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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

A big thanks to all of our hunters for a spectacular 2017 season. We hope to see you next fall.

The bear population is still climbing and the bear sign we are seeing in our territory indicates that the 2018 season will be fantastic.

Our new base camp at Ebeemee Lake was a huge success! This long time Foggy Mountain goal is at a prime location right in the middle of our Maine Highlands hunting territory. Hunters loved being so much closer to their hunting stands.

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

– Brandon Bishop



Brandon & Becky, ready to field dress some fresh Maine Lobsters

Highlights of our 2017 Bear Hunt

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

We celebrated that success and our new base camp at Ebeemee Lake with a fantastic steak and Maine Lobster feast that was a big hit.

Maine's wet spring and dry summer made for an abundance of natural food. Even with natural food in abundance, bear were still very active at our stands.

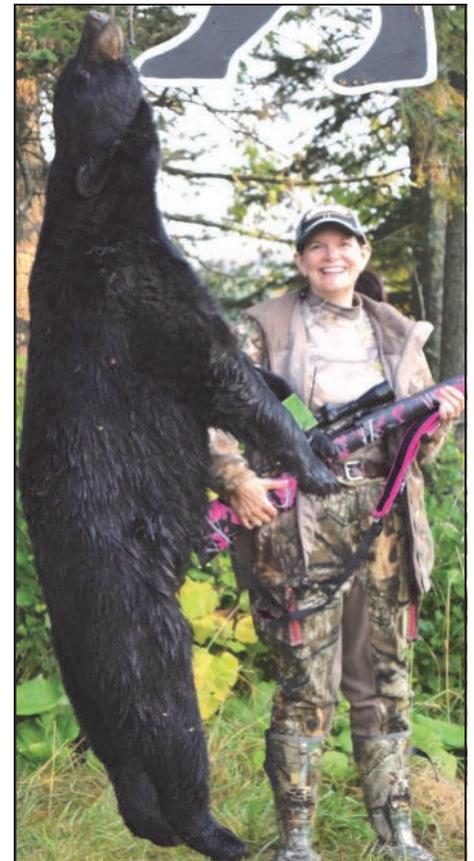
We love facing Mother Nature's challenges and were ready to apply our knowledge of black bear biology, many years of hunting them, strategies for selecting bait and stand sites, and of course our phenomenal bait and famous Foggy Mountain scents and lures.

To the pleasure of many Foggy Mountain hunters, we were still able to persuade the bear to show themselves and on most days our hunters got into plenty of bear and took some real nice monsters too!

Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots, by good hunters, kept the game pole in constant use during our 2017 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Weston Leonard of Chesapeake, VA, harvested his nice bear with a bow.
- Lester Rhoden of Lyons, GA, killed his bear Tuesday evening after passing up on several bear.
- Martain Gibbons Jr of Lusby, MD, harvested his beautiful boar Monday evening with his bow.



Pink camo? You bet! And Ladonna Porter of Camdenton, MO, very clearly knows how to hunt with it!

- Martain Gibbons Sr took a bear back to Lusby, MD.
- Michael Denkenburger of Cuyler, NY, and his son held out until Friday evening to harvest a trophy bear with a beautiful white blaze on its chest.
- Tim Glasscock took a bear back to Bellaire, OH.
- Devon Knowlton of Cameron, OH, harvested his first bear.

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It was a busy night for these Highlands region Hunters

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- Adam Dillion took his first bear home to Mannington, WV.
- Scott Stirn of Brooksville, IN, held out until Friday night for a beauty of a bear.
- Roy Harrington of Brooksville, IN, harvested his bear 30 minutes after arriving on his stand.
- Bob Bowers took a beautiful bear back home to Keuka Park, NY.
- Jeff Anderson of Ann Arbor, MI, passed up several and then harvested his bear on Tuesday.
- Jesse Avery harvested a trophy bear that he took back to Washington, PA.
- Richard Huffman of Jerusalem, OH, held out until Friday night for his bear.
- Steve Stratton put his 45-70 to work harvesting a brute of a Maine bear and took it back to Flushing, OH.
- Malcolm Sherbine harvested his bear Friday and took it home to Severn, MD.

“Got home at 4am Sunday morning. Grand-kids wanted me to get them up to see the bear. Then got it into the freezer. It was well cooled and dry so all was good. Slept a few hours then kids woke me up with breakfast in bed and then we cut him up. Good bit of meat, good bear!”

— Steve Stratton, Ohio

- Heather Milikan and her father Marc from Ethridge, TN, were on a father daughter hunt and Heather made a beautiful shot on her bear that had a nice white “V” on its chest.
- Matt Hayes of Conneautville, PA, harvested his bear on Monday, allowing him to catch some beautiful brook trout for the rest of the week.
- David Staff took his bear home to Cranesville, PA.
- Robert Hartman took his bear home to Ridgeway, SC.
- Tyler Meiwes took his bear back to Portales, NM.
- Ladonna Porter of Camdenton, MO, harvested a beauty on Thursday.
- Cody Kent of Clouis, NM, harvested a bear early afternoon and then walked back to camp with his bear in tow.
- Dan Arrowood took a nice trophy bear back to Chandler, NC.
- Blain Rowe harvested a beauty of a bear and took it back to Coweta, OK.
- Reed Laphrop took his bear back to Columbia, NC.
- Mickey Blair harvested a nice bear, taking it home to Concord, NC.
- Evert Gaff took a nice trophy home to Columbia City, IN.
- Ben Hesse of Darien, CT, harvested a beautiful 350 pound bruin.

- Gene Schneck took his bear home to Harvre De Grace, MD.
- Ken Ryder of Topsfield, MA, harvested a whopper tipping the scales at 525 lbs.
- Glen Geikie took his 450 pound brute back to Charlemont, MA.
- Mike and Mitchel Scarlett both harvested a bear Monday and took them back to Browntown, IN.
- Billy Emerson harvested a bear to take back to E. Taunton, MA.
- Leon Tragger Sr took his bear back to Quarryville, PA.
- Daniel Geer of Farmington, NY, had a memorable hunt Wednesday evening. Dan made a beautiful shot with his bow and was able to watch the bear expire 30 yards from his tree stand.
- Donald Joyce of Sturbridge, MA, made short work and harvested a bear on Monday evening.
- Paul Bacon took home a beauty to Westfield, MA.
- Jim Hart shot a nice bear, taking it back to Orleans, IN.
- Ralph Young of Orleans, IN, shot a trophy topping the scales at 300lbs.

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



Jeff Anderson took a nice Trophy with a beautiful white patch again this year!



Martian Gibbons Jr returned for a second trophy this year

bragging rights by nailing a beautiful boar with his bow.

Martain Jr spent the rest of the week relaxing and hoping his father could also take a bear back to Maryland.

Who'd a thought! With only minutes left to hunt on Friday, Martain Sr was again able to harvest a beautiful bear. It was a complete repeat of last year!

We hope their ride home was full of laughs and look forward to having them enjoy some more quality father-son time with us next year.

Maybe then, for Martain Sr's sake, he won't have to wait until the last few hours of the final day to harvest his next bear. 🐾



Heather Milikan of Ethridge, TN, took her first bear



Nice Bear taken by Steve Stratton of Flushing, Ohio

Father-Son/Father-Daughter Hunts

Foggy Mountain's bear hunts always include couples, father-son and father-daughter hunters.

Unlike bear hunts with most outfitters, Foggy Mountain's private & flexible lodging is especially appreciated by our mixed family groups.

We never tire of hearing our hunting families' stories and smiles — and love sharing them.

Foggy Mountain Tales

Martain Gibbons Jr and Sr hunted at Foggy Mountain for their first time in 2016. Martain Jr harvested his first bear ever on the first day of that 5 day hunt.

His father, Martain Sr, was ecstatic but kept to the woods and his own persistence finally paid off. On Friday, with less than an hour left of his hunt, he harvested his very first bear too.

As they arrived this fall we all joked about who was the better hunter, and hoped for another successful season.

Double trouble! Early on Monday afternoon, Martain Jr was able to keep his



Michael Denkenburger and son took a real nice trophy

"Just a note of appreciation. I had a good time (as usual). Hope I can come back next year. Thanks for the effort you put forth."

— Lester Rhoden, Georgia



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January 27, 2018

**Stop by the Foggy Mountain
display and have a visit.**

Foggy Mountain will again provide bear meat and attend the Smith & Wesson Big-Game Dinner. This always sold-out event hosts 500 guests and features a menu of elk, caribou, bear, boar, venison, pheasant and quail. All game served is donated by hunters, including many of Foggy Mountain's own. Visit with Brandon, savor the delicacies and support many charities!



Bob Bowers of Keuka Park, NY, bagged a beauty

Vital Tips for Your Bear Hunting Success

Hunters often ask what will help result in a successful hunt.

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

1) PRACTICE

Shooting skill is the top reason hunters take or lose their trophy. Making an accurate first shot is what puts meat on the pole.

Your goal is to make a sure shot and a quick, clean kill. Lack of practice and preparation can result in misses.

Simply put, practice is the key to getting a bear. Without a doubt, the more you shoot, whether it be a rifle, bow, or handgun, the better you will be when a bear presents you with a shot.

You must make a steady and accurate shot. You can only achieve that result from the confidence you will gain from regular practice.

Accurate shot placement is important in bear hunting. A bear's vitals are small and located forward, making them difficult to connect with.

Miss that and the bear might run for miles. Bear do not often leave a good blood trail like a deer, nor do they lay down and bleed out like a deer.

So your first shot must count.

Firearm or Bow?

Bowhunters – Most bowhunters realize that practice is critical for making a proper bow kill. The convenience of shooting in the backyard helps bowhunters stay in shape all year long.

However, it makes no difference how good a shot you are if you don't wait for the bear to be positioned properly. Unless you wait for the right shot, you will get nothing but a wounded bear that likely will never be recovered.

A quartering away shot will always put the arrow in the bear's boiler room.

Firearm hunters – You do have more options. You do not have to wait until the bear is on the bait for a good shot. A head and chest shot can produce a good kill.

But no shot with a rifle is a given. You must still make an accurate shot or you too will never recover your bear.

Like the best bowhunters, the best firearm hunters also make going to a range a regular event.

2) SCENT CONTROL

Bear have extremely keen senses, and use them as they cautiously and slowly approach your line of fire. Their nose is as sensitive as the most sophisticated radar system. It keeps them alive.

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.



Lester Roden keeps nailing them with his very lethal broadhead

"I am trying to round up some more people to come with me next year. You have a very professional organization. I had a great time and what a set up you have!"
— Robert Hartmen, South Carolina

Scent control is a huge part of making a bear hunt successful. A bear will not come in and lower its wariness at a site if it can smell you.

It's important to shower and use scent free products before heading to the stand. When this is done in addition to Foggy Mountain's home made cover scent the results will speak for themselves.

3) PATIENCE

Sitting motionless in a stand or ground blind is vital. This is one of the most difficult skills a successful bear hunter must master.

One twitch of your hands or head and the bear's eyes or ears will catch you.

If you do spook a bear, continue sitting motionless. You are likely to have a good second chance – maybe at another bear that had been lurking just out of sight.

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4) PERSISTENCE

Our statistics show that longevity pays off. Bear are unlike most game animals. They do not show a consistent pattern. But if they visit a bait site once, then they will be back.

Bear are unpredictable. Some will come to your site on the first night, but this is seldom the case. They will skip baits, and change times that they come to a bait, due to natural feed they may or may not encounter during a given day.

Bear can grow accustomed to a guide's routine comings and goings as he refreshes the bait, and instead of running away they will often wait just a short distance away.

This behavior is often repeated with hunters, and many of our best kills have been on the hunter's last day.

Hunters often want to change stands if they don't see any bear activity after their first day. Yet there is seldom any need to do this.

Patience and persistence is a must so you will be there waiting for them. 🐾



Excellent trophy for Ralph Young of Pekin, Indiana



Great kill by Paul Bacon from Westfield, Mass

"My wife and I had a remarkable time while hunting with you. The whole experience for both of us will be remembered forever. Even though she didn't hunt she told me several times that she didn't want to go home. The lakeside time was very relaxing for her. When I did kill a bear we both were delighted beyond words. Like I told you when I left, 'I will be back'."

—Michel "Scott" Stirn, Indiana

Brook Trout Bonus

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

In September, the larger trout move from lakes into rivers on their annual spawning run. Their spawning colors are beautiful and 18 inch brookies are taken regularly.

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.



Wildlife Experts Say "Take More Bear"

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

The State's bear biologists estimate that the areas of Maine where we hunt have population densities well over one bear per square mile. The thriving bear population is at a record high and is still growing rapidly.

Take More Bears

Biologists at Maine's Fish & Wildlife Department continue their request for hunters to kill more bear. They have even been holding meetings to discuss how to achieve this goal.

Foggy Mountain knows how to help. We built a lot of new bait sites last summer. They instantly became active and we can't wait to hunt them next fall.

Brandon anticipates that the 2018 and 2019 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



Matt Hayes from Franklin, PA, got this excellent trophy

Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt



Glen Geikie's 450 Pound Trophy Black Bear

Bear Hunt with Hounds

2018 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts October 1st, and ends October 26th;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
 - Hunt October 1st (Arrive on the September 30th) thru October 5th;
 - or hunt October 8th (Arrive on the October 7th) thru October 12th;
 - or hunt October 15th (Arrive on the October 14th) thru October 19th;
 - or hunt October 22nd (Arrive on the October 21st) thru October 26th.

Get back to Foggy Mountain's roots on this exciting hunting adventure. These hunts produce some really great Maine black bear each year. Become one of the hunters who do!

Our hound hunts are a thrilling blend of hound and hunter skills, with exciting non-stop action.

We follow a bear wherever it leads us in the deep woods of Maine. When the chase is on our truck is in high gear. We ride through territory most people would never dream possible.

Our hounds have the experience and heart to get the job done, and done right.

"I want to tell you what a great time we had thanks to your excellent organization. I'm ready to round up a hunting partner for next year."

— D.L. Roy Harrington, North Carolina

These hounds, alongside a truly skilled houndsman, will make for an experience you will never forget.

If you are an adrenalin loving hunter, this is the hunt for you!

We take parties of up to three hunters. Once the bear is treed you get to choose whether or not you want to take the bear. You have five days, so if you choose not to take the bear, then the hunt continues.

Lodging is housekeeping style (each cabin has a full kitchen).

Call us for full details. 🐾

"You have provided my son and I with a fabulous time for three years in a row. The hunting and site locations are outstanding. You and your guides could not be more knowledgeable or helpful. All of your support people are very hospitable and friendly. The conversations during meals (which are terrific) and non hunting time were great fun and very enjoyable."

— Leon Tragger Sr & Jr, Pennsylvania

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. You deserve to know what to expect, and how to make the most out of your hunt.

Brandon 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, Brandon is typically at camp skinning bear and answering questions — unless he's also out tracking.

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

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

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 — not to mention our many husband & wife 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.



Weston Leonard of Chesapeake, Virginia, made a fine shot with his Bow



Dan Arrowood took this beauty home to Chandler, NC

Katahdin-Moosehead Hunts

2018 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 base camp, Mount Katahdin and Moosehead Lake to the north.

You will be hosted at our new base camp on Ebeemee Lake, 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.



Nice Trophy for Donald Joyce of Sturbridge, MA

2018 Bear Hunts

Foggy Mountain's two most popular bear hunting packages are geared 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 our **Highlands, Katahdin and Moosehead Region** hunts is housekeeping style (each cabin has a full kitchen).
- Lodging for our **West Branch Region** hunts is American Plan (all meals are included).

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

West Branch Hunts

2018 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 10th (Arrive on the 9th) thru September 14th;
- or hunt September 17th (Arrive on the 16th) 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 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. And the coffee pot is always on.

"We enjoyed ourselves while we were up their and thank you very much for the accommodations."

— Everett Gaff, Indiana



Great hit by Daniel Geer of Farmington, NY

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Monster taken by Jesse Avery of Washington, PA



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In the woods with Steve Stratton and Pat Carameli



Spring Turkey Hunts

2018 Turkey Season:

- Hunt May 1st to May 5th, or
- Hunt May 8th to May 12th, or
- Hunt May 15th to May 19th, or
- Hunt May 22nd to May 26th

Maine's turkey population is booming! Wild turkeys were re-introduced over twenty years ago and the population flourished thanks to the excellent habitat provided by Maine's reverting farmsteads.

Foggy Mountain's turkey hunts are in a region full of this prime turkey habitat, where it is common to get the chance to harvest multiple birds. 🐾

"I had the great pleasure of bow hunting at Foggy Mountain. Brandon and his guides went beyond my expectations to provide an enjoyable, relaxing and successful experience. I highly recommend booking a hunt with these guys and I guarantee you will enjoy a great experience in the Maine wilderness." — Dan Geer, New York



Rabbit Hunts

2018 Rabbit Season:

- One to 5-Day Hunts
- December 1st thru March 31st
- Youth Hunters Half Price

Our action-packed Rabbit (Snowshoe Hare) hunts start at 8 AM when we head to prime rabbit cover and then turn our well-trained beagles loose. We put you in a prime crossing location while the beagles circle the rabbit back toward you.

We enjoy a break from all the action at noon for a tailgate lunch, then head back into the thicket for more afternoon action.

Weapon of choice is a shotgun (410, 20, 12, & 16) so this hunt lets everyone take aim at a rabbit in front of our beagles regardless of age or shooting ability. 🐾

"Brandon, you are a true sportsman and professional. We would certainly recommend you to other hunters."
— Leon Tragger Sr & Jr, Pennsylvania

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