

# FOGGY MOUNTAIN GUIDE SERVICE

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## Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fabulous 2021 season.

The bear population continues to grow in our great state, ensuring that the 2022 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 2021 Bear Hunt

On opening day of bear season the Gibbons boys pulled through again, both harvesting bears by 4:15pm.

Martin Sr harvested his with a perfect crossbow shot and Martin Jr used his 12ga slug gun to anchor his bear for an easy tracking job.

Nothing says “great season” like a full game pole. Opening night we saw 20 bear, harvested a total of 8, and passed up many others.

The 2021 season had started out in a battle with Mother Nature! We had a very dry spring which usually means no natural food.

But as unpredictable as the Maine weather is, we got just enough rain to make the natural food flourish. Beech nuts and mountain ash berries were plentiful, and oak were loaded with nuts, all of which typically pulls the bear toward natural food.

The bear loved Foggy Mountain’s great bait and our prime stand locations plus a few of Brandon’s old tricks led to our most successful year yet!

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

## Good Shots, Good Hunters

Good shots, by good hunters, kept the game pole in constant use during our 2021 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Tim Glasscock Bellaire, OH, took another great bear opening night
- Dan Butler of Jacobsburg, OH, punched his tag Monday afternoon



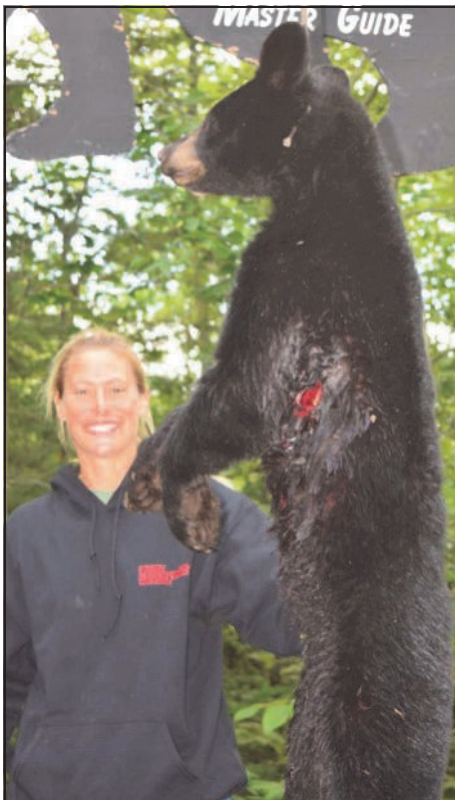
Sean Renner with his beautiful trophy bear

- Brandon Dillion had another successful year, taking his bear back to Mannington, WV
- Adam Dillion also took a bear home to Mannington, WV
- Dave Dillion of Mannington, WV, took his bear on Tuesday evening.

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- Lester Rhoden of Lyons, GA, arrowed his bear Monday evening
- Ryan Brannum took his second bear home to Williamsville, MO
- Levern Miller took a nice bear home to Harley, DE
- Gary Pelletier of Milford, MA took a nice bear with his rifle
- Sean Renner punched his tag Tuesday on a true Maine trophy bear, taking it home to Louisville, NE
- Martin Gibbons Jr harvested a nice bear, taking it home to Lusby, MD
- Martin Gibbons Sr also harvested a bear on the same night as his son!
- Johnny Atkins Sr harvested his very first black bear, taking it home to MD
- Rene Ward harvested his bear Friday night after a few gun malfunctions, taking his bear home to MD
- Dave Gilbert Sr harvested a trophy of a bear on the first evening of his hunt, taking it home to MD
- Dave Gilbert Jr also harvested his first bear only a mile from his father! Taking it home to MD
- Crystal Jordan of Lusby, MD, made a great shot and harvested her first bear on Thursday evening!



Crystal Jordan with her first bear



It was a great opening day

- Charles Bennett was able to harvest his first bear with his wife beside him in the blind! Taking his bear back to Falmouth, KY
- Joas Yoder harvested his first bear on Wednesday evening, taking it home to Plymouth, IN
- Owen Borkholder took a nice bear home to Bremen, IN
- Lewis Bontrager harvested his bear Wednesday afternoon, taking it home to Plymouth, IN
- Adam Bontrager punched his tag on a nice bear, taking it back to Plymouth, IN
- Justin Cox harvested a nice bear Tuesday evening, taking it back to Archdale, NC
- Blake Hollish took his very first bear early Thursday afternoon. Blake is a whopping 10 years old!
- Mervin Troyer harvested a beauty of a bear Tuesday evening, taking it back to Middlefield, OH
- Andrew Troyer put his tag on a dandy, and took it home to Middlefield, OH
- Darren Remillard of Weare, NH, made a great shot on a very nice bear
- Alecia Kesse of Alecanda, OH, dropped her monster of a bear Friday evening, right at the site!
- John Earney made a great shot with an easy track job, taking his bear home to Dillsburg, PA

"Brandon and his crew at Foggy Mountain is worth every penny for an incredible black bear hunt! One of the most explosively memorable hunts I have had in my lifetime!"  
— Curtis Chapman, Versailles, IN

"Topnotch outfit, guide was great, a lot of game, food was fantastic! Great time"  
— Tom Dilworth, Petersburg, OH

- Brian Beeler took a giant of a bear Tuesday evening, taking it back to Shelbyville, KY
- Scott Sedek took his bear Thursday morning, taking it back to Michigan
- Jim Bogart harvested his 400+ pound monster bear Friday evening taking it back to Gloucester, MA
- Nick Goldsmith took his bear Monday evening and was able to relax the rest of the week! Gloucester, MA
- Bob Engle took a trophy bear on Friday evening of the hunt! Pembroke, MA
- Trevor Theriault harvested his very first bear Wednesday! King George, VA
- Paul Theriault also harvested his bear the same evening as his son Trevor! Taking it home to Fredericksburg, VA
- Michael Carlson harvested his bear on his first sit of the hunt! Taking his trophy back to Elyria, OH
- Jeff Carlson waited until Friday evening to punch his tag and took his bear back to Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH
- Carter Thompson wasted no time harvesting his very first bear Monday evening, taking it home to Genesee, PA
- Blake Calaman took his bear Tuesday with his 300! Taking it back to Woodhull, NY
- Curtis Chapman didn't even make it into his stand when he killed his trophy Monday afternoon! Taking it back to Versailles, IN

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- Matt Brown of Addison, NY, took his bear Monday afternoon
- Barry Fitzgerald filled his quest to kill a bear with his pistol! Making a great shot Friday afternoon taking it home to Allegany, NY
- Tom Dilworth made a great shot with his 45-70, taking his bear back to Petersburg, OH
- Dan Powell took his second bear back to Waterloo, IL
- Nick Myers killed his bear Wednesday afternoon! Taking it back to Wapakoneta, OH
- Greg Colburn harvested a monster of a bear! Taking it home to Alabama
- Gary Chamberlin took another bear back to Sandusky, NY
- Scott Peacock took his bear back to Florida. A well-deserved bear after several years of trying!
- Duane Sawyer of Clarence Center, NY, took a beauty of a bear on Monday!



Dave Dillon took another bear home to WV

“Want to say thank you for a good time of hunting. We are already talking about coming back”

— Mark Flowers, New Cumberland, WV

- Richard Cox of Batavia, NY, made a great shot his bear Thursday!
- Russel of Batavia, NY, made a great shot and put his bear on the pole
- Joseph Ciacci of Solana Beach, CA, made a great shot with his 6.5, taking home his 401lb boar!
- Girard Phillips of Royal Oak, MI, made one heck of a shot!
- Dustin Morris made a tough shot and was able to take his bear home to Rayville, LA
- Kimber Morris took his very first bear at 10 years old. Rayville, LA
- Harrison Hastings harvested a giant of a bear, taking it back to Broad Brook, CT
- George of Cranston, RI, took home another great bear!
- Joe Benitez got his bucket list bear! Taking it back to Coventry, RI
- Laura Scheid took her very first bear back to Trenton, NJ
- Daria Chase of Smithfield, RI, made a great shot with her 300blk out and anchored her bear where it stood!
- Ben of Duxbury, MA, had a very fast paced hunt, getting his bear on Monday!
- Leon Tragger harvested a true Maine black bear giant!

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. 🐾

## 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.



## 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 2022 and 2023 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



Darren Remillard took his trophy home to NH



# Foggy Mountain Tales

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

## Friday Bear

Bear hunter Jim Bogart had a season to remember! Jim is a seasoned bear hunter who has hunted with us for the last several years and been very successful.

This year was like others, as Jim contacted me early to lock in on the first week at the West Branch for himself and friend Nick.

The first evening of the hunt, Nick wasted no time punching his tag and hung a very nice bear on the pole!

Jim had no luck Monday evening. He had some activity at his site Tuesday, but choose to pass hoping for a bigger bear.

As the week went on, Jim had not seen much activity. On Friday we changed up sites in hopes his luck might change!

Shortly before dark Jim came rolling into camp with a smile no one could forget! He said he had pulled the trigger on a "nice" bear and thought we may need a "little" help getting the bear to the truck!

Arriving at the bait site, we determined Jim had made a perfect shot and the bear lay a mere 40 yards away. Unfortunately,



Jim Bogart's "Friday Bear"

we were faced with a tricky removal because the bear had rolled down over a rock ledge! After some tugging and pulling, Jim's bear was on the truck and headed for the pole!

We knew Jim had shot a great bear, but only once we got him on the pole did we realize how big of a bear Jim had harvested! The bear was well over the 400 pound mark!

A great bear for a great hunter! A hunt I'm sure that will bring a smile to Jim's face each time the memory pops up! 🐾

## The Misfire

Rene, a first-time hunter with Foggy Mountain, had an experience that would turn anyone's stomach into knots!

Monday evening, he saw a bear but could not get an ethical shot on it, so he passed. Tuesday and Wednesday evening went by without seeing any bear activity.

But Thursday night his site was an active place! Within an hour of sitting down, Rene saw his first bear! As it came into the bait, Rene was ready for the shot only to hear the gun go "CLICK." The bear turned and headed away fast.

A short time later he spotted movement headed towards the bait. A much larger bear came into view. As

Rene got ready for another shot, the bear came in, sat down and started eating.

Rene took his time putting the crosshairs on the bear — only to hear "CLICK" again! Rene couldn't get the gun to go off!

He watched the bear feed for twenty minutes, making itself comfortable, laying down at the bait and enjoying his treat. After a while the bear wandered off into the thick cedar swamp.

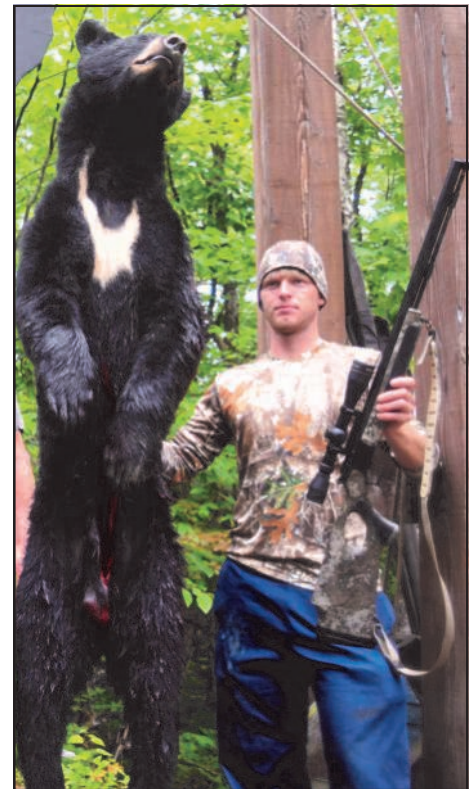
Now very frustrated, Rene sat there thinking his hunt was ruined, when yet another bear showed itself! Rene put another round in the chamber and pulled the trigger! "CLICK" for a third time!

As darkness came and hunting time was over, Rene was not ready to give in so he made plans to go back Friday night with a different gun. Boy was that all that needed to change!

On Friday, the last evening of his hunt, Rene was able to harvest his first black bear. After a week of disappointing lows, it all came together for him! Rene was able to punch his tag and take home a great bear! 🐾



Alecia Kesse harvested a record book bear. She took it down to the wire on Friday afternoon



Lewis Bontrager's bear with beautiful markings





10 year old Blake Hollish with his first trophy bear



Kimber Morris made a great shot with his 6.5 Creedmoor

## 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.

## Father-Son/Father-Daughter Hunts

Foggy Mountain's bear hunts always include 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 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.



## Ear Tag #1266

Lewis Bontrager of Plymouth, Indiana, not only harvested a beautiful boar with a huge white blaze on his chest, but it also had ear tags and tattoos!

Maine's Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department has a great bear biology team that collects vital information throughout the winter and spring to ensure we have a great renewable bear population!

The biologists trap bear in the spring and do den checks during the winter where they tag, tattoo, take hair samples and pull a tooth to determine age and lineage of the bear. This information is vital to assure we have a healthy bear population here in Maine!

The closest study area to our Highlands region is approximately 50 miles away! Seeing one of our bear ear tagged or tattooed is a very rare deal, especially since Maine estimates the bear population at well over 30,000 bear!

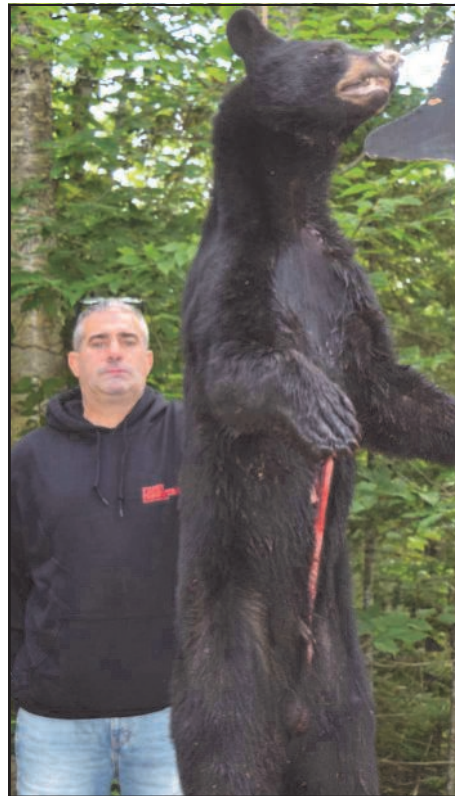
Brandon contacted head bear biologist Jennifer Vashon. She had all the past information on bear tag #1266.

Lewis' bear was the 3900th bear in the study program. He was captured three times in the spring of 2019 — 5/28, 6/12, and 6/13 — all at the same trapping site.

The first time he was captured the youngster weighed a meager 59lbs. The next two times he weighed 68lbs.

While he was sedated, a tooth was pulled that determined he was born the winter of 2017, making Lewis' bear 4 years & 9 months old! He was a real beauty of a bear!

Maine hunters are fortunate to have an amazing team of bear biologists working hard to ensure our bear population stays healthy and we can keep hanging great bear on the pole! 🐾



Johnny Atkins' first bear.  
His great shot made for a quick recovery.



## Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt

### Bear Hunt with Hounds

#### 2022 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 26th, and ends October 21st;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
  - Hunt September 26th (Arrive on the September 25th) thru September 30th;
  - or hunt October 3rd (Arrive on the October 2nd) thru October 7th;
  - or hunt October 10th (Arrive on the October 9th) thru October 14th;
  - or hunt October 17th (Arrive on the October 16th) thru October 21st.

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. 🐾

"Brandon and his guides are very professional and treated everyone like old friends. I could not have asked for a better experience with my first bear hunt! Thanks!"  
— Brian Beeler, Shelbyville, KY



Harrison Hastings with his giant Maine bear



Levern Miller made a great shot on this boar

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

#### Questions?

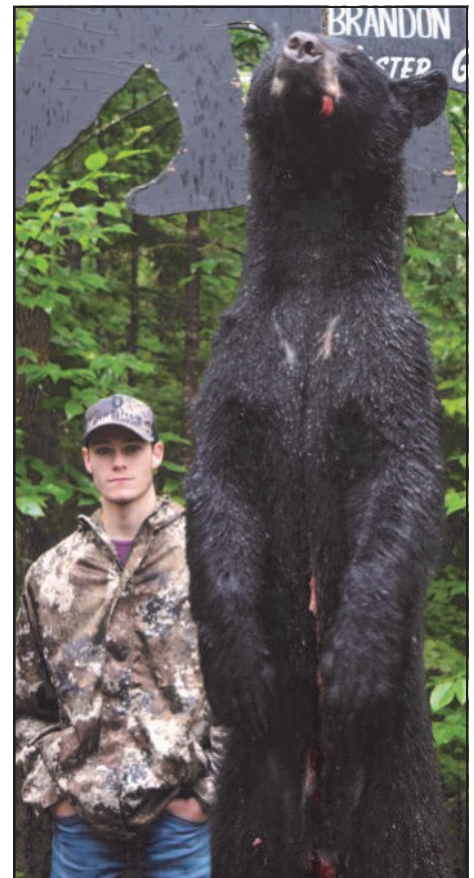
Foggy Mountain hunters always ask lots of questions. Who wouldn't? You put a lot on the line when you book a hunt — your time and money. You deserve to know what to expect, and how to make the most out of your hunt.

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.



Ryan Brannum's second trophy with Foggy Mountain



## 2022 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

#### 2022 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt August 29th (Arrive on the 28th) thru September 2nd;
- or hunt September 5th (Arrive on the 4th) thru September 9th.

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

#### 2022 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 12th (Arrive on the 11th) thru September 16th;
- or hunt September 19th (Arrive on the 18th) thru September 23rd.

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.



Brian Beeler's giant trophy bear

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



Smith & Wesson®

April 9, 2022

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!



Barry Fitzgerald's handgun trophy

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





John Emery's bear will look great on his wall



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"What an awesome experience hunting at Foggy Mountain, Thank you Brandon! Was an unbelievable hunt for me. Look forward to coming back soon!"

— Jay Erney, Dillsburg, PA

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### Spring Turkey Hunts

**2022 Turkey Season:**

- Hunt May 2nd to May 6th, or
- Hunt May 9th to May 13th, or
- Hunt May 16th to May 20th, or
- Hunt May 23rd to May 27th, or
- Hunt May 30th to June 3rd

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

**2022 Rabbit Season:**

- One to 5-Day Hunts
- December 3rd 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. 🐾

"Thank you again for everything you and your team did for me last week. It was clear y'all put the work in!"

— Barry Fitzgerald, Allagany, NY