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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

Thanks to all of our hunters for a great 2013 season. The bear population and all signs in the woods indicate that the 2014 & 2015 seasons will be awesome! I look forward to seeing all of you again.

Preparations for 2014 have been in motion since June 2013. In addition to our already established and productive bait sites, we will open up even more land area for 2014 & 2015, along with many new ground blinds and tree stands.

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

– Wayne the Bear Hunter 🐾



Was Wayne the Bear Hunter scouting new Territory in Alaska last Summer?

Highlights of our 2013 Bear Hunt

Our 2013 bear hunting season turned out to be a dandy – both in terms of bear seen and taken.

Mother nature cooperated with fairly cool weather, but she provided bear in many areas with an abundance of natural nut and berry crops.

Wayne loves to face mother nature's challenges 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 pleasure of many Foggy Mountain hunters, they got into plenty of bear and took some nice ones too!

Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots by good hunters kept the game pole in constant use during the 2013 season.

We had a few dads and sons, along with dad and daughter teams. Ages were 10 years old to 16 and up. We even had grandfathers and their grandsons, and at least one mom and her son both had a successful hunt.

Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- 12 year old Tom E. Cullen went home to Montoursville, PA with his first bear.
- James Holcombe of Easley, SC, made a successful shot.
- Veteran bear hunter Lester Rhoden of Lyons, GA, took another bowhunting trophy.
- Humble, Texas, had Walter Morse bring home a bear.



A Bear Hunt as a Graduation Gift?
She asked for it! She got it! See page 2

- Another successful Texas hunter was Nickolas Hairston of Henderson, and Nick's Dad Robbie Hairston joined in taking another bear home.
- Stephen Mirigian of Champaign, IL, did well and got his bear.
- Devin Schibi nailed a bear which went home with him to Tolland, MA.
- Veteran bear hunter Jeff Anderson of Ann Arbor, MI, put one on the pole.
- Richard Kilpatrick of Paris, TN, shot a dandy bear.
- The Dent Family of Knob Fork, WV, are outstanding folks. Both Billy Dent and Jamie Dent took a bear back to Knob Fork.

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- Martin Michalik went back to Floral Park, NY, with his bear.
- Another bear headed to Texas with Jim Dunning of Plano.
- Ken Perkins of Pelzer, SC, bagged one.
- Mike Castagna took his bear home to Turnersville, NJ.
- Francis Masino of Bowie, MD, shot a nice one.
- Both Joshua McGinley and his dad James McGinley took their bear home to Butler, PA.
- Stephen Toner was happy to take his bear home to Fairfield, CT.
- Another bear headed to Texas with Joshua Thompson of Hobson.
- Veteran bear hunters Patti and husband Paul Bass of Venice, FL, were both successful yet again – as was their son Jeff Bass.
- David Ardary of Springfield, PA, took a nice adult bear.
- Hard hunting Patrick Latham of Stevensville, MD, brought home another bear.
- David Moore of Troy, MI, got himself a nice bear.
- Jeff Kelchen headed home to Cascade, Iowa, with a bear.
- Millerstown, PA, welcomed home Leonard Yox and his bear.
- Mark Adams of Alexandria, VA, made a successful kill.
- Paul Hefer of Newark, DE, did well and took his bear home.



A last minute invitation from his generous and charming friend was just the beginning of his good luck!

- John West Jr of Clermont, GA, took a nice adult male.
- Mark Moses took his bear back to Flinton, PA.
- John Hospodavis returned to Lake Worth, FL, with his bear.
- Blase Barbera returned to Blackwood, NJ, with a bear.
- Justin Wright returned to Rockwell, TX, with an adult male bear.
- Ben Hesse of Duxbury, MA, took home a nice one.
- Harry Kallis, a fine hunter from Belfast, ME, killed a bear.
- Larry Altman of Houston took yet another Maine bear back to Texas.

Wayne was so busy skinning bear this season that he couldn't keep up with all his recordkeeping! We apologize to our many guests not mentioned here who also shot and took home a trophy. 🐾

"Just wanted you to know what a pleasure it was meeting you and how much we enjoyed our hunt. You really know how to make everything a success. I had a great time."

– Patti Buzbee, Atlanta, TX

A 400 lb Graduation Gift? This is America!

Arriving in my yard to go on her bear hunt was 20 year old Katie Williams from Tennessee. She graduated from college last spring, and when asked what she wanted for a graduation gift she replied "a Maine bear hunt."

Her dad was especially proud and more than happy to oblige, and plans were then made for Katie and her mother to come for a hunt.

Unfortunately, Katie's mom, who had hunted with Wayne before, had to cancel at the last minute. So, on short notice, Katie invited a school friend whom she knew also hunted, Dick Kilpatrick of Paris, Tennessee.

Katie and Dick are outstanding young Americans. They seemed like part of our own family. It was a pleasure to guide their bear hunt and we all enjoyed their company in camp.

Dick was very lucky to receive a last minute invitation to go on a Maine bear hunt with such a wonderful hunting partner. His luck also continued in the woods — Dick squeezed the trigger and dropped a nice trophy to take home. The bear was a healthy male that weighed in at 386 pounds on a certified scale.

Katie's parents, Mary and Hank Williams Jr., were thrilled to hear of the team's success. 🐾



First Week Of the Season: Myth or Reality?

Many hunters believe that the best week to hunt bear is the first week of the season. Believe it or not, this is a myth!

Big game hunters typically start their career by hunting for deer. They hear and read statistics showing that the first week of the season produces the highest number of deer kills. The second week a bit less, and so on.

Even our own Fish & Wildlife Department publishes statistics that show 80% of bear are taken during the first two weeks of the season.

What is not considered by those statistics is that 80% or more of the hunters also typically hunt during those first two weeks!

So the high numbers taken during that time make perfect sense.

But what about success rates?

Maine has a handful of weeks for the bear baiting season. Trying to figure out the perfect week is like splitting hairs.

What proves to be the best week one year will not be the same week next year. Weather and natural food crops are a major factor, and these vary from day to day, year to year and even by location.



As these two photos show, the last of the bear season can be extremely productive



For example, this fall we had five bear on the pole and more in the woods ready to be retrieved – each of the first three days of the last week! Some are shown in the photos above.

We shot 22 bear in those five days – outstanding results. Success like this comes from expert knowledge and lots of hard work, plus some excellent shooting.

We use our own homemade scent and lure, and our own mixture of the world's best bear bait.

Still, knowing how and when to adjust these for each location and conditions is where our knowledge and experience sets us apart.

In addition, we hunt in two different regions – two weeks in the Katahdin-Moosehead region, and two weeks in the West Branch region. We never put any pressure on the bear population. This provides us with many options to have you on an extremely productive bait site.

So, answering the question “which week is best” really comes down to which week is best for you to get away for an enjoyable week of bear hunting! 🐾

“Your guides are top of the class, and everyone was great. The food was the best. We can't wait until next year.”

– Mark & Stella Moses, Flinton, PA



"The hunting and wildlife was spectacular. I would have been happy just seeing a bear. But you and your team made it happen. I killed my first bear with a bow."
 – Eric Perkins, Pellet, SC



"I want to tell you what a great time I had hunting at the West Branch. It was a great camp with a bunch of good folks and the staff and guides were great. Hope to see you next year."
 – Tony Masino, Bowie, MD



Fish & Wildlife Experts Still Say “Take More Bears”

Foggy Mountain intentionally under harvests the bear in our hunting areas, and the population has continued to increase.

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

Take More Bears

Maine’s Fish & Wildlife Dept. continues their request for hunters to kill more bear. The thriving bear population is at a record high and still growing rapidly.

We built a lot of new bait sites this year. They instantly became active and we can’t wait to hunt them next fall.

Wayne anticipates that the 2014 & 2015 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



How does Lester keep bagging a trophy black bear year after year?

How Does Lester Keep Doing This?

Long time Foggy Mountain hunter Lester Rhoden makes bear hunting seem so easy. Each year he drives to Maine by himself from Lyons, Georgia, where he owns a commercial printing company. He then wastes no time to nail a good bear with his bow - many times the bear is a true record-book trophy!

If you were to talk with Lester, you would find that Lester’s “Luck” is really a matter of his hard work and passion.

One of the many reasons that Lester does so well is that he puts in a vast amount of time perfecting his skills. This includes many hours shooting at targets and putting in the time to hunt a wide variety of game in many locations each year (we’re in envy).

We thought you might like to hear some of Lester’s other secrets...

FM: How long have you been hunting at Foggy Mountain?

LR: “I’ve hunted with Foggy Mountain for about 20 years.”

FM: Which hunting area do you prefer – the Katahdin-Moosehead or the West Branch?

LR: “I like both, but typically hunt in the Katahdin-Moosehead region because that fits my schedule best.”

FM: Any good bear hunting secrets?

LR: “The printing business is all about details, so I take the same approach with hunting. Be a fanatic about your shooting precision and practice a lot all year long. Spend as much time hunting and in the woods as you can. That way you will learn first hand when a good shot is possible and when it isn’t. Pay strict attention to your scent and movements when on stand. Take Wayne’s advice, and have lots of patience.”

FM: How do you prepare for your hunts?

LR: “I shoot all year long. I know that a bowhunter is faced with slim margins. I practice regularly at home and I shoot from a variety of positions. I shoot until I am thoroughly familiar with my equipment, and can quickly get off an accurate shot once an opportunity might present itself.”

FM: Thanks Lester, glad to have you on our hunts. 🐾



“I had a great time and your staff is top notch. Hopefully I can schedule some time to come back out next year.”
– Tony McGraw, Avoca, PA

Wayne's Tips: Going Ballistic

Most folks using a gun think that shooting a big animal like a bear at such a close range is simple.

Well, maybe so! But our experience shows these notions are wrong.

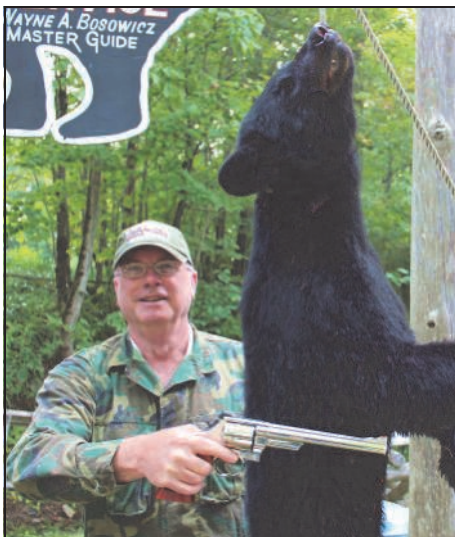
Hunters using handguns or rifles must know their gun and what it will do under our kind of hunting conditions.

Rifle shots will be 75 yards or less. Hand gunners will take aim at about 25-40 yards the average. Your selected ammo must be able to perform well at this range.

The proven cartridges are large calibers with deep-penetrating heavy bullets – either solid lead or jacketed soft noses. Yes, these are old school, but they offer time-tested positive results.

However, in recent years a handful of bullet manufacturers have produced new types of ammo that offer outstanding impact performance and may do very well at putting meat on the pole.

Hunters should sight-in their weapons downward for shooting from a treestand. The difference in bullet point of impact when shooting across flat ground or down from a tree stand can be as much as 4 inches with some cartridge loads even at close range - enough to make the



"Thanks again for a great hunt and experience. At first, I was not sure what to expect, as this was my first hunt outside South Carolina. The lodging was great and the food was more than I expected - Excellent to put it mildly."

— Eric Perkins, Pellet, SC



12 year old Tommy's first black bear!

difference between a dead bear or a 20-mile search for a wounded animal.

In addition, shoot your gun in a level position as you may be hunting from a ground blind.

Regardless of what weapon you use, selecting the best point of aim, and having the accuracy to hit that point in the field, are and always will be the most important factors. For bowhunters, Point of Aim and Angle of Aim both become very critical.

Once you book a hunt we provide you with information about the best point of aim and angle of aim.

We did a considerable amount of testing this fall, and had a significant increase in kills by those who followed our advice. 🐾



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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. 🐾



Magnum Power!

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 of Foggy Mountain's West Branch 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. 🐾



Nice "Maine Highlands" Bear

Katahdin-Moosehead Hunts

2014 Bear Hunts:

Hunt August 25th (Arrive on the 24th) thru August 29th;
or hunt September 1st (Arrive on the August 31st) thru September 5th.

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

2014 Bear Hunts:

Hunt September 8th (Arrive on the 7th) thru September 12th;
or hunt September 15th (Arrive on the 14th) thru September 19th.

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 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 if you "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.



"Thank you for an amazing time in the Maine North Woods. It was a dream come true to finally get to hunt with a man called 'The Bear Hunter.' The trip was all I hoped it would be - from the cabin on the lake to all the moose that came by my stand. Along with the bears. Even if I had not taken such great bear the trip would have been a success."

– Tony Dayton, Fleetwood, NC



2014 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).

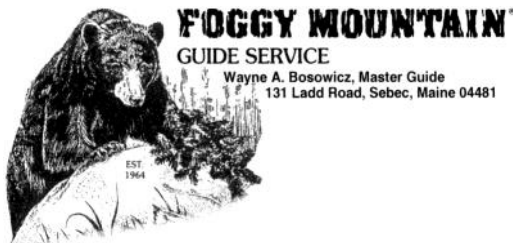
Both areas are on private lands with access controlled by gates, as are 95% of our total hunting territories.

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"What a great trip! You run a first class operation. I'm coming back next year."
— Eric Meschke, Jackson, MI



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"Once again you out did yourself. Stella and I had the time of our life. Having her with me when we got a bear was the greatest thing."
— Mark & Stella Moses, Flinton, PA



Visit Wayne at these 2014 Sport Shows



Shot Show

January 14-17, 2014
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.



Detroit Outdoorama

February 27-March 2, 2014
Novi, Michigan

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

Fall Grouse & Woodcock Hunting

2014 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. However, for the past two years the season was extended into mid-November.



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