding blood.
- Guides do their best to accurately judge and describe animals to clients. The decision to shoot ultimately rests with the hunter.
- A photo copy of a government issued ID is required for all hunters and guests.
- Gratuities for guides and cooks are appreciated.

After deciding to book a hunt, there are several things hunters can do to prepare for their trip.

**Practice shooting-** This is the most important part of preparing for the hunt. Hunters should practice as much as possible before the hunt. Remember that a wounded animal is considered a KILL.

Any Whitetail Caliber Rifle will work. We recommend .270, .30-06, .300, Etc. Let us know if you have any questions regarding your rifle.

Rifles should be sighted in at **100 yards**. Once you arrive at the ranch you will shoot at the range to ensure the scope didn't move from the travel.

Hunters should bring plenty of Ammo with them. **40 rounds is recommended** encase there are difficulties sighting it in. **Make sure all the ammo is the same grain and type of bullet.**

Contact us regarding bows and other weapons.

**Mentally prepare for the hunt.** Look at different pictures on the website. Get a realistic idea of what you're looking for.

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**Hunters will need to bring their own hunting equipment-** Rifle, Ammo, Binoculars, clothing

Arrangements can be made for Cross Outfitters to provide a Rifle or other equipment.

Hunters will also need to **purchase a Texas Hunting License**. We can assist you with this once you arrive. **Persons born on or after 9/2/71 are required to have completed a hunter's education course** or can purchase a 1 time hunter education deferral if age 17 or older. The Hunter Education card/certificate given for completion of the course or the deferral will be needed. Contact us for more information.

Think about other equipment you might want to bring- Camera, Good pair of boots, Gloves, Etc.

When planning your clothing check the local weather for either San Angelo or Brady Texas. **The best thing to do is to plan for layering your clothing.** That way you will have plenty on for the cold of the morning and can shed once it starts to warm up. Weather typically can change fast from day to day and even during the day itself. **Snake Boots** are recommended for warm weather.

Rifle hunters can use almost any type of camo patterned clothing, but is not required. Bow hunters should try to bring camo clothing.

Lodges include most of the basic amenities of home- Bedding, Towels, Soap, Shampoo

Hunters should bring personal items- Toothbrush, Medicines, Etc.

Let us know if you have any questions on equipment or what you should bring.

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The Meals will be homestyle cooking, barbeque, and grilling. Usually this includes meats, salad, vegetables, eggs etc.

Please let us know if you have any preference on food, dislikes, or allergies. Also, let us know what brands of beverages you prefer.

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Hunters should think about what they will do with a Harvested Animal.

Guides will take care of all field dressing and cleaning of game. Cross Outfitters can also assist in basic antler/meat preparations for travel.

If you would like to mount antlers and/or Process the meat we recommend taking it to a local Taxidermist and/or Processor and have it shipped home. This insures that the cape and meat are taken care of. A taxidermist may be able to meet you at the ranch.

There are several different options and taxidermists/processors. You can also donate the meat if you chose to do so.

Once you harvest an animal you can look at the different options available and decide which is best for you.

Taxidermist, processing, shipping of cape and meat, etc is not included in the hunt. Hunters will have to pay separately for those services.