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Greetings from Maine!

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

Our hunting areas are finally free of snow, the fawns are dropping, and the lawns are growing too fast.

When you take a break from that dreaded mowing chore, I thought you might enjoy some news and extra tips for your next hunt.

Feel free to give me a call - I love hearing from old friends.

— Wayne the Bear Hunter



Wayne's Latest Bear Hunting Tips

We had a great season last fall! Lots of fantastic kills and stories to match. Check our website for photos and stories of those adventures in our Fall 2010 newsletter.

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...

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.

Bear have extremely keen senses, and use them as they cautiously and slowly approach your line of fire. As we all know, their nose keeps them alive, but just 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.

Persistence

Bear are unpredictable. Some will come to your site on the first night, but this is not always 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.

Precision

Accurate shot placement is vital in bear hunting. Whether you are using a rifle, handgun, bow or crossbow, you need to consistently hit a bear's small vital area. Miss that and the bear might run for miles.

Bear do not often leave a good blood trail like deer do, nor do they lay down and bleed out like a deer. So your first shot must count.

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 hunting stand or ground blind.

Population

We intentionally under harvest the bear in our hunting areas, and as a result the population is increasing.

After the season closed last 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 fall season, we'll get them locked on again!

Just imagine...100 even bigger bear returning to our sites next fall!

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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 to the range. 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.



"I have to commend you folks for not only supplying a great hunt, but giving literally years of really great memories. Just thought you would like to know that you are always on my mind (in a really great way)."

- Bill Maskiell, New Castle, 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.



2010 Bear Hunts

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Available on our Website.

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.

Here are several good ones...

Question: Will I need a vehicle?

Wayne's Answer: A hunter's safety is the paramount concern at Foggy Mountain. We have seen and learned much over the years, and have set up our hunts to best assure your safety, enjoyment and success.

This is a hands-on hunt—for both of us. We personally set you up at your bait site and stand, and make certain that you are comfortable and properly situated.

Unlike many outfitters, Foggy Mountain's hunters drive themselves to and from their stands each day. You do not need a 4X4, but they are nice. Most cars will be fine if they have some ground clearance. While hunters may be miles apart, several in your party can hunt relatively close together and share one vehicle.

Many have asked why we do this, rather than transporting and dropping off hunters with our own vehicles.

It comes down to what we have learned from our repeat hunters' comments, and to hunters' safety, scent control, and convenience.

Safety — There are times when you will want, or even need, to return to camp long before anyone would be coming to pick you up. If you are injured, such as being cut by a broadhead, fall victim to some



sort of "travelers disease", or develop other health issues, you will want to return earlier than the other hunters. Yes, this does happen occasionally, and we don't want you out there suffering.

Scent Control — Bear live and die by their nose. You and your hunting partners may be like-minded when it comes to scent control, but not everyone is the same. You won't appreciate picking up unnecessary adverse smells on you by riding with someone who smokes or neglects proper hygiene. They may not smoke while riding to the stands, but many will do so just prior to leaving camp and the scent will remain on their clothing. You and I have too much invested for this to occur.

Convenience — When you are ready to hunt, you hunt. When you are ready to return to camp, you return. There is no need to get to your stand too late for a good hunt, or waiting until late at night to get picked up. You are the one in control.

This comment from the "Bowsite" website illustrates the concerns of one hunter who chose the wrong outfitter: *"Some hunters didn't get to their stands until 5 or 5:30 pm which surely affected bear movement. Some hunters weren't picked up from their stands until 10 pm"*

Once we set you up for the hunt, we want you to be able to hunt all the hours that you and your guide feel will be most productive, typically 5 to 6 hours a day.

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Question: What about the Meat?

Wayne's Answer: We do all the baiting, tracking if necessary, field dressing, skinning, and prepare the meat as you wish. There is absolutely no extra charge for this.

A bear is nothing like a deer. A bear's hide and meat can deteriorate rapidly. It is imperative to retrieve your kill, skin it and refrigerate your meat quickly.

At Foggy Mountain there is no such thing as leaving several bear hanging while we wait for a group promo photo. Our game pole fills up each night and is then cleared off each morning as we process the trophies.

We first retrieve, gut out, and skin your bear. We then take extra care to see that the hide is properly readied for a taxidermist. We even arrange for a specialist in black bear taxidermy to visit camp and discuss mounting options with you if you wish.

Then, we will quarter up your meat, remove the backstraps, and freeze the meat for you to take home.

Also available should you wish, we have a very professional local butcher shop that will make up steaks, chops, hamburger and sausage according to your wishes, then vacuum seal and freeze it for you to take home, but shipment to your home is available.

Question: May I keep the Gall?

Wayne's Answer: You may do as you wish. Maine's law permits the sale of bear gall bladders. However, they no longer have commercial value although we do occasionally use them in some of our scents. We currently have dozens in our freezer, waiting for a potential market or to be used in our secret lure. 🐾

As many of you know, Foggy Mountain offers two bear hunting packages in order to suit everyone's differing needs.

Both hunts are in bear infested regions that we have hunted for decades. Both areas are on private lands with access controlled by gates, as are 95% of our total hunting areas.

Bear are under-harvested in both areas, and hunting success is the same in each, but we offer different accommodations:

- Lodging for hunts in the **Katahdin-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).

Katahdin-Moosehead Hunts

2011 Bear Hunts:

Hunt August 30th (Arrive on the 29th) thru September 3rd; or hunt September 6th (Arrive on the 5th) thru September 10th.

Maine's vast Highland, Katahdin and Moosehead Region lies between our Sebec base camp, Mt. 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 in. We provide bedding and household equipment. You will 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 13th (Arrive on the 12th) thru September 17th; or hunt September 20th (Arrive on the 19th) thru September 24th.
(Check In any time after noon)

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

This bear hunt is the same as our Katahdin-Moosehead hunt, 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 decor.

What's more, you'll enjoy home-cooked, all-you-can-eat, lumberjack-style meals, reputed to be the biggest and 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.

"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; for 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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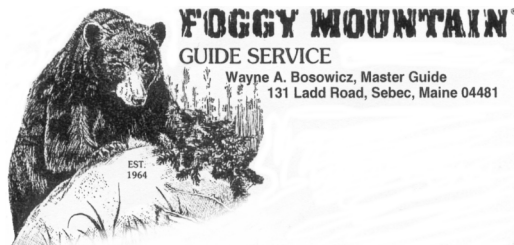


2011 SHOT Show

Wayne spent a week last January attending the annual SHOT Show held by the National Shooting Sports Foundation in Las Vegas.

“SHOT” stands for Shooting Hunting & Outdoor Trade. SHOT is a huge show for the entire firearms, shooting and hunting industry.

Wayne visited with many friends, former hunters, firearms experts, and outdoor writers. As usual, he also met with former Foggy Mountain hunter Ted Nugent (the “Nuge”), a very outspoken defender of hunting and firearms. More about their conversation in our next newsletter. 🐾



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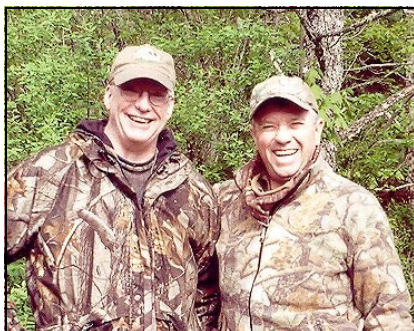


Fall Grouse & Woodcock Hunting

2011 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.

Hunters will be happy to see “Peanut” joining our younger pointers for the entire 2011 season. 🐾

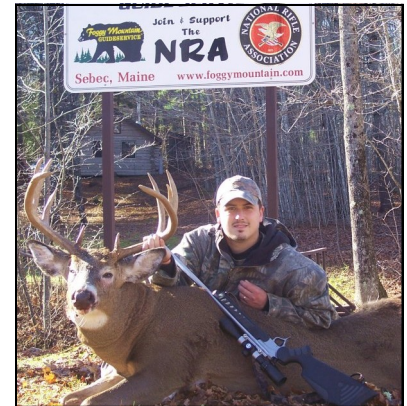


SHOT is a great time for Wayne to meet with the NSSF’s very professional staff, such as Managing Director Randy Clark (above left).

Randy and Doug Jeanneret (right), who is VP of Marketing with the US Sportsman’s Alliance (USSA), took a break from their hectic schedules to hunt at Foggy Mountain.

We need to thank these warriors for their tireless efforts fighting anti-gun and anti-hunting foes in Washington and throughout the nation.

In Maine alone, the NSSF actively supports our own pro-hunting fighters, and without the USSA’s fervent support and resources fighting repeated attacks by the Humane Society of the United States, we might not be bear hunting or fur trapping here at all! 🐾



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). 🐾

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