

Ongaro Outdoor Outfitters



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Your Outfitter

Ongaro Outdoor Outfitters has been making hunters happy since 1994. An opportunity to pass on trophy class whitetail hunts has been in the making for several years. We can now offer trophy class whitetail and mule deer hunts in some of the most remote regions of the province. The area we have chosen is far from our waterfowl operation - far away from the pressured farmland deer. The wilderness setting allows these deer to become old enough to lose their teeth and still die of old age - few regions like this still exist in North America today.

Our revolutionary hunting system puts you where the big deer are. We won't rely on permanent towers and old patterns. Our portable tower system allows us to move as deer patterns change throughout the season and from year to year. Having several more towers, than we have hunters in camp, further extends our flexibility. We can move you to a different tower



or we could be moving towers to more productive areas without creating any downtime for you on your hunt. The more time we keep you hunting, the more likely you are to bag a bragging sized buck. The nature of this hunt requires long sits on stand - as any trophy hunt does. Comfort is obviously a must. When the shot presents itself on that old

trophy buck you have been waiting for, our fool proof shooting system will allow you to connect. It is our responsibility to not only present you with quality opportunities on trophy game, but also to create a situation whereby you can take advantage of that opportunity. We

don't like hearing stories about the one that was missed, so we help minimize any

opportunity for error. Swivel seats and shooting rails are vital to you making the shot. The only thing we can't do for you is decide when to shoot and consequently, hit the switch. Although our heated tower blinds will keep you warm during our rut hunts, we will also use ladder stands, treestands, and ground blinds where warranted.

Claudio Ongaro and his team of dedicated guides have put several trophy class whitetails and mule deer on the wall. Persistence and attention to detail is what puts good deer down!! Our hunts are conducted on each end of the peak of the rut. Peak estrus in Alberta occurs in mid November. This is when the majority of the does come into heat. Four to five days on either side of this period produces the best deer. Our six to nine day hunts occur immediately before and after this period. Why six to nine days? We feel that the longer you hunt the more bucks you will sample and the more likely you will be to take home a true trophy. If you can't stay for nine days we will accommodate a traditional six day hunt for you.

We have taken the headache out of planning your trip with a Canadian outfitter. You will receive formal correspondence and open communication via our 24 hour

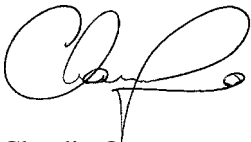
1-800 number and high speed Internet connection. All licensing and paper work will be taken care of for you so you can focus on enjoying your hunt. You need not rent or pay for ground transfer vehicles - we will pick you up at the airport or hotel and drop you off at the end of your hunt. We maintain the highest standard of equipment to ensure every possible opportunity to increase your success. To contend with the various hunting situations that arise throughout the season, we have heavily invested in high quality and large quantities of hunting gear and equipment. Guides, spotters, 4x4 trucks, ATV's, propane heaters, tower blinds, treestands, ladder stands and ground blinds are but a few of the essentials we provide.

There is no room for competition among guides at the Ongaro deer camp. *We are a team!* All information is vital. It is collected and shared during our daily guides meetings. Deer sightings, deer trails, new rubs, and new scrapes found throughout the day's work are recorded daily on our map system. GPS's are used to maintain accuracy in transferring the information onto our detailed topographic and resource access maps. We use this information to help determine current deer movements, establish new patterns, and select the most productive deer stands for you.

The process also involves efforts behind the scenes: Linda fields all calls & inquiries from September through November when it is tough to get a hold of me - I'm in the field. She takes care of any last minute surprises that may crop up and ensures that regular daily operations at the deer camp remain in fluid motion.

At Ongaro Outdoors we can offer you vast combined hunting knowledge, hard work ethic, a promise of commitment to you & the sport of deer hunting, and both personal & professional integrity. The hunting resource.....well, Alberta stands alone.

I look forward to putting a great hunt together for you!



Claudio Ongaro





The Quarry

Alberta is well known for its trophy class White-tailed Deer. At Ongaro Outdoors we know what it takes to put good deer in front of you. Bucks roaming the vast wilderness in our hunting area have not yet learned that humans present long range danger. In fact, many of these deer may not have seen another human being. Their flight response to danger is much like the wild deer of a century ago - there is a tolerance range they allow their predators to stay within before fleeing. This tolerance affords the hunter enough time to accurately judge his or her trophy and make a clean shot on a motionless target. The age structure and buck to doe ratios of the White-tailed Deer herd in this region are made up of good numbers of mature animals - closely resembling truly wild and unhunted populations. What does this mean to the hunter? You have to see less bucks before you see a shooter.

Alberta is truly a diamond in the rough when it comes to its trophy Mule Deer. The Rocky Mountain Mule Deer is the largest of all the Muley's. The area in which we offer Mule Deer hunts is often overshadowed by its reputation for elk hunting. Mule Deer in this region develop legendary status among the early season horse back hunters. Once the November snows push the elk hunters off the mountain, monster Mule Deer also drop down in elevation to mingle with the does and their White-tailed brethren. Now rutting, these huntable Mule Deer bucks remain more visible than Whitetails and can be hunted by spot and stalk techniques or along traditional travel routes. These Mule Deer can tip the scales at nearly 400 pounds and carry a very proportionate rack.

The Hunt

You will hunt Whitetails from heated tower blinds the majority of the time. Should we spot and pattern a particular buck travelling a smaller piece of structure, we will put up a treestand or ladder stand as close as we can without affecting that deer's travel patterns. You can expect to be shooting anywhere from 50 yards all the way out to 400 yards. The mid ranges being the norm. We will have scented range markers set out to lure deer in and to help with determining the range to your trophy. Rattling performs extremely well at this time of year. These forest dwelling whitetails rely heavily on their auditory system to help locate each other and are eager to respond - bring your favourite set of rattling antlers. Your video camera is a must. Those bucks you chose to pass up will likely present you with ample opportunity to video them.

You will hunt Mule Deer from heated towers on travel routes, much like you would for the Whitetails we pursue, or by heading further west up against the eastern slopes of the Rockies. Here you will glass the ridges and drainages with your guide, looking for a bragging sized buck attending a harem of eager does or one searching feverishly for a receptive doe. Mountain Mule Deer bucks during November's rut are preoccupied with courting and more likely to make the mistake a trophy hunter has been waiting a lifetime for. You can expect longer range shooting and extended stalks when pursuing the Mule Deer up against the eastern slopes. A flat shooting light weight rifle is recommended as are warm yet comfortable footwear.

Your worry free hunt begins when we pick you up at the airport in our comfortable airport transfer vehicles. From here, we make the two and a half hour trip to our deer camp - comfortable country side accommodation. Satellite TV, clean cosy bedrooms and warm showers - no cold wall tents at this deer camp. You are greeted here with Alberta style hospitality and a wholesome, professionally prepared meal. The balance of your evening is spent visiting with and getting to know the guides and other hunters staying at the Ongaro deer camp.

In the morning, you awake to an early yet leisurely breakfast. A carefully scouted heated tower blind awaits you. We will escort you by ATV to your tower blind or stand well before daylight. You will have the luxury of a bag lunch and hot coffee prepared for you by our culinary staff. We will check on you via radio communication during the mid day as not to approach and disturb your immediate hunting area. Should you be successful, we will take you back to the deer camp to begin photographing and then processing your trophy. If you have not harvested a buck and do not require any assistance, we will approach your stand at dark to escort you back to the camp. We will gather for a professionally prepared meal upon the end of the day. The dinner hour is very social - time to recount the day's events and boast about big bucks seen and taken.

Your second and consequent days of hunting bring more of the same. The end of your hunt comes too quickly. Your trophy will be caped and prepared for transport. Arrangements to have your rack and cape taken to an Edmonton taxidermist will be taken care of for you should you desire. Upon the completion of the last day of your hunt, you will be taken back to the hotel or airport in Edmonton.

The Gear

Along with your favourite rifle, ammunition, binocular, and other personal hunting essentials, be sure to bring a warm winter hunting outfit, felt pack boots, fleece face mask, winter hat, warm gloves, warm under garments, neck gator, turtle neck sweater, rattling antlers, grunt tube, heat packs and your camera or video recorder.

The Details

Your six to nine day hunt commences from Edmonton, Alberta. Meals, accommodation, hunting gear and fully guided hunts are included. Ground transportation is free. Licence fees are additional. Taxidermy and game processing charges are additional if required. Hunt cost subject to 7% Goods & Services Tax.

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