

Is there a black bear hunt on your calendar this spring? You lucky dog! Here's a checklist of items to make sure you take along for success and comfort.

OPTICS LASER RANGEFINDER

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Whether you're hunting from a

stand up-close or glassing and stalking distant mountains, you need to know the precise range before you take the shot with your bow or rifle. Don't rely on a guide's guesstimate. Take your own rangefinder.

Shop basspro.com, keyword binoculars Glass and stalk is all about

BINOCULARS

great optics, but good glass comes in really handy in stand hunting, too. Black bear are notoriously difficult to judge. Getting a good look with binoculars really helps.



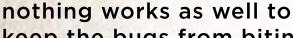


THERMACELL SCOUT

CAMP LANTERN Shop basspro.com, keyword thermacell Mosquitos and blackflies are a

fact of life when it comes to

spring black bear hunting. So like a microwave oven or a smartphone, once you've used a ThermaCELL, you'll wonder how you survived without it. This version is also a full-power camping lantern that's a comfort when you're waiting for your guide to pick you up after dark. **BUG JACKET**



keep the bugs from biting as

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When you're on the move,

a bug suit. In extreme cases tape the wrists and waist to prevent the buggers from finding their way in. FOOTWEAR





Sometimes your stand is in a swamp. Sometimes (most times?) it's going

HIGH BOOTS

boots are really comfortable and convenient. It's even better if they're well-fitted should you need to do

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some walking. **LOW BOOTS** Shop basspro.com, keyword hunting boots On glass and stalk hunts, you'll be covering a lot of ground ... a good bit of it up and down. On some stand hunts, the walk from

to rain. Pull on, knee-high waterproof

ankle, well-fitted hunting boots is right for either hunt. Take a pair! COMFORT-

the truck will be short and the

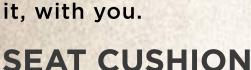
pure comfort of an athletic shoe

is welcome. A good pair of low





WATER BOTTLE Shop basspro.com, keyword waterbottle Whether you're spending a long warm afternoon and evening in a stand, or you're on the move in the mountains, you need to stay hydrated. Take water, plenty of



On the stand, extra padding is always welcome for a long sit. When stopping to glass an alpine

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meadow for a couple of hours, a dry, soft spot to sit is essential. Taking your own cushion keeps a soft seat always at the ready. **BLIND CHAIR** Shop basspro.com, keyword blind chair No, your guide's not going to look at

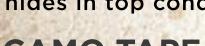
you funny if you bring your own chair out to the stand. In fact, he's going to think, "This ain't his first rodeo." Outfitters are forever short on chairs for their stands, and most of the time, the last thing they feature is comfort.



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GAME BAGS

Shop basspro.com, keyword game bags When you bag a spring bear, chances are it's going to be warm and it's going to be buggy. Light, breathable game bags are essential to keeping meet and hides in top condition.



and then some!

CAMO TAPE

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repair a rain suit to seal out

bugs to splint a broken leg ...

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