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EXTREME GRIZZLY BEAR & WOLF PHOTO SAFARI WILDERNESS HORSE PACK TRIP

If you prefer to do your hunting with a camera instead of a gun or bow, ABO has the adventure for you. Imagine yourself tracking a grizzly bear or a pack of wolves armed only with your sense of adventure, your photography skill and your trusty camera. ABO has just added grizzly bear/wolf photo safaris to its list of unforgettable Montana wilderness adventures. If you choose you can leave your camera and just enjoy the thrill of this unique experience. Your guide and tracker will be ABO's outfitter, Cameron Mayo. Cameron has spent countless hours riding the Absaroka-Beartooth country. He is an experienced outdoorsman and knowledgeable about the area and its habitat.

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FIVE-DAY PACKAGE- \$2500 2x1 hunt (2 clients to 1 guide) \$3500 1x1 hunt

Custom Trips Available Upon Request

2019 TRIP DATES

Trip 1: July 23-27 (Tuesday-Saturday)

Trip 2: July 29-August 2 (Monday-Friday)

Trip 3: August 4-8 (Sunday-Thursday)

Trip 4: August 10-14 (Saturday-Wednesday)

Trip 5: August 16-20 (Friday-Tuesday)

~~Trip 6: August 22-26 (Thursday-Monday)~~ Booked

Trip 7: August 28-September 1 (Wednesday-Sunday)



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Our grizzly bear/wolf photo safari horse pack trips are run out of our backcountry camp, Hellroaring, located 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. Our recommended 5-day trip allows us one day to pack in, 3 days to photo hunt, and one day to pack out. The horse pack trip to camp is approximately 5 hours through magnificent country. We stop for lunch on the divide, approximately 1/3 of the way to camp. Our string of horses and mules are dependable. Previous riding experience is helpful but not required.

Once in camp, you can relax by the creek and enjoy beautiful Bull Moose Meadow. Your sleeping accommodations are in comfortable, carpeted, wall tents with foam padded cots and wood stoves. Propane lanterns are available, but most people prefer their head lamps. There are 2 to 4 people per tent. A hot shower is also available. We eat in a central eating tent with delicious food prepared by our camp cook.

Our wilderness photo safaris take you through rugged, rigorous country. This rough and remote area is prime habitat for elk, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, moose, black bear, grizzly bear and wolf. The landscape varies from large open meadows to lightly timbered south slopes and long benches. Our guides are knowledgeable in the habits of the animals, experienced outdoorsmen and know the area extremely well.

A typical day of "photo hunting" consists of an early breakfast, most of the day spent in the saddle tracking and glassing and then returning to camp that evening for spirits, a hearty supper, perhaps a hot shower and a good night sleep. Some days we will "hunt" until late morning, return to camp, and then "hunt" again in the late afternoon until dark. Other days we will stay out all day. Walking and/or riding are mandatory. Being in good condition for hiking and riding and bringing along a good pair of binoculars will help you have more success viewing and photographing the animals.

The weather in July and August is usually very comfortable. Daytime temperatures range from 60 to 80 degrees. On clear nights the temperatures can range from 20-40 degrees; however, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness weather is variable, so we ask our clients to come prepared for the changing temperatures.

The most important thing to remember is a great attitude. Be ready to enjoy an adventurous trip and the special things the mountains have to offer. This will be one for the memory book!



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DEPOSIT, PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

A deposit of 50% of the trip is required to book your reservation.

This deposit is non-refundable.

The balance of the trip is due 30 days prior to trip date and is nonrefundable.

Trips not fully paid by this date will be considered cancelled.

We recommend Trip Cancellation Insurance. Montana Outfitters & Guides

Association suggests Global Rescue travel insurance.

<http://www.montanaoutfitters.org/travelersinsurance/>

We accept Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard only) and Checks

Make Checks Payable to: Absaroka Beartooth Outfitters, Inc.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The rates for fishing and pack trips include:

- Lodging and meals on incoming and outgoing nights at the ABO Lodge in Big Timber, MT. ABO Lodge includes bedding and towels.
- Caravanning to the trailhead or transportation to and from the trailhead (leaving from and returning to ABO Headquarters in Big Timber)
- In the backcountry, use of horses, mules, tack, all camp accommodations, all meals, and non-alcoholic beverages
- Lodging, meals and non-alcoholic beverages on incoming and outgoing nights at the ABO Lodge in Big Timber, MT
- Experienced Guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

The rates for fishing and pack trips do not include:

- Transportation to Montana
- Montana fishing licenses
- Fishing equipment including rods and flies
- Sleeping bags
- Any additional transportation costs
- Gratuities for guides, cook and wrangler



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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS GRIZZLY BEAR & WOLF PHOTO SAFARI

✚ **Upon arrival in Big Timber**, you will be staying at ABO Headquarters in the ABO Lodge. Check in time is between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. Dinner will be at 7:00pm. The following morning, breakfast will be at 6:30am with departure for the mountains at approximately 7:30am. You will spend 5 glorious days in the mountains. On the 5th day you will ride out of the mountains after breakfast and return to the ABO Lodge in Big Timber late afternoon, early evening. We will have dinner ready for you when you return. After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, you will depart. Our wish is you leave wishing you could stay!

✚ **Please check in with ABO when you are an hour out of Big Timber. (210-722-3817)**

✚ **Guests Driving:** Big Timber is located off Interstate 90 between Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman to Big Timber is 60 miles, driving time 1 hour. Billings to Big Timber is 90 miles, driving time 1½ hours.

✚ **Guests Flying:** Plan to fly into the **Bozeman International Airport** (BZN) the day before your trip begins. The following airlines service Bozeman:

Delta 1-800-325-1999	American 1-800-433-7300	Frontier 1-800-432-1359
Northwest 1-800-225-2525	Horizon Air 1-800-547-9308	
Alaska Airlines 1-800-252-7522	United 1-800-864-8331	

The service is usually very good into Bozeman. However, this is a college town, home to Montana State University, so make your reservations early.

Check out **Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or (info@mttravel.com) for some of the best air fares available. Remember, Bozeman is on Mountain Time so keep that in mind when making your travel arrangements.

✚ **If you are flying** do not make your outbound flight **too early**. Remember, **you are 1 hour 6 minutes from Big Timber to the Bozeman airport. Add 1 ½ to 2 hours for airport check-in and rental car return.** Plan on leaving Big Timber 3 hours before your flight time.

✚ We recommend you rent a car. It is an easy drive from the Bozeman airport east on Interstate 90 to Big Timber. It is a very busy time of year and all our "hands" are busy preparing a great adventure for you. However, if necessary we can provide you with shuttle service from the Bozeman Airport to the ABO Lodge in Big Timber and return you to the airport in Bozeman at the end of your trip. The cost of this service is \$300 round trip.



If you have the time, arrive a day or two early or stay a day after your ABO trip to enjoy some of what Bozeman and Big Timber to offer. Bozeman and Big Timber are delightful old western towns.

Big Timber has 5-star dining at the Grand Hotel and the best Huckleberry Milkshake you will ever experience! Check out McLeod Street for fun and unique shops with great prices. Don't miss Gusts Department Store (it will take you back in time), Cinnabar Creek for a great espresso and gifts, the Bakery for yummy treats and many other fun shops.

Bozeman has great restaurants, wonderful art galleries, the Museum of the Rockies, a fabulous shop on Main Street called Go West and many other fun places to shop and visit.

If you plan to extend your trip, we recommend the following hotels.

Big Timber, Montana

The Grand Hotel (www.thegrand-hotel.com) (406-932-4459).

The Grand Hotel Bed and Breakfast is a charming and beautifully renovated historical hotel in downtown Big Timber. The hotel provides a wonderful full breakfast but not before 8:00 am. It has a well-stocked vintage bar which serves lunch and dinner. But for those with a "grander" palette it sports a fabulous restaurant that serves delicious gourmet dinners. The dining room is very popular so be sure to **make a reservation**.

Bozeman, Montana

The Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Bozeman West

(www.holidayinnexpress.com) (406-582-4995).

The **Holiday Inn Express** is a small, friendly hotel conveniently located at 2305 Catron Street. The Inn has a breakfast bar that opens at 5:30 each morning, comfortable rooms, pool and exercise facility. They provide shuttle service to the airport. Make your reservations early. The summer is a busy time for tourists while the fall is filled with college related activities.

The C'mon Inn (www.cmoninn.com) (406-587-3555).

The **C'mon Inn's** heavy timbered look with Montana's big game animals perched on rocks and above waterfalls has the charm and feel of a mountain lodge. Comfortable rooms, an indoor pool, several hot tubs, a breakfast bar and shuttle service to the airport leave you wanting for little. The Outback Steakhouse is conveniently located next door. The C'mon Inn is located off Interstate 90 at Exit 305 on East Valley Center Road.



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EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING LIST

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Recommended personal gear for 5 day wilderness trips

Weather may vary during the summer months from very warm to very cold, so be prepared for everything. We recommend the layered system of dressing.

- wading shoes/sandals (Preferable on warm summer days)***
- water resistant hiking/riding boots (like Danner)
- wool socks—at least 2 pairs
- cotton or regular socks
- 2 complete changes of clothes
- lightweight shorts, jeans and t-shirts
- personal toiletries (toothbrush, glasses/contacts/personal medications etc.)
- towel
- WARM SLEEPING BAG and Pillow
- warm coat (we recommend wool)
- light coat/fleece vest
- rain gear (jacket w/ hood or poncho)
- hat and gloves
- flashlight or head lamp
- sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent
- water bottle (example: Bota Outback w/water filtration system)
(www.botaofboulder.com)

OPTIONAL OR LUXURY ITEMS

Float tubes (You must bring a life jacket to use float tubes.)
Binoculars, GPS, Range Finder, Cell phone, Camera/extra film
Spirited beverage if desired

LIMIT WEIGHT OF GEAR TO 50 LBS OR LESS IN DUFFEL BAGS AND KEEP MULTIPLE BAGS EQUAL IN WEIGHT.

***** We ask that all footwear worn into Montana's waters has non-slip rubber bottoms, NO FELT. This is due to the potential for aquatic invasive species (non-native invasive species). Cleaning the bottom of your rubber sole sandals, waders and wading boots with 409 is an excellent way to protect against spreading non-native invasive species.**