

BONUS TIPS

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Avoid Outfitter Regrets

We've all heard the stories. "I wish I'd known I was supposed to bring food." Or, "It wasn't what I was expecting." My personal favorite is, "I didn't see any animals!"

These are all terrible situations that have happened because a hunter or angler didn't do his research before hiring an outfitter or charter captain.

If you're thinking of hunting somewhere else, and you want to hire a guide or outfitter, call references, do some snooping around on the Web and get in contact with people in that area.

Does the outfitter's Web site have good information about what he has to offer? Does it state things like: opportunity rates, fully furnished meals and lodging, guides are provided or not provided? There should be an "Items to Bring" list, for example. That's a good sign that expectations will be met.

Once you've gotten this information and understand it, I'm sure you will feel more comfortable when booking your next adventure.

Hop on the Web and check these sites for further help.

- **Outfitterpros.com.** Here you can pick and choose what you want at a price you can afford.

- **Myoutdoorzone.com.** Check out the chat on the social networks. These forums are a great way to get really good info.

- **Bizdirectory.gameandfishmag.com.** A growing list of sites and contact numbers for a variety of outfitters.

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// **Rocky Mountain Game & Fish:** Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming

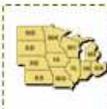


EAST REGION

New York // Pennsylvania // **Mid-Atlantic Game & Fish:** Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey //

New England Game & Fish:

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont



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Illinois // Indiana // Iowa // Michigan // Minnesota // Missouri // Ohio // Wisconsin // **Great Plains Game & Fish:** Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota



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