

# FOGGY MOUNTAIN GUIDE SERVICE

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## Greetings from Maine!

Thanks to all of our hunters for a great 2010 season. I look forward to seeing all of you again.

The bear population and all signs in the woods indicate that the 2011 & 2012 seasons will be awesome!

Our preparations for 2011 have been in motion since August 2010. In addition to our already established and productive bait sites, 2011 & 2012 will bring even more land area, and new ground blinds and tree stands.

Feel free to give me a call - I love hearing from fellow hunters.

– Wayne the Bear Hunter 🐾



Wayne the Bear Hunter, during a September 2010 interview with a major outdoor reporter

## Highlights of our 2010 Bear Hunt

Our 2010 bear hunting season turned out to be a dandy – both in terms of bear seen and taken, and for adventures logged into notebooks and photo albums.

### Hurricane Earl — Record Heat

The 2010 bear season opened with threats from hurricane Earl. Earl stayed well south of Maine, but it did bring us record breaking heat. Our guests hunted each day in 85 to 96 degree heat that we had never before seen during a bear hunt.

Heat like this causes many bear to lay up all day in the damp and cool bogs and swamps. Then they generally forage later at night once it cools down a bit.

Conditions like these are what really challenge a guide and separates those who are dedicated full time bear hunters like Wayne Bosowicz from those who are part-time or inexperienced.

Wayne loves a challenge and was ready to apply his knowledge of black bear biology, his many years of hunting them in the same territory, his strategies for selecting bait and stand sites, and of course his famous scents and lures.

To the surprise of many, Foggy Mountain's hunters got into plenty of bear and took some nice ones too!

### Week Three — Rain

The third week of Foggy Mountain's hunts brought yet another challenge – not heat, but persistent rain and wind as a tropical storm climbed up the eastern seaboard. Less than ideal conditions for



Andrew Fletcher and his 445 pound Maine black bear

bear hunting, but definitely doable as our hunters soon found out.

Before the end of the season the bear started to feed on a lot of grass. Even though they were still coming to bait this is a sign that they were preparing to den early for the winter. Judging from the tracks and sign we had some huge bear coming to the baits.

Unfortunately, we were only able to bag a few real monsters.

Oh well, the bear will be even bigger for the 2011 season.

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"Thank you, your guides and the staff for a wonderful and memorable experience. Everything about the trip was great: the guides were helpful and knowledgeable; the staff was more than willing to provide great food and insure our comfort; and it was a pleasure meeting and being able to spend time talking with you. It is truly beautiful country up there and if the opportunity ever presents itself that allows me the chance to return to Maine for a fall bear hunt, you will be the first person that I call. From both my father and myself, again, thank you for all you and your staff did to make our stay enjoyable."

- Bruce Dively, Selinsgrove, PA 🐾

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## 2010 Season Highlights

Here are a few highlights and a partial list of those who shot bear during our 2010 bear hunt:

- Mehdi Saleh from Carona, New York, kicked off the 2010 season by taking his bear with a 308. This bear is headed for a trophy wall in the Mid-East.
- From Smith & Wesson, Tom Giguere of Belcherton, MA, took a bear.
- Dave Evans of Perrysburg, Ohio, landed a real nice bear on August 31st.
- Veteran bear hunter Joanne Chianos of Harrisburg, PA, took yet another bear. Joanne started hunting with Foggy Mountain in 1990, and has been back regularly ever since. Of course, Joanne "Shoots Like a Girl" and you can read about her past bear hunts on our website — [www.FoggyMountain.com](http://www.FoggyMountain.com).
- Rusty Obermyer of Grand Rapids, Ohio, got a nice bear with his 50 caliber smokepole.



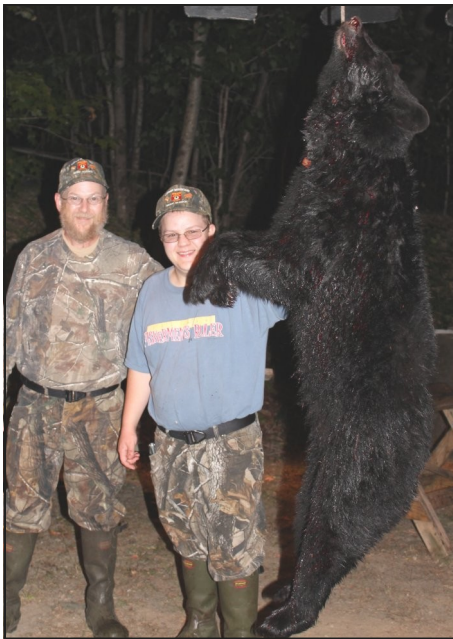
- John Vianden returned home with his bear to Highland Mills, NY.
- Bowhunter Jared Yoder took his bear home to Dundee, Ohio.
- Past experience, his father Dave's guidance, encouragement from Foggy Mountain guides and his own patience finally paid off for a fine young man, seventeen year old Peter Lewis of Ripton, Vermont, who scored his first bear. This was Peter's fifth trip to Foggy Mountain. Until this year Peter had always sat on stand with his dad, but this year he got to hunt alone. Both Peter and his father went home proud. Dave sure knows how to bring young hunters into the sport!



- A light touch on the trigger of her 300 Win Mag took down a nice bear for young Rebecca Murphy of Kodak, TN.
- Smith & Wesson guru Bill Robinson from East Longmeadow, MA, made a successful shot and got his bear.
- Andrew Fletcher of Dover-Foxcroft, ME, took home a trophy 445 pound male bear.
- Dan Sharp gave his son Tyler a bear hunt as a college graduation present. Tyler made a fine shot with his Alexander Arms 50 caliber Beowulf and a nice Maine black bear was soon on its way home to Healy, Kansas.
- John Raimondi cut loose with his 30-06 and brought in a fine 310 pound bear headed for Trenton, NJ.
- James Craft of Walled Lake, MI, got himself a great trophy bear.
- Russell Picard and his son Mike both shot a bear and brought them home to Upton, MA. If you are a Celtics fan, you might know Russell's daughter who is a cheerleader for NBA's Boston Celtics. If she is as driven as her brother Mike, then she must be an awesome cheerleader!
- Mike Fier of Seminole, Florida, let an arrow fly from his Matthews bow and ended up with a bear for the trip home.
- On September 13th Jimmy Rumpfelt of Lincolnton, NC, let a blast from his 300 UltraMag and he went home with a nice bear destined for a rug mount.
- Dad and son John Kucker Sr & Jr both brought a nice bear home to Ewing, NJ.
- A Browning 7mm Mag was used by Keith Sochalski of Ewing, NJ, to bag his bear.
- Veteran bear hunter Gary Chamberlain of Sandusky, NY, took another nice bear home with him.
- It was great to see veteran bear hunter Steve Ruas of Plymouth, MA, touch off his 35 Whelan and take a big bear.
- And what a fantastic shot A. B. York of Mandeville, LA, made with his bow to bag an excellent trophy bear.
- Aaron Boswell of Belfield, ND, took another bear. Wayne sure enjoyed his North Dakota hunters Aaron and buddy Jaden Adams, along with their mates Melissa and Anita.

We apologize to many of our guests not mentioned here, but space is always a factor. 🐾





Dave Lewis and 17 year old son Peter's first bear

## Father & Son Bear Hunts

We are often asked if Foggy Mountain can accommodate a father and son hunt. As some of this newsletter shows, we sure can! We also frequently have father-daughter, mother-son and even mother-daughter teams.

Age doesn't matter much either. Junior hunters from age ten to fifteen are welcome. Maine law does require that they hunt with an adult present. From sixteen on hunters may hunt alone.

Yes, that also applies to sixty year old sons and eighty-five year old dads.

### Father-Son Legends

One of this season's father and son teams went home with two bear and a lifetime of stories. Their hunt will also be a legend for Foggy Mountain.

Remember that rainy third week we just told you about? Well, that was the week that both Russell Picard and his son Mike got a bear.

For Russell, it seemed too easy. He got a nice bear with his 30-30 on Monday. Congratulations, Russell.

Unfortunately, that also meant that Russell got to spend time in camp worrying and hoping that his son Mike would get one too.

But as the week went by, Mike hadn't even seen a bear, and his patience began to wear thin.

With daily encouragement and coaching from Wayne, Mike stayed at it all week. Then Friday came, and despite heavy rain Mike's dad dropped him off near his stand. Michael climbed into his stand and hoped for the best.

Finally his patience paid off and a bear came into the bait. Now, young Mike is a proficient muzzleloader, and he really wanted to take a bear with his flintlock on his first bear hunt.

Mike raised up his longrifle, aimed, squeezed, and...nothing! The powder had gotten wet.

He reloaded. Surprisingly, a second bear then joined the first. He took a second shot. Same bad luck. No discharge. No bears. Gone!

Man, was Mike frustrated. Who wouldn't be! He pondered his next move.

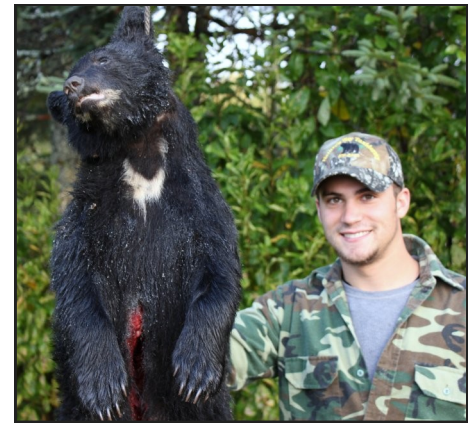
Realizing the weather conditions were poor, and time was running out, he regretted not borrowing his father's 30-30 for a back up gun. Unfortunately, that rifle was miles away in camp – along with his father and their truck.

### Mike was stuck...or was he?

Patience had paid off. Now it was time for persistence. Mike decided that he would get that rifle no matter what, then shoot that bear if it was the last thing he ever did.



Russell Picard



Michael Picard's hard earned first bear

So he climbed down from his stand and started walking!

Mike hastily walked over four miles and finally saw a logger's truck. He waved it down and got a ride to camp.

There, a quick story to his surprised father and Wayne, and Mike was handed the rifle and driven back to the stand by his father.

Unbelievably, after not seeing any bear all week, and possibly spooking off two bear earlier that afternoon, yet another bear came to the bait!

Persistence had paid off, and Michael got his trophy Maine black bear.

It must be fate that caused Mike's flintlock to misfire, as both father and son seemed destined to each get a bear with the same rifle.

Now that's a hunting story and memory they will never forget.

Nor will Michael's mother Michelle, who was not there for the hunt but sent this note afterwards:

"The stories that they have (and still) are sharing are wonderful! They really loved the experience and the staff. I have heard nothing but nice and positive things about the guide and the eclectic group of hunters. Rus told me how you [Wayne] were constantly speaking positive encouragements to our son as he struggled with having patience about getting that bear! Thank you for that. Michael really admires you and has commented several times of your dedication to everyone's needs....Thanks for making the experience of a father/son hunting experience a blessing to both Rus and Mikey."

- Michelle Picard 



# Bear Population Trends

Foggy Mountain intentionally under harvests the bear in our hunting areas, and the population is increasing.

The State's bear biologist Jennifer Vashon estimates that the areas of northern Maine where we hunt have population densities of over one bear per square mile. Vashon recently said "The population has been increasing for a number of years."

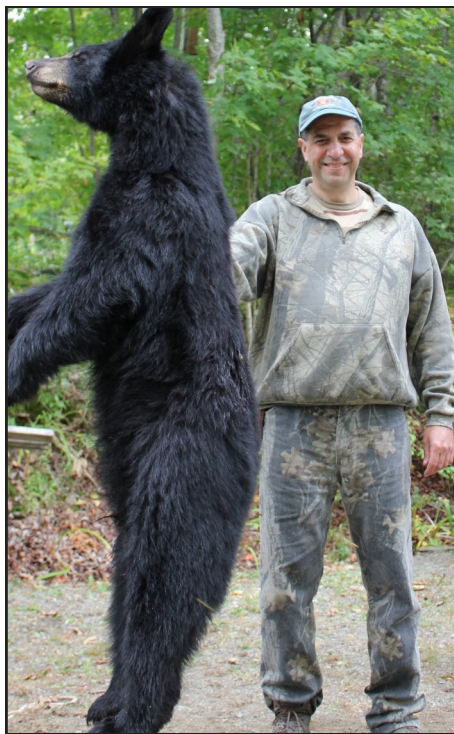
After the 2010 season closed this fall, there were still at least one hundred bear visiting our sites while we were cleaning them up after the hunt.

What is significant about this is that during spring and summer, these bear will revisit the sites from time to time. Then, when we start baiting before the next fall season, we'll get them locked on again!

Just imagine...100 bear returning to our sites that will be even bigger next fall! 🐾



Veteran bear hunter Joanne Chianos of Harrisburg, PA, clearly has the hunting instinct. She has returned to take many bear with rifle and bow since her first trip with Foggy Mountain in 1990.



"One of the most enjoyable hunts I have ever been on. That was a real nice bear, can't quit looking at the pictures. I am very proud of him, you are an outstanding guide. As an obsessive hunter I pay close attention to stand placement and wind direction, and I noticed that you guys do also. Thanks again for a wonderful experience."

- A.B. York, Mandeville, LA 🐾



Even though 8" to 14" brookies are the norm, this 19" beauty was taken during our September 2010 bear hunt.

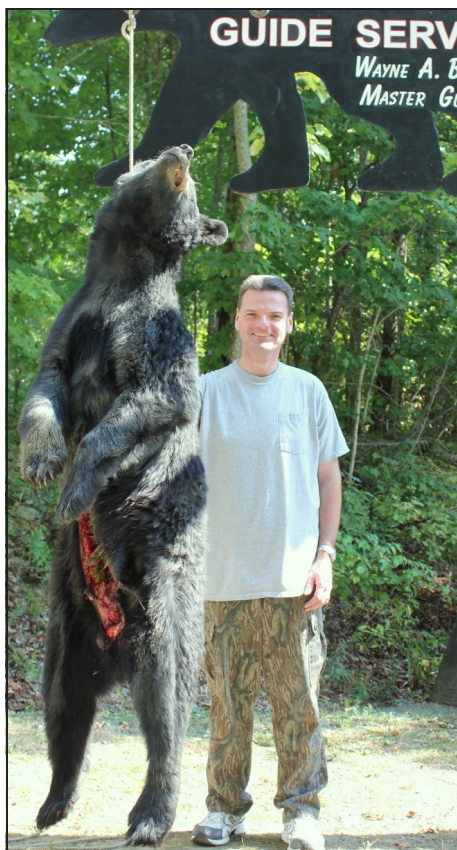
## Native Brook Trout Bonus

Maine has 97% of all the wild brook trout waters east of the Mississippi River.

In September, the larger trout come from lakes into the rivers on their annual spawning run. Their coloring is beautiful and 18" trout are not uncommon.

Many Foggy Mountain hunters enjoy fantastic wild brook trout fishing each morning right at the lodge or in the many pristine streams nearby. Our guides will direct you to the local hot spots. 🐾





## 2011 Bear Hunts

Foggy Mountain offers two bear hunting packages to suit everyone's individual needs.

Both hunts are in bear infested regions where we have hunted for decades. Bear hunting success is the same in both areas, but our accommodations are different.

Lodging for hunts in our Highlands, Katahdin and Moosehead Region is housekeeping style (each cabin has a full kitchen).

Lodging for hunts in the West Branch Region is American Plan (meals included).

Both areas are on private lands with access controlled by gates, as are 95% of our total hunting territories.

## Katahdin-Moosehead Hunts

### 2011 Bear Hunts:

Hunt August 29th (Arrive on the 28th) thru September 2nd;  
or hunt September 5th (Arrive on the 4th) thru September 9th.

Maine's vast Highland, Katahdin and Moosehead Region lies between our Sebec base camp, and Mount Katahdin and Moosehead Lake to the north. You will be hosted at our Sebec main camp, where you can meet other hunters, share stories, and we even have wireless internet for those who "just can't get away from it all."

We offer excellent housekeeping accommodations in comfortable cottages or camps. We match your lodging to the size of your party and the area you are hunting. We provide bedding and household equipment. You'll have everything you need to prepare your own food inexpensively. There are also several places to eat within easy driving distance.


## West Branch Hunts

### 2011 Bear Hunts:

Hunt September 12th (Arrive on the 11th) thru September 16th;  
or hunt September 19th (Arrive on the 18th) thru September 23rd.

This hunt is in Maine's famous West Branch Region between Moosehead Lake and the Canadian border.

"I was up for the first week of the Maine 2010 season and even with the unseasonably warm 90 degree plus temperatures, Foggy Mountain's guide put me on a great bear and I was able to take a wonderful trophy... Thanks again for all the hard work and efforts, I really appreciate it, this was an outstanding hunt and I hope to be back again soon."

— John Vianden, Highland Mills, NY 




This bear hunt is tailored the same as our Highlands, Katahdin & Moosehead hunts, except you will stay in the comfort of a fully restored Maine Lumberjack Lodge. The lodge has been designated as an official National and Maine Historic Site, and features original turn-of-century decor.

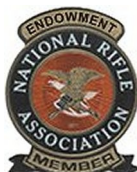
What's more, you'll enjoy home-cooked, all-you-can-eat, lumberjack-style meals, reputed to be the biggest and the best in Maine. The coffee pot is always on. We even offer wireless internet for those who "just can't get away from it all."

## Private Lodging

Private & Flexible – Unlike bear hunts with most outfitters, lodges and sporting camps, Foggy Mountain's bear hunting guests are not doubled up in a bunk house with other guests.

Your party will enjoy the privacy of your own cabin or sleeping room, and the good night's sleep that is important for a good hunt - whether you come alone, with a large group, with your spouse or whole family. 

**We are Proud to be a Member of our Industry's Supporting Organizations**





## Visit Wayne at these 2011 Sport Shows



### Shot Show

January 18-21, 2011  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Wayne will be visiting with folks, buying equipment, and attending appointments. If you are at the show and wish to visit with Wayne, call him during the show on his show phone at (207) 858-5541.



### NRA's Great American Hunting & Outdoor Show

January 28-30, 2011  
Westminster, Maryland

Stop by the Foggy Mountain booth and visit with Wayne.



### Detroit Outdoorama

February 24-27, 2011  
Novi, Michigan

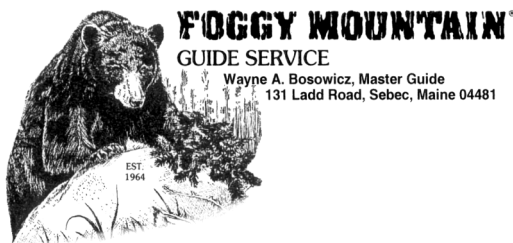
Stop by the Foggy Mountain booth and talk bears with Wayne.

## Legislation

Great news for hunters and for Maine — Sales tax legislation defeated!

This terrible legislation would have added a sales tax to a wide range of services, including guided hunts.

Fortunately, a campaign was launched to stop this new tax, and voters repealed this law in June. 🐾



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## Fall Grouse & Woodcock Hunting

### 2011 Grouse Hunts:

Open October 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30th (8 Weeks). **Note:** The woodcock season is set by the federal government just prior to each fall season - normally it runs from October 1st through November 1st. 🐾



## Deer Hunting

### 2011 Deer Hunts:

**Bowhunting Special Season** - October 3rd (Arrive on the October 2nd) thru October 29th (4 Weeks).

**Rifle, Muzzleloader, Handgun or Bow** - October 31st (Arrive on October 30th) thru November 26th (4 Weeks).

**Muzzleloader Special Season** - November 28th (Arrive on November 27th) thru December 3rd (1 Week). 🐾



Happy 2010 bear hunters