

# FOGGY MOUNTAIN GUIDE SERVICE

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## Greetings from the Maine Woods!

Thanks to all of our hunters for a great 2014 season. The bear population and all signs in the woods indicate that the 2015 & 2016 seasons will be awesome! I look forward to seeing all of you again.

Preparations for 2015 have been in motion since June 2014. In addition to our already established and productive bait sites, we will open up even more land area for 2015 & 2016, 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 



What mayhem did Wayne the Bear Hunter and Doug Koenig cause this fall? See page 5.

## Highlights of our 2014 Bear Hunt

Our 2014 bear hunting season turned out to be a dandy – both in terms of bear seen and taken.

Unusually hot weather gave us a fit for a handful of days. The huge bear we knew were on bait held up in the swamps and bogs until the temperatures dropped a few degrees. Problem was, it was so hot it did not cool down until after shooting hours. Subsequently, during those days we took some smaller bear.

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, most days they got into plenty of bear and took some real nice ones too!

## Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots, by good hunters, kept the game pole in constant use during our 2014 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.

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

- Harry Marguis went home to Agawam, MA, with his first bear and also enjoyed some fantastic brook trout action.
- Del Robinson of Pontiac, IL, took a bear.



Beautiful North Woods Black Bear

- Julianne Jones of Rhome, TX bagged her bear.
- Wade Roberts from Leoma, TN, went home with his bear.
- Jim Creech Jr. of Mechanicsville, VA, made a good shot.
- Phillip Peltier took his first bear home to West Springfield, MA, then got in some excellent fly fishing.
- Chris Robinson put one on the pole with his Win 300.
- Bill Holmes Jr. returned to Henrico, VA, with his bear.

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- Jeff Flaker of Bethesda, OH, put one on the pole with his 308 cal Ruger 77.
- Shaniah McGlaughlin from Ponte Verde Beach, FL, was successful.
- Dwayne Carhart went home to Fort Belvoir, VA, with a bear.
- Veteran bear hunter Gary Chamberlain went back to Sandusky, NY, with a 360 lb bear.
- Carl Smith of Argos, IN, brought home a bear.
- Tim Glasscock took his bear home to Reader, WV.
- Jeff Anderson of Ann Arbor, MI, took home his bear, yet again.
- A huge bear went home to Plymouth, MA, with Steve Ruas.

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 a fast note thanking you for this wonderful hunting experience. Hopefully will see you again in a year or so! Best regards and good hunting."

— Eric Krumm, LaMarque, TX



Santa (aka Bill Holmes) was doing his part to meet Maine's bear harvest goals and save a few reindeer calves next spring.



### The Family that Works Together, Hunts Together

The Grieshop family of Fort Recovery, Ohio, are all great hunters and outstanding people. By day, their passion is working closely together at the family business, J&M Manufacturing Company, to provide innovative, dependable and high quality products to farmers worldwide.

They also share a common passion after the day's work is done – hunting. We enjoyed having them all this fall, and clearly a good time was had by all of them as well.

Alex Grieshop, Maurice Grieshop, Jason Grieshop, Jeff Grieshop and Adam Grieshop all took home a bear. 🐾



Very Nice Northwoods Maine Bear

Carl Smith (Left) made a nice shot with his 45/70 Contender



# 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.

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! 🐾



Gary's Latest Beauty

“Sure enjoyed my time with you and your team. While I elected not to arrow a small bear it was still fun talking with you, your lovely wife, the guides and the other hunters. Sure enjoyed the nightly pie! Keep the “W’s” coming on the bears’ chests.”

– Victor Holt, Acworth, NH



Our Bear Hunting Friends from Russia







One Family, One Day, Three Bears

"I can't tell you how happy I am with this year's hunt – and not because I got a great bear. Everything was just great: the weather, the other hunters and the hunting. It's going to be a long year until I get back. I can't wait. It's always the high point of my year."

– Gary Chamberlain, Sandusky, NY



Wayne with friend Jim Bequette

The SHOT Show is a great time for Wayne to meet with top outdoor professionals, such as InterMedia Outdoors Network's Group Editorial Director Jim Bequette (above right).

Jim and several fellow outdoor writers took a break from their hectic schedules to hunt at Foggy Mountain this fall. While taking a break and doing some bear hunting were their "prime" mission, they also found time to relax and inspiration to add a steady stream of articles onto their laptops.

They all look forward to their next break at Foggy Mountain! Meanwhile, we'll catch up on their articles on a few snowy days this winter. 🐾



"Thank you again for a wonderful experience. I have already heard from some of the friends I made last year and they are coming back. Good luck and save a Big one for me next year."

– Eric Perkins, Pelzer, SC







## 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 2015 & 2016 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



She already got this bear, so what will Santa bring for Christmas?



Experienced veteran bear hunters Jeff Anderson of Ann Arbor, MI, and Steve Ruas of Plymouth, MA, stand under the game pole with Jeff’s bear.

“Thank you for the best hunting experience I ever had. I’m hoping to get back up next year. I learned a lot and next time I’m waiting for one of those Maine monsters. Thanks again to you and all your staff.”

— Phillip Peltier, West Springfield, MA



## 1000 Little Details

In September, Foggy Mountain hosted the production of “Doug Koenig’s Championship Season” for another Maine Bear Hunt show which aired on the Pursuit Channel this fall.

During his interview with Wayne, Doug made the comment that “being a great outfitter is all about taking care of thousands of little details.”

Everyone present just looked at one another with the same thought: “what a comment by Doug, whose shooting skills truly are the result of 1000 little details – thousandths of an inch that is.”

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

Doug has been very busy filming his 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.

Be sure to catch Doug’s show on the Pursuit Channel, or catch a preview on YouTube. For more excellent shooting tips and videos with Doug, and other experts from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), visit: <https://youtube.com/thenssf/> 🐾

“My hunting buddy Phil and I were fortunate enough to tag out early and experience some of the best brook trout action ever!”

— Harry Marquiss, Agawam, MA



## Wayne's Bear Hunting Tips

We've seen and learned much over the years, and last fall's hunt showed that these two tips will make your next bear hunt even better...

### Practice

Making an accurate first shot is what puts meat on the pole. And the only way to be more accurate is to get out to the range this summer. Practice your shots as if you were actually in a tree stand or ground blind.

### Procrastination

The only way to get a bear is to get into the woods. Pure and simple.

Don't procrastinate. Call to plan a trip, and get out to the range early and often. No time is better than now. Your skills will be rewarded with a great bear and great memories.

Should you need to wait and see if you will be able to get away, give us a call. We often have cancellations and can easily accommodate a hunter's unpredictable work commitments.

Whatever your situation, we look forward to hunting with you this fall. 🐾

## 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 move 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. 🐾



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Wayne, standing with successful hunter, 16 year old Shiniyah McGlaughlin from Ponte Verde Beach, FL, who came with her Dad Flint, on a Father-Daughter bear hunt

## Questions?

Foggy Mountain hunters always ask lots of questions. Who wouldn't? You put a lot on the line when you book a hunt — your time and money — and you deserve to know what to expect, and how to make the most out of your hunt.

Wayne tries to answer many of those questions on the "FAQ" page of Foggy Mountain's website.

We strive to make your hunt a successful one, and to be available when you have questions. While Foggy Mountain's guides are generally in the woods most of the day, and sometimes evenings, Wayne is typically at camp skinning bear and answering questions — unless he too is out baiting or tracking.

But the most important questions are the ones you need to ask before you book a hunt.

Our overall goal is to supply detailed information so you have no surprises. 🐾

"Your guide was an absolute delight to be around. I think he was as excited about my bear as I was."

— Gary Chamberlain, Sandusky, NY

## 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. 🐾

"You made quite an impression on Bruce Jr. He keeps telling me how cool you are and he has categorized you as a Mountain Man. This is a huge honor, ranking you right up there with all the guys in the TV series on the Discovery Channel, Mountain Men. Thanks again for all your hard work."

— Bruce (& Bruce Jr.) Kirschbaum, Shamong, NJ



A Successful Father and Son Hunt



## 2015 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

### 2015 Bear Hunts:

Hunt August 31st (Arrive on the 30th) thru September 4th;  
or hunt September 7th (Arrive on the 6th) thru September 11th.

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

### 2015 Bear Hunts:

Hunt September 14th (Arrive on the 13th) thru September 18th;  
or hunt September 21st (Arrive on the 20th) thru September 25th.

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.



"Thanks again for an awesome outdoors adventure. It doesn't get any better than Foggy Mountain. The staff made my stay feel like being at home. Your guide did a wonderful job guiding me. He was a true pro and I enjoyed his knowledge of Maine wildlife. Thanks again and I'll see you next year."

– Eric Meschke, Jackson, MI

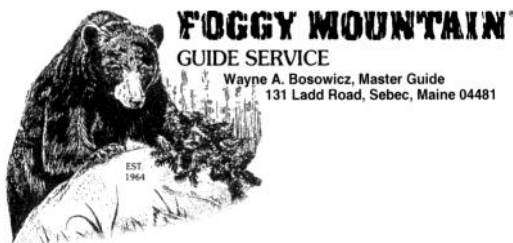


Nice Maine Bear

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"We would like to give our thanks to you, our guide, and the staff for a great and memorable experience. It is now obvious to us why people come from all over the world to hunt with you."

— Harry Marquiss, Agawam, MA

## Fall Grouse & Woodcock Hunting

### 2015 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. However, for the past two years the season was extended into mid-November.

### Visit Wayne at these 2015 Sport Shows Shot Show

January 20-23, 2015  
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.



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