

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the closest airport?

If you are coming from out of state and need to fly to the hunt, then there are a few options. The Ranch at Ucross is in a rural area quite a distance from a major airport. Hunters arriving by air will also need to travel by car once you are on the ground. There are no airport shuttles to the Ranch, but we encourage hunters to carpool when possible. Car rentals are available. Be sure to account for the additional travel time when planning your arrival. The three closest airports are listed below. Because they are regional airports, flights in and out are limited, so make sure you take this into account as you plan as well.

Visit the 2020 Hunters Facebook group to seek out opportunities for ride sharing from the airport.

1. Casper–Natrona County International Airport located at 8500 Airport Pkwy, Casper, WY 82604
Approx. 2 hours by car from the Ranch at UCross

2. Billings Logan International Airport located at 1901 Terminal Cir, Billings, MT 59105
Approx 2.5 hours by car to the Ranch at Ucross

3. Campbell County Airport located at Airport Road, Gillette, WY
Approx. 1 hour 15 minutes by car from the Ranch at Ucross

What is the lodging situation?

Hunter Lodging – Rooms are double-occupancy. You will be sharing your room with one other hunter. You will receive an email with your roommate assignment prior to the hunt. We will also do our best to honor roommate requests and will give you the opportunity to make this request in a survey prior to the hunt.

To see more about the Ranch at Ucross, check out their website <https://www.theranchatucross.com/>

How do I get to the Ranch at Ucross by driving?

Our hunt takes place at the Ranch at Ucross.

Below are driving directions:

Plug this into your GPS: 2673 US 14 Clearmont, WY 82835

From Sheridan (north and west of the Ranch at Ucross)

- From Exit 25 on I-90 (Brundage Lane/US14), head east on US14E
- Continue to follow US14E for 26.6 miles
- Destination will be on the left.

From Buffalo/Casper (south and west of the Ranch at Ucross)

- From Casper, WY head north on I-25 take Exit 299 to US 16 East at Buffalo, WY
- Follow US16E for 15.7 miles to Ucross
- Turn left onto US14W
- Continue on US14W for 1 mile

- Destination will be on the right

From Gillette (east of the Ranch at Ucross)

- Take I-90W to Buffalo (Exit 58)
- From Exit 58 on I-90, proceed north on US 16E
- Continue to follow US16E for 15.7 miles to Ucross
- Turn left onto US14W
- Continue on US14W for 1 mile
- Destination will be on the right

Is there an ATM at the Ranch at Ucross?

No, there is not an ATM at the Ranch at Ucross. So, please plan accordingly if you plan to use cash for auction, raffle or drink ticket purchases. The nearest ATM is in Buffalo (17 miles away!). We will accept all major credit cards and checks on the ranch.

I was selected as a scholarship hunter. What do I need to know?

Congratulations on your selection for a scholarship! Here are few considerations we are often asked about from scholarship recipients.

Hunter deposit: You will receive your deposit back by check when you arrive at the hunt. If you cancel your hunt, then you will not receive the deposit back. We will use it to defray the cost of your license purchase and outfitting reservation.

Guide tipping: We will tip your guide. Feel free to supplement the tip with your own funds in any amount, as you are able, to show appreciation to your guide. However, it is not necessary.

Meat processing: We encourage you to go through our meat processing workshop where you will get one on one guidance on how to butcher your own antelope. However, if you don't want to or don't have time to do that, then you are welcome to send your antelope to the meat processor. As a scholarship recipient, we will cover the cost of basic processing (\$110). However, if you want additional products, such as sausage, then you will need to pay the additional fee.

Transportation: You are responsible for getting yourself to the hunt. Once you are there, you will be transported to your hunt area by your guide in a truck. No special type of vehicle is needed. If you would like to try to carpool to the hunt, then we recommend checking for opportunities to connect with other hunters traveling from a similar location by reaching out to the 2020 Hunter Facebook group. If you are having difficulties arranging transportation, please let us know, and we will do what we can to help!

Other expenses at the hunt: Your scholarship is all inclusive of everything you need to participate in the hunt! However, if you would like to bid on the silent auction, purchase a few alcoholic extra drinks, or purchase a fishing license (resident day license = \$6 | nonresident day license = \$14), then you will need to cover those costs. There is no ATM on the ranch, so you may want to bring cash, or we accept all major credit cards and checks on the ranch.

What should I bring?

Please refer to the suggested packing list.

If you don't own camo yet, and don't want to go out and buy some, then contact alex@wycf.org to reserve something from our gently used camo closet.

Do I need hunter's safety?

Yes. Please make sure that you have your hunter safety certification with you at the event and in the field at all times. If you have a Wyoming certification but need to obtain a copy of your card here. Enter your name as it would have appeared on your hunter safety card and you'll be able to print a copy of your card from there. If you are certified in another state, then you must carry a certification card from that state. Contact the state agency that issues the cards in your state if you need a new card.

If you have not completed a hunter's safety course, let us know when you register for the event (not at sign-up) and we will work with you.

Will I have a hunting partner or guide?

Yes.

Most hunters will go out in pairs with one guide. In the spirit of sportsmanship and mentoring, if you are the first of your team to harvest your antelope, then plan to return to the field to support your teammate until she has filled her tag. You will be introduced to your hunting partners at the welcome dinner on Thursday.

Should I tip my guide?

It is customary to show your appreciation to your guide by providing a tip at the end of your hunt. Somewhere in the range of \$100 – \$150 (and up) is typical for a big game hunt of this nature, but anything you are able to do will be greatly appreciated. *If you are on scholarship, then we will tip your guide for you.* **Note that there is no ATM at the ranch!** So, please plan accordingly with respect to having cash on hand.

Can I bring my own rifle? What if I don't have a rifle?

Many of our hunters choose to bring their own rifle for the hunt. If you do not have your own rifle, we will provide one for you.

Your own rifle: Sighting in your rifle prior to traveling to the hunt will make the sight-in process at the event move more quickly and easily, so please do this if you can. Please let us know if this will not be possible so we can plan accordingly.

Loaner rifles: Loaner rifles were donated by sponsor Thompson/Center and are fitted with scopes donated by Vortex Optics. These are .243 caliber Venture model rifles. Loaner rifles are available for those hunters who are unable to provide their own firearm. We will confirm whether you requested a loaner rifle prior to the hunt.

Ammunition – You will need to bring your own ammunition if you are using your own rifle. A minimum of two boxes is recommended to cover the sight-in and the hunt. Loaner rifle ammunition donated by Hornady will be provided for those using our Thompson/Center loaner rifles.

Shipping: If you are traveling to the hunt by plane, we recommend shipping your gun to the ranch to avoid issues with delayed checked luggage. Ship to:

The Ranch at Ucross
2673 US 14
Clearmont, WY 82835
Attn: Your Name

Eric & Vickie, the ranch managers, will take care of your rifle until you arrive. If you have any questions about shipping your rifle, please call them directly at (307) 737-2281.

What are my options for meat processing and taxidermy?

You have three options regarding meat processing:

1. Cut it up yourself during the meat processing workshop to take home with you,
2. Have your meat processed by Big Horn Meat Cutting to take home with you;
3. Donate it to the local food bank. (You will incur the meat processing fee).

You will need to provide a credit card number or check at check-in when you get to the ranch in the amount of \$110, as all processing must be paid for when the animal is delivered to the processor (we cover this cost for scholarship recipients). Any specialty meat or cut options above the standard meat processing (review cut sheet) will incur an additional cost, to be paid when you submit your animal for processing. If you process the animal yourself, then you will get this amount refunded!

We will transport animals to the processor. Hunters will pick up their own meat after it is processed. Usually, they are able to do this for us within 24 hours. (However, pickup time varies based on drop off time and capacity.) Food bank donations must be processed at Big Horn Meat Cutting and you as the hunter are responsible for the processing fee.

Cooler – If you are planning to transport your meat home, please bring a cooler of at least 50 quarts in size. If you are traveling by plane to the hunt, then you may want to have your meat packed for you in dry ice from Big Horn Meat Cutting for an additional fee (dependent on weight). Please check with your airline to determine whether you can bring this package on the plane or if you will need to ship it.

Taxidermy – We will have a taxidermist at the ranch all weekend. Rusty's Taxidermy will assist you with any taxidermy needs that you have.

What else can I do after my partner and I have both harvested?

Once you fill your tag, you may take part in the other activities we offer. Past activities include a meat processing workshop, fly fishing, a game meat cooking demonstration, and trap/skeet shooting. You may bring your own fly rod or shotgun, but if that is not convenient for you, we will have loaner shotguns and fly rods available. Fishing licenses will be available for purchase at the Ranch.

Will there be photos available?

We will be collecting as many photos of the hunt as possible! If you will be using a digital camera and would like to share your photos with us, please bring the cord that connects your camera to a computer so that you can upload them to our storage site. We will also be asking you to sign a photo/video release prior to the hunt. Once the hunt is over please send any photos you want to share with you fellow hunters to alex@wycf.org. Photos from past hunts are located on the our website.

Can I hunt on this private land outside of the Wyoming Women's Antelope Hunt?

Please Respect Landowners— Landowners generously donate the use of their land to this event for the event dates only. Please be respectful to landowners and their property, and do not ask landowners to allow you use of their property aside from the guided antelope hunt. This includes filling other tags you may have and/or hunting in future years. If/when you meet your landowner, please thank them.

If you have any questions you can't find the answer to, please contact [alex @wycf.org](mailto:alex@wycf.org).