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## Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fabulous 2018 season. We were able to harvest many great bear in all types of weather – from 90 degree days to 3 inches of snow. I think we covered it all this season.

The bear population continues to grow in our great state which ensures that the 2019 season will be just as successful.

I strive year round in and out of the woods to make your hunt the best hunt possible. I now serve on the Board of Directors of the Maine Professional Guides Association, working to ensure a future for bear hunting in Maine.

Thank you for choosing to hunt with Foggy Mountain. I look forward to seeing you all next season.

Until then, feel free to call and chat. I enjoy keeping in touch with fellow hunters throughout the year.

– Brandon Bishop 

## Highlights of our 2018 Bear Hunt

The 2018 season turned out wonderful. Many bear seen and many bear taken. The dry hot summer resulted in very little natural food in the woods. Raspberries and blueberries shriveled up and there wasn't enough rain for the beechnuts to grow.

As usual, the bear loved what we had to offer. We did run into some hot days and rain, but were able to overcome and harvest many great bear.

Mother Nature again threw challenges our way later in the season. The lack of natural food caused many bear to hibernate early. This meant bear became scarce in our late hound season.

So we put on the extra miles and found them. Our last bear of the season was taken on snow, which is a rarity and lifelong goal of mine.

Time spent at the game pole with everyone is always the best part of the season. Sharp knives and fun conversations make the best memories.

2018 proved to be a busy one at the pole. Many nights ended with multiple bear to process and nothing says "great season" like a full game pole.



Brandon and Austin at camp on Ebeemee Lake.



Monster Maine Bear taken by  
Dave Patulak from Massachusetts

## Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots, by good hunters, kept the game pole in constant use during our 2018 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Walt Morse, Humble, TX, harvested his bear with his 44 pistol
- Patti Bass, Venice, FL, didn't waste any time harvesting her bear on Monday evening.

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It was a busy night for these Highlands region Hunters

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- Paul Bass, Venice, FL, took his trophy bear home after a very surprising hunt.
- Tim Glasscock, Bellaire, OH, took a great bear home with him.
- Dave Dillon, Mannington, WV, hung his bear on the pole Tuesday evening.
- Adam Dillon took a nice bear home to Shinnstown, WV.
- Dan Butler, Jacobsburg, OH, harvested his bear with a 45/70.
- Devon Knowlton took his blind buster home to Cameron, OH.
- Dave Paszkiewicz Sr of Kearny, NJ, dropped a nice bear.
- Dave Paszkiewicz Jr, Kearny, NJ took his first bear.
- Derek Dixon, Vidalia, GA, arrowed his first bear.
- Martain Gibbons, Lusby, MD, harvested a brute from 8 yards.
- Joe Hamilton Jr of West Sunbury, PA, took his first bear.
- Kyle Hendershot of Clear Springs, MD, arrowed a nice boar.

"You can tell everyone involved with Foggy Mountain takes a lot of pride in what they do. It's a place where you can definitely see what bear hunting is about and I know my wife and I will be back!"

— Kyle Hendershot, Clear Springs, MD

- Robert Gallagher of Riverdale, MI, shot a trophy Tuesday evening.
- Daniel Miller of Hartly, DE, made a great shot on his bear.
- John Peoples took a nice trophy home to Latrobe, PA.
- Mike Cauvel of Brookville, PA, took a trophy bear.
- Matt Cauvel of Hanover, MD, took a bear Tuesday evening
- Todd McDonald of Hilliard, OH, shot his first bear with a crossbow.
- Steve Cofone of Copiague, NY, arrowed a beauty of a bear.
- Al Gardner of Oakton, VA, harvested a bear along with an amazing assortment of small Maine mammals.
- William Comfort took a great bear home to Big Flats, NY.
- Brad Comfort of Big Flats, NY, harvested his first bear
- Jack Clark of Dallastown, PA, shot his first bear.
- Bill Cameron of Watsontown, PA, arrowed a monster of a bear.
- Dave Kudika of Canton, OH, got right down to business and took his bear on Monday evening.
- Dennis Peacock of Scituate, MA, killed a dandy of a bear.
- Willy Jones of Llano, TX, harvested a nice bear.
- Ben Hesse of Duxbury, MA, shot a heck of a bear.
- Matt Pezze of Greensburg, PA, made a great shot with his bow.
- Steve Drasher took a great boar home to Kutztown, PA.

- Ryan Conley of Findlay, OH, shot his first bear with his 44 handgun.
- With his 5 year old daughter beside him, Josh Durand of Brandon, MS, harvested a nice bear.
- Aubrey Baudean of Marrero, LA, harvested his first bear.
- Rob Smith of Hampden Bay, NY, harvested a beautiful bear.
- Peter Weiss took a great bear home to Southington, CT.
- Paul Alitz of Hastings, MN, had an exciting hunt.
- George Hamajian of Warwick, RI, harvested his first bear on snow.

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. 🐾



Jack Clark Harvested his first trophy bear





Al captured some nice small mammal trophies this year

## More Explorations With Al Gardner

Our good friend and long time hunter Albert Gardner continued his annual quest for a massive Maine black bear...and some of Maine's tiniest mammals.

Al had a very successful year for both his annual bear hunt and his small mammal trapping exploits.

Al is a "mammalogist" with the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior. His unit's responsibility is to curate the North American collections of birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

In bear hunter language, Al tracks, monitors and studies the exploits of the tiny critters that entertain us all while we sit patiently on a stand. 🐾



Another bear heading home with Al Gardner



## Join Us at the Annual Smith & Wesson Big-Game Dinner

January 26, 2019

**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. Chat with Brandon, savor the delicacies and support many charities!

"My son-in-law, my granddaughter and I had a great time. Brandon was wonderful and kept everyone safe. Harvested two bears in three days. The dogs were well trained, good with kids and people. We will be coming back."

— Aubrey Baudean



We had the pleasure of hunting with TW Norman and the crew of Final Descent Outdoors. Final Descent airs on the Pursuit channel and can also be found on Facebook and Youtube. 🐾

"Great season. Lots of really nice bears. Had a fantastic hunt and Maine experience!"

— Steve Drasher"



Starting the week with Lobster by the lake





Great Bow Kill by Steve Cofone of NY

## Secrets to Bear Hunting Success

Foggy Mountain defines success as “bear on the pole.” The reasons for our success are due to many factors. Here are a few...

### Territory

Our territory covers not one but two large regions of northern Maine. This allows us to manage our bear population. We limit the time spent in each region to two week per area.

Having this large amount of land also allows us to be sure our stands are placed in the most pristine locations, with the most bear activity.

Remember, you will be the first and only hunter to use your stand no matter which week or region you choose to hunt.

### Bait

Foggy Mountain’s bait is key. Most people believe that rotten meat or garbage is a great attractant for bear. They are wrong.

Bear are like any other animal - they do not like rotten garbage and seek out the freshest and most nutritious food.

Bait must be more attractive than anything Mother Nature has to offer. We spend hours making a mixture of bait that the bears cannot resist. It has taken years to master.

As a result, generations of bear are waiting each year for their share. It shows by the activity at each bait site, and our hunters’ results on the game pole.

### Cover Scent

Scent control is vital. It is also very difficult to achieve in the swirling airs of Maine’s prime bear habitat.

Foggy Mountain’s famous cover scent is an important factor in our success. It is a tried and true secret mixture that helps to cover any human odor.

This is a unique homemade scent that only we have, and only our hunters are provided with it.

### Work ethic

Work never stops at Foggy Mountain. There is no “off season” for us. This is our full time job.

We are always working towards next year to make sure each year is as successful as the last. We love what we do. Your success is our success. 🐾



Matt Cauvel took a beauty home to Maryland

“We had an excellent experience with Foggy Mountain Guide Service. Brandon was great with answering questions way before the season ever came around.!”  
— Kyle Hendershot, Clear Springs, MD



Welcome to Foggy Mountain for some fresh Maine Lobsters, grilled steaks and corn on the cob!

## 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 for a great hunt! Truly an experience of a lifetime and we will be back in 2020. Thanks so much.”  
— Paul & Nancy Alitz, Hastings, MN



Paul Bass bags one of five! Read below.

## Surprise, Surprise!

Always remember — **Bear are very unpredictable!** That trait helps them survive, and makes them such a challenge and thrill to hunt.

You never know when they may show themselves when you are sitting on a Foggy Mountain stand. It could happen at any given minute.

Long time friend and hunter Paul Bass experienced this on the Thursday of his hunt. Paul's wife Patti had just dropped him off near his stand. He walked to his blind, rested his gun against a tree, then started to get his chair and gear situated for the evening sit.

Suddenly, just as he was half way into the blind, he heard quite a commotion. He looked up to see five bear running in and start fighting at the bait site.

Paul was in disbelief. He thought he was dreaming. He quietly climbed back out of his blind, shouldered his rifle and harvest a nice bear.

Just shows you how fast things can happen when bear hunting.

Paul and his wife Patti both took nice bear back to Venice, FL.

Bears feed on average for 20 hours a day which means they are very active all the time. That is why here at Foggy Mountain we tell everyone to always be ready because it can happen the first minute or the last.

*Always be ready!* 🐾



Another Great bear taken by Patti Bass

"Can't say enough great things about the guys at Foggy Mountain. Brandon goes above and beyond to make sure everyone kills a bear and has a great experience. I highly recommend them to all my fellow hunters. Thanks guys for an amazing first bear kill experience! Ill be back!"

— Derek Dixon, Vidalia, GA

## 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.

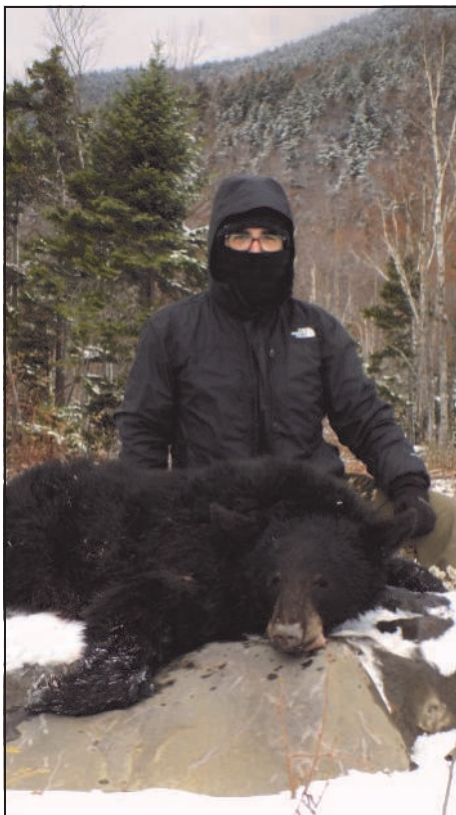
Brandon anticipates that the 2019 and 2020 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



Robert Gallagher from Riverdale, MI, got this excellent trophy



## Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt



Trophy Black Bear taken with hounds  
during an early Maine snowfall

### Bear Hunt with Hounds

#### 2019 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 30th, and ends October 25th;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
  - Hunt September 30th (Arrive on the September 29th) thru October 4th;
  - or hunt October 7th (Arrive on the October 6th) thru October 11th;
  - or hunt October 14th (Arrive on the October 13th) thru October 18th;
  - or hunt October 21st (Arrive on the October 20th) thru October 25th.

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. 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. 

## 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.

"My son and I hunted with Foggy Mountain Guide service the last week of August 2018 and had a great time.

By Wednesday we each had a nice bear. We spent the rest of the week fishing (and actually catching) Maine smallmouth bass! An additional thrill was seeing my first moose in the wild."

— Dave Paszkiewicz, NJ



Great shot made by Joe Hamilton Jr  
of West Sunbury, PA

## Foggy Mountain Tales

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

### Dave & Dave...

Dave Paszkiewicz and his son Dave Jr were both able to harvest a bear and experience a great hunt.

Dave Sr watched a bear Monday evening, but gave it a pass. Dave Jr harvested his bear Tuesday afternoon.

After retrieving Dave Jr's bear, we experienced a classic Maine road block. We drove up on a young bull moose in the road that would not leave the road.

We followed him for 2-3 miles. Every time we would try to go around him he would veer in front of the truck, blocking our path. So the only smart thing to do is keep your distance, and be patient.

After what seemed like forever, the bull finally "pulled over" and let us continue on to the next bear.

Dave Sr harvested his bear Wednesday evening. Both hunters returned to Kearny, NJ with nice trophies and cannot wait to be back next year for another adventure.



## 2019 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 **Katahdin-Highlands 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.



Dave Paszkiewicz Sr took a beauty

## Katahdin-Highlands Hunts

### 2019 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt August 26th (Arrive on the 25th) thru August 30th;
- or hunt September 2nd (Arrive on the 1st) thru September 6th.

Maine's vast Highland 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.

## West Branch Hunts

### 2019 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 9th (Arrive on the 8th) thru September 13th;
- or hunt September 16th (Arrive on the 15th) thru September 20th.

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.



Nice trophy for Dennis Peacock of Scituate, MA

## Father-Son/Father-Daughter Hunts

Foggy Mountain's bear hunts always include couples, father-son and father-daughter hunters — not to mention our many mother-son, mother-daughter and husband & wife hunting teams.

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

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.

**We are Proud to be a Member of our Industry's Supporting Organizations**



For More Info on our 2019 & 2020 Bear Hunts — Visit [www.FoggyMountain.com](http://www.FoggyMountain.com)

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Monster taken by Bill Cameron of Watsontown, PA



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"Brandon is very knowledgeable and works hard to put a hunter on a bear. I strongly recommend Foggy Mountain! As a father, I strongly recommend you take your son or daughter. Its a great way to strengthen bonds and create memories!"

— Dave Paszkiewicz, NJ

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## Spring Turkey Hunts

### 2019 Turkey Season:

Hunt April 29th to May 3rd, or  
Hunt May 6th to May 10th, or  
Hunt May 13th to May 17th, or  
Hunt May 20th to May 24th

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. 🐾

"Had a great time, thanks for the experience. Hope to come back and hunt soon. Cabin was great."

— Ryan Conley, Findlay, OH



## Rabbit Hunts

### 2019 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. 🐾

"What a great time I had. 2 years 2 bears. Hard to beat that. Thanks again."

— Walter Morse, Humble, TX