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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fabulous 2019 season. We were able to harvest many great bear in all types of weather.

The bear population continues to grow in our great state which ensures that the 2020 season will be just as successful.

I strive year round in and out of the woods to make your hunt the best hunt possible. Out of the woods, I serve on the Board of the Maine Professional Guides Association, working yearlong 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 2019 Bear Hunt

The 2019 season was one for the record books. Many bear seen and many bear taken.

With a very wet spring and summer, Mother Nature poured out a mast crop of every nut and berry known to mankind.

Even though the mast crop was big, the bear activity was still high at the bait sites. As usual, the bear loved what we had to offer. Many bear came to make sure the bait was still there, but they didn't stay long.

Good shot placement makes for a great recovery...and a full game poll.

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.

Many nights ended with multiple bear to process and nothing says "great season" like a full game pole.



Adam Dillion with his trophy bear



Brandon, Austin & Rebecca at camp on Ebeemee Lake.

Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots, by good hunters, kept the game pole in constant use during our 2019 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- David Mitchell of Loudonville, NY, harvested his bear Monday evening
- Jason Snyder of Bellefonte, PA, killed a beauty on his first night
- Tim Glasscock of Bellair, OH, harvested his on Wednesday evening

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It was a busy night for Martin Gibbons, Brian McElhaney, Dave Dillion, Adam Dillion

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- Dave Dillon of Mannington, WV, harvested his bear Tuesday night
- Adam Dillion of Shinnston, WV, killed a monster of a Maine bear
- Brandon Dillion of Mannington, WV, killed his very first bear
- Martin Gibbons Sr of Lusby, MD, Arrowed his bear on Tuesday evening
- Martin Gibbons Jr of Lusby, MD, put a bear on the pole Thursday evening
- Adam Russell from Aledo, IL, killed his bear Wednesday morning
- Mark Farrell of Princeton, IL, harvested his Wednesday evening
- Art Cash of Chesapeake, VA, harvested his first bear with a crossbow
- James Currier of Chesapeake, VA, harvested his first bear with a crossbow
- Brian McElhaney of Findlay, OH, took a beauty of a bear with his bow
- Chris Thompson of Sault Ste Marie, MI, took a nice bear home
- Mark Alderidge of Tuscaloosa, AL, harvested his bear with his double barrel 45-70
- Sergey Lyalko of Natick, MA, killed his first black bear
- James Thomas of Madison, CT, killed his bear Monday evening during a rain storm
- Danny Logsdon of Clarkson, KY, had an eventful night Thursday evening and took a bear home.

- Michael Tuite Jr of Pittsburgh, PA, harvested his first Maine bear
- Thomas Tuite of Vandergrift, PA, shot his nice bear on Tuesday
- Jerry Stiles of Harmony, NC, harvested a beauty of a bear
- Al Gardner of Oakton, VA, harvested his bear and also took some nice mammal specimens back to the Smithsonian
- Terry Joseph and son Clinton of Schuyler falls, NY, both harvested their bears on the same evening, making a memorable hunt for both father and son
- Dan Lewis of Kennerdell, PA, harvested his bear on the first evening of his hunt
- Jim Bogart of Ayer, MA, harvested his very first Maine bear
- Dick Ellison of Lowell, MI, made short work of his hunt by harvesting his bear Monday evening
- Loren Holland harvested a beauty to take home to Mt. Pleasant, TX
- Dan Powell of Waterloo, IL, bagged his bear Wednesday evening
- Dennis Peacock of Scituate, MA, harvested his bear in the first 9min of his hunt

"We had a wonderful trip. Trying to decide what date to come back next year!"
— Mark Alderidge, Tuscaloosa, AL

- Stacy and Zack Arrick of New Martinsville, WV, both arrowed bear while on their honeymoon
- John Deily of Cape Charles, VA, took home a trophy of a Maine bear
- Patience paid off for Jason Wingard of Shipshewana, IN, and he harvested his first bear on Friday
- James Stevens of Hamden, CT, harvested his first bear with his 44 Magnum Pistol
- John Gray of Wheeling, WV, harvested his first bear
- Steve Fellows of Newport, NY, harvested his trophy of a bear
- David Patulak of North Grafton, MA, harvested his second bear with Foggy Mountain
- Mark Varney of Grafton, MA, harvested his very first bear
- Callan Wickenhauser of Maroa, IL, harvested his bear on Monday
- George Hamamjian of Warwick, RI, took his bear with a well placed shot
- William Rosier of Versailles, IN, took a trophy bear with his traditional flintlock muzzleloader

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. 🐾

"Thanks for the hunt. I had a great time and you guys do a great job!"
— Callen Wickenhauser, Maroa, IL



Michael Tuite with his beautiful bear



Another bear heading home with David Mitchell

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...

Stand Placement

Many hunters ask the question “how do you pick your bait sites?” It is a good question and not as simple as some may think.

In order to pick a good bait site, the first step is lots of leg work. Bear need thick cover, water and food, so Brandon spends many days and hours walking the woods to find the perfect bait locations.

Thick Cover

Bear typically prefer habitat that is in or around cedar bogs or fir thickets.

Bear tend to move and bed throughout these thickets, and are much more comfortable and relaxed in this home habitat.

Because they are relaxed, they lower their guard and will present hunters with a better chance of getting a clean shot.

Water

Bear typically like to go to water after they feed. Having a beaver bog, brook or lake nearby makes it easy for them to drink and then take a rest.

Proximity to water therefore helps keeps bear close to bait sites.

Natural Food

A bait should also be near a natural food source. This might seem illogical, but the reason for this is that our bait is not a bear’s only source of food. It simply would not be enough for them.

It is only one of many edibles that bear will eat. Bear will still forage on things such as beech nuts, mountain ash berries, wild cherries, acorns, raspberries, blueberries, and wild strawberries.

Keeping the bait site near other food sources will also bring in other bears. Bear will roam many miles in search of food, and when they find a good source they typically stay near it.

The Challenge: Putting it all together

Placing a bait site between the thick cover, water source and natural food is no easy task.

Wind and terrain alter bear behavior. Forestry activities change the habitat. Weather changes food and water sources.

Once all those conditions are satisfied, we must also consider how a hunter will reach the site, and the big task of keeping the bear from circling behind and catching your scent!

Vast Territory

Foggy Mountain is fortunate that its hunting territory covers not one but two large regions of northern Maine.

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.

“Brandon, thanks for a fantastic hunt.”
— George Hamamjian, Warwick, RI

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

Bottom Line

Each bait site we place here at Foggy Mountain is in a spot selected for a reason. We have proved our system for selecting sites works time and time again.

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. 🐾



Surf & Turf day at Foggy Mountain



Smith & Wesson®

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

January 25, 2020

**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 the many charities that benefit from the proceeds!



Meat on the Pole for Jason Snyder, Brandon Dillion, James Currier, Art Cash, David Mitchell

"I highly recommend Foggy Mountain. We will be making the trip back up to Maine from West Virginia!"
— Stacey Arrick, Martinsville, WV



Dave Dillion 's beautiful white "V" marking

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. 🐾

"Brandon and the Foggy Mountain guides lead me through each step from start to finish. The hospitality made me feel like I was visiting family. The top shelf processing and preparation of my bear by the processor is the best I've ever seen. The only problem I am left with is deciding which hunting package to book with Foggy Mountain next!. Thank you all."

— Jim Stevens, Hamden, CT

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. 🐾



Loren Holland's beauty

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.

9 Minute Bear

Long time bear hunter Dennis Peacock is as lucky as they come. Dennis has harvested some nice bear with us, but this year was by far his quickest hunt.

With a rocky start (a cracked rim while on his way up to hunt with us), Dennis was ready to hunt the stand early Monday afternoon. We wished good luck to Dennis and his brother Scott, and then they were off.

About forty minutes later Dennis came cruising up the driveway and we knew something was up. As he pulled in you could hear the hoots and hollers.

As he got part way into his stand, he could see a bear paralleling him. As the bear moved towards the bait site, Dennis moved too.

Eventually Dennis was able to get into position near the bottom of his tree stand and get a clean shot at a nice bear.

Less than 9 minutes out of his truck and he ended his successful 2019 bear season!

Dennis proved the old wisdom that as soon as you hit the woods, always be ready. Bear are very unpredictable and you never know what might happen.

Bears feed on average for 20 hours a day. This 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!

"These guys are bear hunting experts. Don't waste your time and money anywhere else. Foggy Mountain gets it done!!!"

— David Patulak, North Grafton, MA



Another Great bear taken by Tim Glasscock



Nice trophy going home with Jerry Stiles



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 2020 and 2021 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



Great shot made by James Thomas

Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt



Trophy Black Bear taken over hounds

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. 🐾

Bear Hunting Tip: ***Shoot...and*** ***Shoot Often!***

Bear Hunt with Hounds

2020 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 28th, and ends October 23rd;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
 - Hunt September 28th (Arrive on the September 27th) thru October 2nd;
 - or hunt October 5th (Arrive on the October 4th) thru October 9th;
 - or hunt October 12th (Arrive on the October 11th) thru October 16th;
 - or hunt October 19th (Arrive on the October 18th) thru October 23rd.

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.

"Thanks for a great hound hunt. Look forward to seeing you guys next fall!"
— John Gray, Wheeling, WV



Stacey's crossbow trophy

Foggy Mountain Tales

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

Honeymoon "Pact"

Stacey and Zack Arrick chose to bear hunt with us for their honeymoon. When planning their trip, they made a pact that whoever killed the bigger bear would get to have it mounted.

On the first evening of their hunt, Stacey made a great shot on a nice bear with her crossbow.

Now, this set the bar pretty high for Zack. If he was going to keep up with his new bride he was going to have to get real serious, real quick.

Zack was persistent, and was able to bag himself a bear on Thursday with his bow.

But what about that "pact?" Well, Stacey's bear was larger, but Zack's bear had a beautiful white patch.

So began their first compromise as a married couple. The end result: both bear went to the taxidermist!

A great decision, and at the end of the day the couple that hunts together stays together.

Foggy Mountain wishes both of you success on all future hunts as hunting partners, and throughout life as husband and wife. 🐾



Zack took a beauty with his bow

2020 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.

Katahdin-Highlands Hunts

2020 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 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

2020 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.

And the coffee pot is always on. 🐾

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. 🐾

"Brandon and guides are great to be around! Me and my husband both killed bear with our bows and what an awesome experience!"

— Stacey Arrick, Martinsville, WV

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. 🐾

"Thanks for such a great hunt!"

— Dan Powell, Waterloo, IL



Handgun trophy bear taken by Jim Stevens

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Monster taken by Mark Farrell



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"A long time before heading to Maine for my first bear hunt I was worried about everything involved: the outfitter, my guide, accommodations, etc. In the end every part of this adventure greatly exceeded what I had even hoped for. Thank you all."

— Jim Stevens, Hamden, CT



Spring Turkey Hunts

2020 Turkey Season:

Hunt May 4th to May 8th, or
Hunt May 11th to May 15th, or
Hunt May 18th to May 22nd, or
Hunt May 25th to June 5th

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. 🐾



Rabbit Hunts

2020 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. 🐾

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