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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

Thanks to all of our hunters for a great 2011 season. I look forward to seeing all of you again.

The bear population and all signs in the woods indicate that the 2012 & 2013 seasons will be awesome!

Our preparations for 2012 have been in motion since August 2011. In addition to our already established and productive bait sites, 2012 & 2013 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 



Old school meets new school — Check out that camo on Doug Koenig (L) and Wayne the Bear Hunter (R) see page 4 for more

Highlights of our 2011 Bear Hunt

Our 2011 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 2011 bear season opened with threats from mother nature – Ever present shifts in weather patterns, and plentiful natural nuts and berry crops.

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, 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 – Heat, Rain, Cold

The third week of Foggy Mountain's hunts brought yet more challenges for bear hunters – heat, rain and wind, then cold. Less than ideal conditions for 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 perhaps they would make a



Prime trophy Maine black bear

food or habitat change. 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 2012 season.

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2011 Season Highlights

Here are a few highlights and a partial list of those who shot bear during our 2011 bear hunt:

- Day one, August 29 – Jack Mepherston from Columbia, CT, opened the season with a nice sow.
- That same day, Tim SheLagowski, here with his dad George, took a nice male.
- Phil Parizeal brought a real nice male back with him to Putnam, CT.
- Lester Rhoden of Lyons, GA, will have his 300 pound male, taken with a bow, entered into the record book.
- Kevin Champagne of Bay City, MI, took one home.
- Ken SheLagowski of Pinconning, MI, made a successful kill.
- Ron Johnson took a nice bear home to Bessemer, AL.
- Hunter Castle, a 10 year old bowhunter from Milford, MI, took a nice 160 pound sow with his bow. Hunter's is our first bow kill by a 10 year old!
- September 7th, four bear were seen on bait and two shot. Todd Owen of Sandusky, MI, was successful.

"I so enjoyed getting to know you and the other guides. George told me months before what a great man you are and truly I learned this first hand."

– Christina Felix, Kershaw, SC

- Jeff Anderson of Saline, MI, was also successful on September 7th.
- Two nice bear were taken by Ohio hunters on Friday, September 9th. One by Ervin Raber of Millersburg, OH, and the second one by David Yoder of Fresno, OH.
- Sam Brocato of Knight Rifle took a bear back to Athens, TN, using his new 52 Caliber Knight "Mountaineer" shooting a Bloodline bullet.
- Skip Bennett went home with his bear to Leechburg, PA.
- Payne Isanagle of Driftwood, PA, made a successful hit on his bear.
- Herbert Sefert went home to Bolivar, OH, with his bear.



- Ron Marlett from Auburn, NY, brought down his bear.
- Gregory Horrocks went home to York, ME, with a nice bear.
- Doug Koenig of Hamburg, PA, made his first crossbow bear kill.
- Paul Bass of Venice, FL, nailed a bear.
- Jamie Dent and Billy Dent of Knob Fork, WVA, both killed a bear.
- Mark Taylor of Knob Fork, WVA, took a nice 305 pound male.
- The very last day of our season two real nice bear were taken by Garry Bass and Todd Blum, both from Lexatchee, FL.

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



Maine's Fish & Wildlife Experts Say "Take More Bears"

Maine's bear population is thriving and hunters are shooting fewer bears each year than the state's biologists would like, claims Randy Cross.

Randy Cross is the wildlife biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife who serves as the field crew leader for Maine's thirty-six year bear research program.

During his 28 year tenure, Randy has become extremely knowledgeable about the 27,000 black bears that inhabit the Maine woods.

If Randy says take more bears, then Foggy Mountain aims to do so! 🐾



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Shawn Castle with his son Hunter's first bear

Hooked for Life!

Congratulations to Hunter Castle, a 10 year old bowhunter from Milford, MI, who took this nice 160 pound sow with his bow. Hunter's is our first bow kill by a 10 year old!

Hunter watched for years as his father headed off to Foggy Mountain. He so longed to go too. But dad told him that if he was ready, then once he turned ten he too could go to Foggy Mountain.

Obviously, he had done his practicing, and was ready to take on Maine's elusive black bear.

Hunter will never forget his hunt. From wind rocking the tree in which he sat with his dad just above him, to the bear that stared right at him on one day, Hunter stood resolute until he made this fine bow kill on Friday.

That is one focused ten year old! We look forward to seeing him in the woods for many years to come. How great is that? 🐾



Wayne's Challenge!

The photo at left is more significant than many of us realize. It is all about the future of hunting, and how this dad, you, and I can make sure that we will be able to hunt for years to come, and that our children and grandchildren can continue to enjoy this tremendous sport.

Across the nation, people don't hunt as much anymore. When adults don't hunt, their kids don't hunt. While a drop in license sales doesn't tell the whole story, it flashes a warning.

For every 100 adult hunters today, only 69 youth hunters are coming up to take their place. If allowed to continue, economic projections indicate funding for wildlife conservation could drop 25 percent by 2025.

Why are active hunters lapsing? Why are new hunters not coming on board? Why are hunter numbers not keeping pace with population growth?

The future of hunting is dependent on greater hunter access, increased hunting opportunities for current hunters and the recruitment of next-generation hunters.

Youngsters are Key

- Current data show only 25 percent of youth from hunting households are active in the sport.
- Nearly 80 percent of adult hunters started hunting as youths.
- Youth restrictions equal less hunting by youths, as well as their parents.

Many hunters, both men and women, long to share the experience with their daughters and sons, but there are 20 states with laws that prohibit youth from hunting with their fathers and mothers.

Age restrictions mean that *politicians*, not parents, decide when youngsters are ready to join their families on a hunt.

Moreover, youth restrictions may compound participation problems, as parents who can't legally go with their youngsters give up on hunting, too.

Hunters Hunt with Other Hunters

As hunting partners move away, pass away or become involved with other activities, participation by others in the group declines as well. This also happens when an avid hunter moves to a new area.

Hunting activity often does not resume because the hunter does not have the social support system he used to have.

Families and friends play a huge role in whether people hunt. Most hunters quit hunting when their social support systems break down. Research shows that almost all hunters are initiated into hunting before age 20, usually by the father or other father-figure, in a rural environment.

Hunters who are initiated in this way hunt more frequently and are more likely to hunt avidly throughout their lifetime.

The presence of other family members who hunt, the amount of exposure to hunting and the presence of "the hunting culture" are of utmost importance. Rarely does hunting initiation occur outside these situations.

Think "Big Game"

In the past, young hunters typically started with small game such as rabbits and squirrels. Today, most sportsmen are big game hunters.

There is no safety reason to exclude young people from the popularity, growth and excitement of big game hunting.

In fact, research shows that the more we restrict youths from hunting big game, the more they don't bother hunting at all!

It's up to Us

Take your kids shooting and hunting. Don't be one of the 75% percent of hunters whose kids don't hunt.

Take a friend, or "the new guy" at work, on a hunt. Help them out. You might find a great new hunting partner, and might even help a non-hunting adult bring their own kids into the sport.

We must remove unnecessary legal barriers to youth hunting and create opportunities for adults to mentor youths and non-hunting adults in hunting.

Removing regulations is an unfamiliar concept to legislators and policymakers, but facts and safety stats support changes.

At Foggy Mountain, we have worked for years to protect hunting and to increase opportunities like our Junior Hunting License, the new Apprentice Hunter License, and trying to open the season so students and teachers can hunt before classes start in the fall.

If you love hunting, then we all need to do something. 🐾



Doug Koenig's Championship Season

In September, Foggy Mountain hosted the production of "Doug Koenig's Championship Season" for its Maine Bear Hunt show which aired on the Sportsman Channel this fall.

It was a tough week, but on Friday Doug took this nice bear with a crossbow. Watch the show and see what perfect shot placement is all about.

To meet Doug, you would never guess that this super friendly and humble guy is a world champion shooter, having won the Bianchi Cup thirteen times, and the Masters Championship eighteen times.

Doug has been very busy filming his new TV series, preparing for national competitions, attending sponsor events, doing promotions for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and just keeping up with business at hand. Yet he always seems to have time to talk with other hunters or a neophyte shooter.

Even with all that, this busy guy has been coaching two separate youth football teams that his sons play on.

Wow! I need some more coffee to keep up – of course, you won't find a champion shooter like Doug getting the jitters by drinking coffee. No way!

Doug was seen in a recent TV episode with his son Trevor at the National Steel Championships in Titusville, Florida. He

unfortunately didn't win that one, but his 12 year old son Trevor placed 80th out of 180 – and this was not a youth-only shoot.

Do you think he has successfully recruited his sons into the shooting and hunting sports? Darn right!

Be sure to catch Doug's show on the Sportsman Channel, or watch a preview on YouTube. For more excellent shooting tips and videos with Doug, and other experts from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), visit:

<http://nssf.org/pullthetrigger/>



The Old & the New

Camo that is. As you can see in the photo of Wayne with Doug Koenig, camo patterns have changed over the years.

Doug is wearing a current photorealistic pattern popularized by Mossy Oak. Wayne is wearing his signature Jim Crumley TreBark pattern that he helped to promote in "the early days" of camo.

Nevertheless, the whole concept behind camo is to break up your outline, and both patterns do that very well.



"Hunting is revered in our country's character and economy. It's indelibly tied to conservation. It adds richness to the lives of participants. We shouldn't allow age restrictions to compromise its future."

– Doug Painter, avid sportsman and past president of NSSF



Father & Son Bear Hunts

We are often asked if Foggy Mountain can accommodate a father and son hunt. We sure can, and sure do!

We also frequently have father-daughter, mother-son and even mother-daughter hunting teams.

Junior hunters from age ten to fifteen are welcome. Maine requires they hunt with an adult present. From sixteen on, hunters may hunt alone.

Foggy Mountain can make this family experience a great one for the youngster, and even give Dad a chance to test his hunting skills.

Call us for details on a special plan that Dads really like. After the Junior Hunter kills a bear, we can make it possible for you to hunt bear for the remainder of the week if conditions are right. We even have special pricing arrangements to help you out.



Bear 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 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 2011 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! 🐾

"I tell everyone how high your level of customer service is – many other businesses in this world could learn a great deal from you. My little girl Kathryn is just two right now but when she is old enough to come along on a hunt I cannot wait to introduce her to you and the great North Woods of Maine."

– John Vianden, Highland Mills, NY



Knight Rifle's Deadly "Mountaineer"

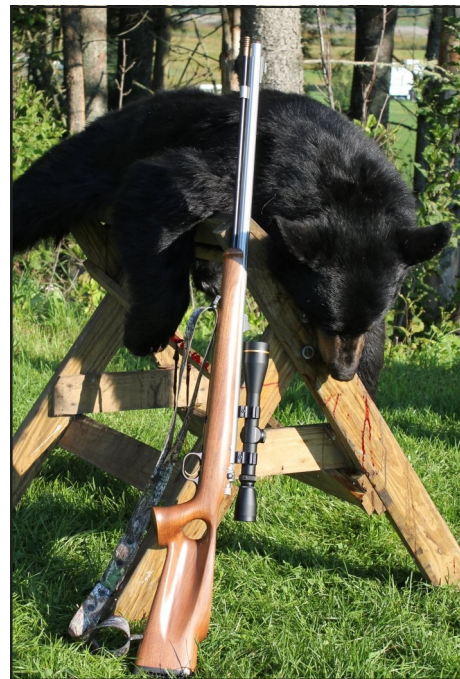
Sam Brocato took this nice bear back to Tennessee. Sam was hunting with a new 52 Caliber Knight "Mountaineer" and shooting a Bloodline bullet.

Sam is the Marketing Manager at the new Knight Rifle Company. He obviously knows the rifles he sells, and how his customers will use them.

Best wishes to Knight Rifle as the company brings their excellent products back to your local gun store. 🐾

"Just wanted to thank you for fulfilling a dream of mine of harvesting a great black bear. The experience was everything I thought it would be and more. I really appreciate all the hard work you and the guides put into my hunt. It really showed. I look forward to getting my mount back and reliving the adventure again and again."

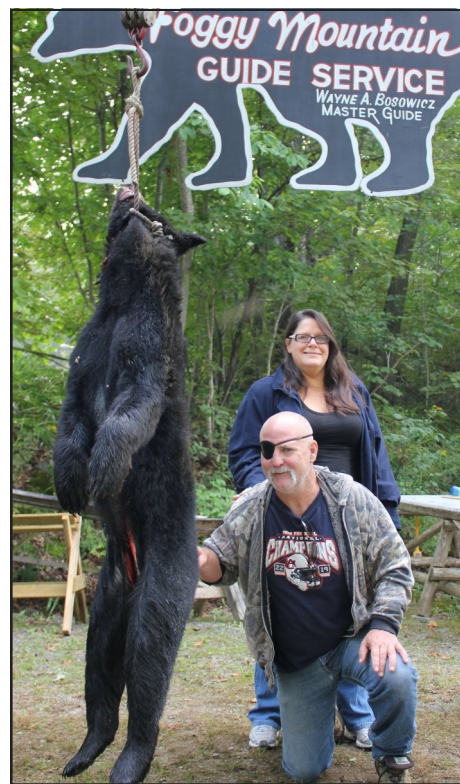
– Pat Lathan, Stevensville, MD



Knight Rifle's "Mountaineer" took this nice Maine bear

"Thank you for an awesome experience. Hopefully I will be able to bring my son on a hunt soon. I've attached a couple of photos I will treasure forever. I actually enlarged one and gave it to my wife. She loves it. Thanks again and again."

– Bill Stuart, Horseheads, NY





“You have been a great help to the bear project. You have willingly shared with us your wealth of knowledge and wisdom about bear food habits, behavior, and other insights. You have collected tooth samples, graciously allowed us to set up a study area in one of your major hunting areas, and have kept us informed as to what you were observing in the woods, in the legislature, and among the guides. You have kept us up to date about berry, hazelnut, and beechnut production, and dog and baiting issues; and you have played a major role in developing long-term management goals and objectives for bear, deer, coyotes, and moose. As I retire from the Department, I feel the need to convey to you my deepest gratitude for the important role you have had in the management of Maine's bears, and for your high level of professionalism.”

– George Matula, Ph.D.,
Endangered Species Coordinator and
Wildlife Planner, Maine Department of
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.



“What a great time I had this week. This is the third time I've had to bird hunt with you and every time is more fun than the last. The birds were everywhere. The weather was perfect. The dog work was perfect. The story telling was entertaining to say the least. The accommodations for Riley and me were extremely comfortable. I can't say enough about the whole Maine Upland Bird experience at Foggy Mountain. Thank you again for such a wonderful time.”

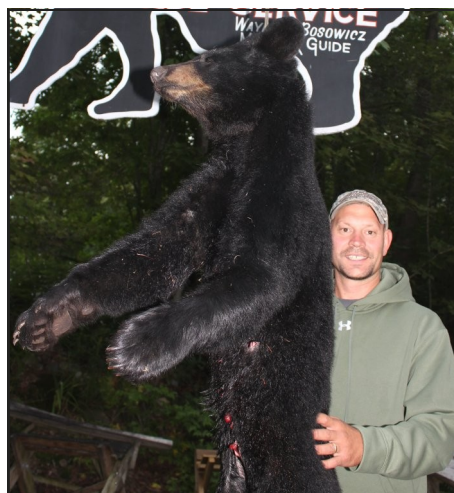
– Randy Clark, Newtown, CT



Native Wild 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. 🐾





Veteran Foggy Mountain bear hunter Lester Rhoden from Georgia with a nice 300 pound record book Maine bear taken with his compound bow and broadhead.

2012 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 or performed field research 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 are included).

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

Katahdin-Moosehead Hunts

2012 Bear Hunts:

Hunt August 27th (Arrive on the 26th) thru August 31st;
or hunt September 3rd (Arrive on the 2nd) thru September 7th.

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

2012 Bear Hunts:

Hunt September 10th (Arrive on the 9th) thru September 14th;
or hunt September 17th (Arrive on the 18th) thru September 21st.

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

This bear hunt is tailored the same as our Highlands, Katahdin & Moosehead

"The hunt in September at Foggy Mountain was the best of all hunts I have been on. Your professionalism and caring about all aspects of the hunt, quarters, food and making sure that our wants and needs were taken care of. You are the very best and finest bear outfitter in all the northeast. Thanks."

— Ron Marlett, Auburn, NY

hunts, except you will stay in the comfort of a fully restored Maine Lumberjack Lodge. The lodge is designated as an official National and Maine Historic Site, and features original turn-of-century architecture and 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."

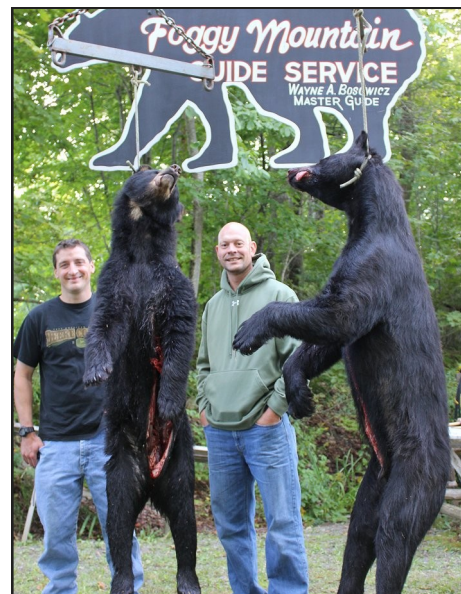


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Private Lodging

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



For More Info on our 2012 & 2013 Bear Hunts — Visit www.FoggyMountain.com

Fall 2011

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Visit Wayne at these 2012 Sport Shows



Shot Show

January 17-20, 2012
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) 858-554.

Stop by the Foggy Mountain booth at the following shows and have a visit with Wayne.



NRA's Great American Hunting & Outdoor Show

January 27-29, 2012
Frederick Fairgrounds
Frederick, Maryland



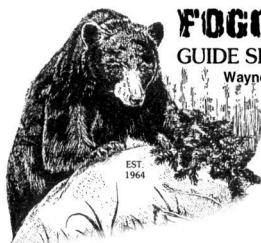
Michigan Deer & Turkey Spectacular

February 17-19
Lansing Center
Lansing, Michigan



Detroit Outdoorama

February 23-26, 2012
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Fall Grouse & Woodcock Hunting

2012 Grouse Hunts:

Open October 1st 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. 🐾



Frank and Jeremy, father and son, local guides and expert hunters, bagged these two late season beauties near their home.

Deer Hunting

2012 Deer Hunts:

Bowhunting Special Season - October 1st (Arrive on the September 30th) thru October 27th (4 Weeks).

Rifle, Muzzleloader, Handgun or Bow - October 29th (Arrive on October 28th) thru November 24th (4 Weeks).

Muzzleloader Special Season - November 26th (Arrive on November 25th) thru December 1st (1 Week). 🐾

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