

# FOGGY MOUNTAIN GUIDE SERVICE

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## Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fabulous 2020 season.

The bear population continues to grow in our great state, ensuring that the 2021 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

Congratulations to Brandon's daughter Austin (at right), who got her second deer ever this November. Maine, "the way life should be!"

## Highlights of our 2020 Bear Hunt

The 2020 bear season was one to remember! Many great bear were taken and more bear seen!

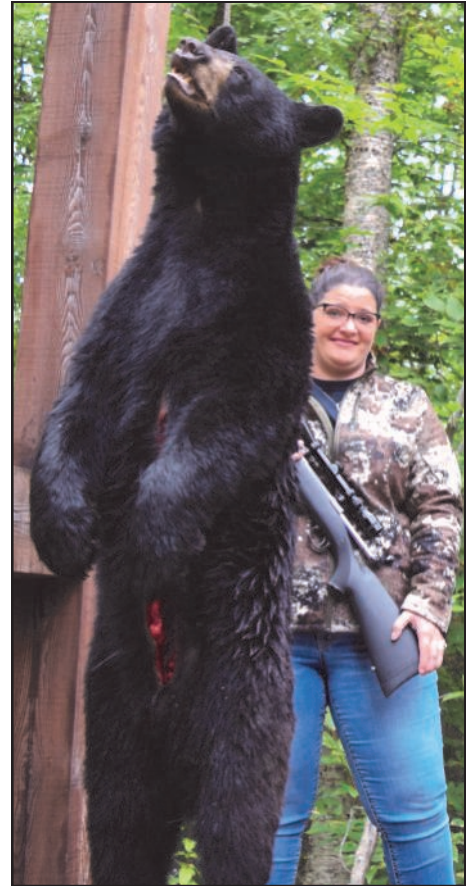
Despite this year's travel concerns, hunters braved the new "travel rules" to "self-isolate" in Maine's vast forest, and sitting quietly in the woods made for perfect "social distancing."

The incredibly hot spring and summer here in the great State of Maine put our region in a drought that made for one heck of a bear season!

The hot, dry weather resulted in a shortage of natural food which led to significantly more bear activity at our bait sites. And the bear loved what we had to offer.

Add in some great shot placement, and many nights ended with multiple bear to process. Nothing says "great season" like a full game pole.

Bottom line, we had a record breaking, busy and fun season here at Foggy Mountain. 🐾



Brittany Fleet with her trophy bear



## Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots, by good hunters, kept the game pole in constant use during our 2020 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Cress Sowry Jr of Painsville, OH, killed his first bear with a bow
- Cress Sowry Sr harvested his very first big game animal and took his home to Painsville, OH

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Sean Copley with his thick-furred bear

- Sean Copley of Dayton, OH, took his beautifully coated bear on the 3rd evening of his hunt
- Ben Fleet of Sandy Lake, PA, made a great shot on a beautiful boar after being in the stand just a few hours
- Brittney Fleet harvested a beautiful boar on Wednesday evening and took it home to Sandy lake, PA
- Bill Gillen took a beautiful bear home to Pamplin, VA
- Mike Papp of Sewicky, PA, patiently took it to the wire, and harvested his bear Friday evening!
- Rick Smith went home to West Newton, PA, with a very nice bear
- Michael Fielder of Mentone, AL, made a great shot Friday evening
- Orlando Escalante Sr of Falfurris, TX, shot his very first bear at noon on Friday
- Orlando Escalante Jr of Falfurris, TX, took his very first bear Thursday afternoon, after having seen other bear during the week
- Wade Keisler shot a nice bear on the second night of his hunt and took it home to Lexington, SC



Dennis Peacock's nice trophy

- Ralph Folger of Evans, GA, made a great shot taking his bear on Wednesday
- Carl Hallas of Leesville, SC, shot a beautiful bear on his second day
- Kemp Littlefield of Daytona Beach, FL, sealed the deal on Friday afternoon, after several years of close encounters
- Jim Bogart of Ayer, MA, took an awesome bear thursday evening after passing bear earlier in the week
- Kevin Bostic wasn't going to let his bear slip out of sight on Tuesday evening, and took a beautifully coated Maine bear home to Columbus, IN
- Amanda Moore of Columbus, IN, made a great shot and video on Thursday afternoon after having a close encounter Monday evening with the same bear
- Michael Denny held out until Friday evening and took a nice boar home to Poland, ME
- Josh Vacik of Andover, MA, shot a beautiful bear on Thursday evening
- Veteran hunter Gary Chamberlin of Sandusky, NY, put a bear in his sights on Wednesday evening
- Dennis Peacock of Scituate, MA, is the luckiest man alive and taking his 3rd bear in the first few hours of the hunt
- Rob Coats of Atlanta, GA, passed up on a bear Tuesday evening, then made a great shot Wednesday afternoon
- Samuel Eicher of LaGrange, IN, took his trophy of a boar on Tuesday evening
- Dave Pezze made a tricky shot with his long bow and took a 350+lb bear home to Greensburg, PA
- Matt Pezze of Greenburg, PA, made a great shot with his 44 Mag revolver
- Craig Cheledink of Blairsville, PA, made a beautiful shot on his bear
- Daria Chase of Smithfield, RI, shouldered her classic lever action 30-30 and took her first bear ever

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- Doug Stefan of Golden City, MD, harvested a beautiful sow on his third evening of his hunt
- Michael Danilovich of Evanston, IL, harvested the first bear of our season in the Highlands region
- Paul Suplinkas made a great shot taking home a nice bear to Grant, MI
- Tim Glasscock of Bellaire, OH, had another successful year
- Dan Butler shot his second bear ever and headed home to Jacobsburg, OH
- Bryan Whisler's patience and persistence paid off on the 3rd evening and his bear was headed to Glen Dale, WV
- Hunter Johnson passed on bear all week, but made a great shot on Friday and returned home to Alliance, OH with his very first bear
- Scott Stirn of Brookville, IN, harvested his second Foggy Mountain black bear
- Kyle Stirn of Brookville, IN, made a great shot on his first bear and was able to harvest a bear the same night his father did!
- Kelly Hamilton of Troy, OH, harvested his first bear on Wednesday evening

"If you are looking for a place to go on a bear hunt then give Brandon and his crew at Foggy Mountain a call. You will be glad you did. Thanks again Brandon and hope to see you next year!"

— John Gray, Wheeling, WV



Michael Denny took this nice bear Friday evening

- Raymond Grinnell of Selkirk, NY, passed up several bear then harvested a nice boar
- Jim Peschke took a nice thick-coated bear home to Croydon, NH
- Brady Decker of Wheeling, WV, passed up several bear and finally made a great shot on his trophy
- Stacy Hott made one heck of a shot on Tuesday afternoon and took a beautiful trophy bear home to Norway, ME
- Ryan Brannum of Williamsville, MD, cut it down to the wire, harvesting his first bear Friday evening
- Rob Ross made a great shot on a really beautiful bear and took it home to Atwood, KS

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. 🐾

"Bear camp was a fantastic experience. The camaraderie of the other hunters was so enjoyable, I left with many new friends."

— Loren Holland, TX

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



**Smith & Wesson**

April 10, 2021

**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!



Stacy Hott's "Wicked Big" Bear

## Foggy Mountain Tales

### Caribbean Cruise or Bear Hunt Which Would You Choose?

Long time hunter and friend Richard Hott had a great anniversary trip planned for his wife. Unfortunately, along came the 2020 pandemic and plans had to change.

So, what to do? Well, Richard talked his wife Stacy into a bear hunt instead! Way better than a Caribbean cruise, right?

Although unlikely this was Stacy's first choice, they ended up with an anniversary they will never forget.

Mother Nature was not in our favor on the first evening of the hunt. High winds made the bear very wary and they did not show themselves at Stacy's bait site.

The second night was a different story! After a few hours in the blind, Richard spotted movement in the distance. As the black shadow crept through the alders towards the bait, it allowed Stacy time to get her gun up and ready for her shot!

When the bear came in and presented a shot, she wasted no time squeezing the trigger and made an awesome shot!

When Brandon arrived to track and recover the bear, Stacy and Richard gave assurances that it was a very nice bear!

Coming up on the bear in the thick fir trees, the bear looked like a small black car parked in the thicket! Stacy had harvested a "wicked big" Maine trophy bear!

Needless to say, the bear hunt turned out way better than any other anniversary trip she had been on, and Stacy assured us the bear will be a full mount! 🐾



## 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 added many new bait sites last year and they became active this season.

Brandon anticipates that the 2021 and 2022 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



Great shot made by Kemp Littlefield



# Foggy Mountain Tales

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

## Share Your Heritage

We all recognize how important getting youths involved in hunting is to preserving our hunting traditions, skills and privileges.

Of equal importance is the need for us to include and encourage older hunters.

One of the biggest reasons older hunters stop hunting is the physical limitations of aging and the loss of their hunting partners due to health reasons.

Think about it. Definitely take your sons and daughters hunting. But let's not stop there. Take your dad or granddad too.

The rewards will exceed your highest hopes, as they did for Cress Sowry this fall, as you will read below.

## Take Your Father Hunting! Cress' Truly Memorable Hunt

Cress Sowry contacted us early last year, wanting to book a hunt for himself and his father, who had never taken a big game animal before.

We had great conversation and he decided to come for the first week of the 2020 bear season. Cress Jr would be using his bow and Cress Sr's weapon of choice was a rifle.

Wasn't long into the 2020 bear season, and Cress Jr arrowed his very first black bear. Cress Sr also saw a bear on his first night in the stand, but gave it a pass as it was not what he was looking to place his tag on.

On day two, Cress Jr asked if it would be ok to sit with his father for the remainder of the hunt.

Our blinds are big enough for two hunters, but we do not recommend it due the fact that it means twice the human scent and movement at the bait site.

Cress and Cress assured us they would be as careful as they could with scent control and movement.

About an hour before dark, they caught movement coming from the right of the bait. Wasn't long after and they saw movement at the bait.

Cress Sr put his crosshairs on the bear, waited for the perfect shot to line up, and then dropped a nice boar in his tracks.



Cress Sowry Jr with his beautiful archery trophy



Cress Sowry Sr with his beautiful bear

Cress Sr was able to harvest his first big game animal with Cress Jr by his side. It was an amazing moment for father and son to share.

Both Cress Jr and Sr harvested their bear just 24 hours apart. It is a memory that we are sure they will not forget, and likely will be talked about often! 🐾

## Take Your Son Hunting! Scott & Kyle Stirn's "Double"

Scott hunted with Foggy Mountain in 2018 and harvested his very first Maine Black bear. Scott called this summer to see if he and his son Kyle could come this season. Kyle had never harvested or even seen a bear.

It was great seeing a familiar face when Scott arrived on Sunday. We got them settled in their cabin and Monday the hunt was on!

When Scott went to his stand on Monday, a bear had already hit the bait. Unfortunately, it did not show itself that evening. Monday afternoon went the same for Kyle, who also saw no bear.

On Tuesday, a very big bear slipped by Scott's bait, but never slowed up long enough for a good clean shot.

As for Kyle, he again did not see a bear, but held high hopes because his bait was still getting hit — just not while he was there.

Wednesday was a different story! After about an hour on the stand, a bear presented Scott with a beautiful shot. It was a quick, clean, kill and he left no tracking job to be done!

We had just arrived back at camp to hang Scott's bear on the game pole and the phone rang. Kyle had harvested his bear too!

Father and son both scored on the same evening of the hunt, just hours apart!

There were a few "good natured" comments about whose bear was bigger, but it was truly a memory that neither one of them will forget.

They both left with a smile on their face and we can't wait to see them again! 🐾

"Brandon and guides provided my son and me with an experience that will last a lifetime! Thanks again for the best, by far hunting week of my life"

— Dave Pezze, PA





Wade Keisler's W. Branch Trophy



Doug Stefan's Highlands Bear



Dan Butler's Highlands Bear

## 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.

"Brandon and Becky are very professional and yet treat every one of their customers like an old friend. I could not have asked for a better experience with my first bear hunt!"  
— Stacy and Richard Hott, Norway ME

## 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.



Rob Ross took this beauty home to Kansas



Carl Hallas' big bore trophy



## Rules, Rules & More Rules

It is hard enough to keep up with ever changing hunting rules, but CDC rules meant that Surf & Turf day at Foggy Mountain had to be postponed this year. We look forward to resuming our traditional feast in 2021. 🐾

"I couldn't have been more pleased with Foggy Mountain Guide Service. It was definitely the right choice for my first black bear hunt. Aside from shooting a great boar, the entire experience was top notch"

— Loren Holland, TX



## Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt



### Bear Hunt with Hounds

#### 2021 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 27th, and ends October 22nd;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
  - Hunt September 27th (Arrive on the September 26th) thru October 1st;
  - or hunt October 4th (Arrive on the October 3rd) thru October 8th;
  - or hunt October 11th (Arrive on the October 10th) thru October 15th;
  - or hunt October 18th (Arrive on the October 17th) thru October 22nd.

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. 🐾

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



Tim Glasscock bagged another great bear



Daria Chase with her trophy bear

### Bear Activity

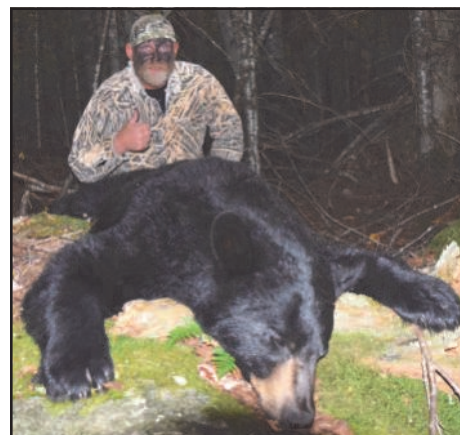
The 2020 season had the bait sites very active. We went through a record amount of bait due to so much activity.

While sending so many trophy bear home with hunters, our sightings tally showed that a record number of sows and cubs had been passed up on by our hunters, ensuring a great future here at Foggy Mountain.

The reason for so many sows and cubs compared to other seasons was the 2019 Natural food crop.

In 2019, every source of natural food produced a bumper crop. The abundance of food made for very healthy bear, and most sows that were able to breed, did so, and they were then able to give birth to and raise very healthy cubs.

We look forward to watching these young bear grow into trophy bear that our hunters can put a tag on in the future!



Ben Fleet took a beauty

## 2021 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, only 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

#### 2021 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 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 meals inexpensively. There are also several places to eat within easy driving distance.



### West Branch Hunts

#### 2021 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 13th (Arrive on the 12th) thru September 17th;
- or hunt September 20th (Arrive on the 19th) thru September 24th.

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.



Hunter Johnson's trophy

"Highly recommend Foggy Mountain Guide Service! The lodging was rustic with all you can eat buffet meals! The experience was so amazing. We will definitely be back."

— Kevin Bostic and Amanda Moore, IN

"My guide was courteous, knowledgeable, and professional. It was obvious that he had spent a great deal of time picking out the bait sites. He walked us in, and when it came time to find a bear, displayed more tracking skill than I have ever witnessed. I was impressed at how he found the first blood, in the dark, in the wet brush, and tracked my boar without dogs."

— Loren Holland, TX

### 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.

### 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.

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



For More Info on our 2021 & 2022 Bear Hunts — Visit [www.FoggyMountain.com](http://www.FoggyMountain.com)

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Kelly Hamilton's MSR was very effective



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## Spring Turkey Hunts

### 2021 Turkey Season:

Hunt May 3rd to May 7th, or  
Hunt May 10th to May 14th, or  
Hunt May 17th to May 21st, or  
Hunt May 24th to May 28th

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. 🐾

"Scenery surrounding the lodge was beautiful, and I couldn't get enough of looking down to the river."

— Loren Holland, TX



## Rabbit Hunts

### 2021 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 runs an excellent outfit and is a true sportsman who cares about the growth and health of the bear! That is what separates a professional from a guide who takes your money and doesn't care what you shoot."

— John Gray, Wheeling, WV

"You guys are super hard working and do whatever it takes to try and get us a bear. I have hunted all my life in numerous states, for many types of game. This bear hunt with you is by far the most exciting I've ever experienced. Already thinking about the next hunt with you!"

— Dave Pezze, PA

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