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## 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.

**SIX-DAY PACKAGE** - \$3500 2x1 hunt (2 clients to 1 guide) \$4500 1x1 hunt

**FIVE-DAY PACKAGE** - \$3000 2x1 hunt (2 clients to 1 guide) \$4000 1x1 hunt

Custom Trips Available Upon Request

**Trip prices include** accommodations and meals at ABO Lodge in Big Timber, Montana for arrival and departure days and all meals and tent camp accommodations for mountain trip. Arrival Day: Check in at 4:00 pm Departure Day: Check out by 10:00 am

**TRIP ITINERARY:** for 6-day trips

**Arrival Day:** ABO's six-day adventure trip begins with arrival at ABO Lodge & Headquarters in Big Timber, Montana at 4:00 pm the day before your trip begins. This meet and greet evening includes dinner, lodging, introduction of guides and time for questions and answers about your trip.

**Day 1:** The following day you will arise to a hearty breakfast before departing to ABO's camp at Independence. This day will include caravanning by vehicle from the ABO Lodge to the trailhead which takes 1 ½ to 2 hours, then riding 1 ½ to 2 hours on horseback to Independence. We provide you with a sack lunch to enjoy along the way. The afternoon, evening and night will be spent at Independence where you can rest, fish, hike or become



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more familiar with your horse and the backcountry. Accommodations will be in a comfortable tent camp with meals provided by our camp cook.

**Day 2:** After a good breakfast, you will mount up and ride 4 ½ hours to ABO's camp, Hellroaring. The scenery is magnificent on this ride. We will take a break on top of the Hellroaring Divide, a ten-thousand-foot pass for which you will want to have your cameras handy. We should arrive camp around two o'clock which will give you plenty of time to settle in to your tent, fish and explore before our evening meal and campfire.

**Day 3, 4, & 5:** The next 3 days you will spend grizzly bear & wolf hunting with your camera.

**Day 6:** Upon arising, you will turn your duffels over to the mule packers and head to the eating tent for your last Hellroaring breakfast. Full and satisfied you will mount the horse with which you have shared a lot of mountain hours and follow your guide out of the mountains to Box Canyon. This ride takes about 5 ½ to 6 hours. The mules will be packed with your gear once you are on your way to Box Canyon. When you arrive at Box Canyon, you will leave your horse with the wranglers and drive to the ABO Lodge in Big Timber to rest, relax and enjoy a well-earned feast.

You will arrive at the lodge before your gear. It does not matter how proficient the wranglers, a pack string of mules and the mountains present constant challenges, so plan to bring with you out of the mountains, your medication or whatever you will need for that evening, as occasionally they do not arrive at the lodge with your gear until late.

**Departure Day:** Enjoy a final breakfast in the ABO Lodge dining room. Check out is by 10:00 am. Your ABO adventure will have ended, but we hope we will have provided an experience that allowed you a retreat in the solitude and wonder of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness.

**Our 5-day trip is the same as the 6-day trip minus the stay at Independence. Our first night on the 5-day trip is spent in Hellroaring.**



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# Trip Dates: for 6-day trips

**The trip dates do not include arrival and departure days.**

The trip dates below are just the days you are in the mountains. For example: Trip 1: July 15-20 (Arrive ABO Lodge in Big Timber, MT at 4:00 pm on July 14. Ride into the mountains on July 15 and ride out of the mountains and drive back to ABO Lodge on July 20. Depart from ABO Lodge by 10:00 am on July 21.)

**TRIP 1:** July 15-20 (Monday-Saturday)

**TRIP 2:** July 22-27 (Monday-Saturday)

**TRIP 3:** July 29-August 3 (Monday-Saturday)

**TRIP 4:** August 5-10 (Monday-Saturday)

**TRIP 5:** August 12-17 (Monday-Saturday)

**TRIP 6:** August 19-24 (Monday-Saturday)

**TRIP 7:** August 26-31 (Monday-Saturday)

**Our 5-day trip dates are the same as the 6-day trip minus one day at the end of each trip. For example: July 15-20 becomes July 15-19 for a 5-day trip.**



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# Grizzly Bear & Wolf Photo Safari

## Wilderness Horse Pack Trip Information

This trip is for the true adventurer. Accessed only by horseback, you will ride over a 10,000-foot pass followed by a pack string straight out of the old west and descend into beautiful Bull Moose Meadow and our camp, Hellroaring. You are now among the lucky few who get to experience the splendor and solitude of Hellroaring.

Your location is 8 miles north of Yellowstone National Park in the heart of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Not to fear, our guides will escort you every step of the way. You will find them knowledgeable, skillful and HELPFUL. Your ONLY CARE will be to photo hunt, have fun and enjoy what is justifiably called "God's country."

Our recommended 6-day trip allows us one day to pack into Independence, the following day a ½ day riding to our Hellroaring Camp, 3 full days to photo hunt out of Hellroaring, and one day to pack out. The horse pack trip to camp is approximately 4 ½ hours through magnificent country. 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



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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!

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



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## 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 guide, cook and wranglers
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## Travel Arrangements

### GRIZZLY BEAR & WOLF PHOTO SAFARI

- ✓ **Upon arrival in Big Timber**, you will be staying in the ABO Lodge located at ABO Headquarters. Check in time is between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Dinner will be at 7:00pm. The following morning, breakfast will be between 7-8 am with departure for the mountains soon after breakfast. You will spend 6 glorious days in the mountains. On the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 by 10:00 am. Our wish is you leave wishing you could stay!
- ✓ **Please check in with ABO if you will be arriving later than 6:00 pm. (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  
Alaska 1-800-252-7522

American 1-800-433-7300  
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

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**Montana Travel** (1-800-247-3538) or ([info@mttravel.com](mailto: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 an hour and 15 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.

**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 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 at the Frosty Freeze! 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. Sweet Cast Angler is a good place to pick up any extra flies or fishing supplies. The Fort offers any last-minute needs from sleeping bags, hunting & fishing gear, gifts, food and “spirits” to name a few. Take in the real flavor of Montana at The Timber Bar with its delicious “made in house” food and top it all off with a broad assortment of both local and national refreshing craft beers.

**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.



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

### **BIG TIMBER, MONTANA**

**The Grand Hotel** ([www.thegrand-hotel.com](http://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](http://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](http://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

## **WILDERNESS GRIZZLY BEAR & WOLF PHOTO SAFARI**

*Recommended personal gear for 5 and 6-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
- 3 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 headlamp
- sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent
- water bottle **w/water filtration system**
- binoculars and camera/extra film and battery charger

## **OPTIONAL OR LUXURY ITEMS**

Float tubes (You must bring a life jacket to use float tubes.)

GPS, Range Finder, Cell phone

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.**