

# FOGGY MOUNTAIN GUIDE SERVICE EST. 1964



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## Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fantastic 2022 season. Bear population continues to grow, ensuring the 2023 season will be just as successful.

We strive year-round, in and out of the woods, to make your hunt the best hunt possible. I serve on the board of the Maine Professional Guides Association, working yearlong to ensure a future for bear hunting in the great state of 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 thoroughly enjoy keeping in touch with fellow hunters throughout the year!

– Brandon Bishop 



## Highlights of our 2022 Bear Hunt

Opening day of bear season started out with a Bang! Eight bear were brought back to the game pole and many other hunters seeing bear! The whole season continued to produce a very busy game pole.

The 2022 season early on looked like it was going to be a great season. Mother Nature provided a drought through the spring and summer which dried up the mast crops of beech nuts, acorns and mountain ash berries that bear usually forage on. In turn, there was not a lot of other food in the woods for the bear.

Although the natural food was scarce, we did have to battle some storms that mother nature threw at us. Winds and rain were battled each week but with great hunters there was never a lull at the game pole.

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 2022 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- David Dillon, Mannington, WV
- Martin Gibbons, Lusby, MD
- Martin Gibbons SR, Lusby, MD
- Rene Ward, Lusby, MD
- Anthony Suttle, St Leonard, MD

Austin (L) with her first buck! Scoring around 160"



Robert Clayatt made a great shot Wednesday evening

- John Ivancik, Lusby, MD
- John Burch, Milford, NY
- Steve Jacobs, Lawrenceburg, KY
- Thomas Till, Delaware, OH
- Ryan Brannum, Williamsville, MO
- Kyle Porter, Massillon, OH
- Pieter Till, Delaware, OH
- Michael Denkenburger, Cuyler, NY

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- Crystal Jordan, Lusby, MD
- Gerald Day, Lusby, MD
- Kenneth Ferst, W Hampstead, NY
- Dennis Ferguson, Uniontown, OH
- James Miller, Plymouth, IN
- Lewis Bontrager, Plymouth, IN
- William Rose, Elyria, OH
- Keith Wallace, Gainsville, FL
- Dale Hottster, Massillon, OH
- Dennis Ferguson, Uniontown, OH
- Matthew Moore, Covington, GA
- Brian Borkholder, Bremen, IN
- Jason Strahl, Columbus, IN
- George Rose, Elyria, OH
- Wilbur Jess, Kokomo, IN
- Alan Flint, Lehigh Acres, FL
- Michael Fowler, Burgettstown, PA
- Brad Fowler, Burgettstown, PA
- Albert Martin, Canandaigua, NY
- Jordan Nolt, Canandaigua, NY
- Keith Nolt, Canandaigua, NY
- Ryan Ward, New Richmond, OH
- Lemor Weaver, Stanley, NY
- Albert Martin, Stanley, NY
- David Fox, Stanley, NY



Lots of happy hunters!

- Shawn Pannell, Marion, IN
- Lee Shorter, Shelby, OH
- Bryan Coppersmith, Willard, OH
- Joseph Keenan, West Berlin, NJ
- Robert Wood, Versailles, IN
- Richard Nesbit, Newcastle, PA
- Stephen Buckley, Logan, OH
- Charles Maphis, Sneads, FL
- Lloyd Collins, Arkport, NY
- Robert Clyatt, Tallahassee, FL
- Lisa May, Cannan, IN
- Robert Wood Cannan, IN
- Clay Wilson, Lucas, OH
- Steven Tilley, Hillsboro, MO
- Daria Chase, Smithfield, RI
- Raymond Grinnell, Selkirk, NY
- Tim Hesse, Egg Harbor City, NJ
- Ronie Marinellie, Stewartsville, NJ
- Glen Geiki, Charlemont, MA
- Jeff Colvin Gordonsville, VA
- Dakota Peregón, Gordonsville, VA
- Frank Steinhauser, Tiffin, OH

"I want to give a huge shout out to Brandon and the crew at Foggy Mountain. We had an absolutely amazing week. The hunting, the people and the experience was 100x more than I could have ever hoped for!"  
 — Ryan Michael, Danville, VA



Pieter Till with his first trophy Bear!

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. 🐾

"Had a wonderful hunt with Brandon and his staff. Brandon knows his stuff. First class operation. Cannot wait to return in 2024."  
 — Ronnie Marinelli, Stewartsville, NJ



Wilbur Jess with a great bear!



## New West Branch Camp

For the Last five years we have been trying to acquire a set of camps that were formally used by loggers. It was a perfect location for us in the heart of our most pristine territory.

I was finally able to secure the camps and then started getting to work improving it in late March.

I want nothing but the best facilities for Foggy Mountain hunters and that is exactly what we made! Everything was remodeled — private bathrooms, bedrooms, a great dining hall and a cozy lounge room for everyone to relax and share hunting stories in.

Although it kept us very busy through the summer, we were able to move into the camps for the season. We received great compliments from both new and return hunters.

I am excited for many more years of sitting around the campfire and making more memories at our new West Branch hunting lodge. 🐾

## 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.



Lemor anchored his bear Tuesday evening of his hunt!

## Signs from Bear Country

The 2022 season was very active for hunters in the stand. Along with many trophy bear frequenting the bait sites, there was also high number of sows with cubs and sows with yearlings.

The big trophy bear will often drive the sows and cubs off the sites when they are coming in. This leads to many hunters getting an eventful scene during the afternoon.

Many of the sows that had cubs with them had multiple of them. Fifteen years ago, it was uncommon for a sow to have two or three cubs with them, but it is common now. We have even seen sows with four cubs!

Wildlife biologists have agreed that Foggy Mountain’s hunting territory provides plenty of food source, bedding areas, and water for these sows to be healthy enough to not only produce, but keep, cubs healthy and growing.

This makes for a growing bear population and great success in the future! Biologists have even encouraged us to take more bear each year. Come on up and help out! 🐾



## 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 2023 and 2024 seasons will produce some outstanding bear.



Kenneth Ferst had a 20 year quest to hunt with Foggy Mountain. He has one heck of a memory to share forever!



Joe Keenan with his trophy 3 legged bear

## How Tough are Bear?

Joseph Keenan is an experienced deer hunter with multiple trophy bucks under his belt but had never been bear hunting.

He chose to hunt with Foggy Mountain and I don't think it will be something he will ever forget.

We sat Joe on an active bait. The first evening of his hunt was exciting with plenty of wildlife but ended with no bear being seen.

The week continued, and Joe stuck it out despite being dealt with several days of poor weather.

On Friday evening of his hunt, with only a few minutes left of legal hunting light, Joe could see a shadow through the thick pines making its way toward the bait

"My dad and I had a great time with Brandon and his crew. Food was phenomenal! We saw a lot of wildlife, even my first moose. I personally didn't take a bear this year though I did see some. Camp had a good amount of bear taken considering the poor weather we had. I can't wait to be back next year!"

— Josh and Steve Gardner,  
Selins Grove, PA

site. In only moments which seemed like hours, a bear emerged broadside giving Joe the perfect opportunity for a shot!

With a squeeze of his finger, his 270 hit its mark dropping what he thought was a good trophy bear.

Although the bear dropped, Joe had listened to what we had told him about how tough these bears are, so he sent a second shot just for safe measures.

Boy were we surprised when we came upon it. When we recovered the bear, not only was it a true giant but it was a three-legged giant! This bear was missing its front left leg. The leg was gone just below the shoulder. It was all healed up!

As Joe tells it, when he watched the bear come in it was moving as good on three legs as four!

Upon skinning the bear, we also found several other old wounds and even found a chunk of lead!

It is always amazing how tough black bears are. We never know what we're going to find while skinning at the game pole! Some other things we have found are old broadheads, shotgun wads and many old wounds both from poor shots and bears fighting! 🐾



Charles took his bear with a 444!



Steve Buckley with a beautiful archery bear!



A nice trophy bear!

## Family Time! Father-Son/Father-Daughter/Mom 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.



Crystal Jordan with a bear she harvested with her son sitting beside her watching!



Kyle Porter shot this great bear Thursday evening!

"Brandon and his crew are top notch! We had an awesome time!"

— Jeff Colvin, Gordonsville, VA

## 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.



Gerald Day took it to the wire, harvesting his bear Friday afternoon!

## Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt

### Bear Hunt with Hounds

#### 2023 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 25th, and ends October 22nd;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
  - Hunt September 25th (Arrive on the September 24th) thru September 29th;
  - or hunt October 2nd (Arrive on the October 1st) thru October 6th;
  - or hunt October 9th (Arrive on the October 8th) thru October 13th;
  - or hunt October 16th (Arrive on the October 15th) thru October 20th.

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.

Bear hunt with hounds is now American style at the West Branch. Hunts in the Katahdin-Highlands region are housekeeping style (each cabin has a full kitchen).

Call us for full details. 🐾



Brad Fowler with his first bear!



Great bear with a Happy hunter!



James Miller took his bear Tuesday evening, making a great shot!

## 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.

"Thanks again for showing our whole crew such a good time this year!"

— Martin Gibbons, Lusby, MD

## 2023 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

#### 2023 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt August 28th (Arrive on the 27th) thru September 1st;
- or hunt September 4th (Arrive on the 3rd) thru September 8th.

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

#### 2023 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 11th (Arrive on the 10th) thru September 15th;
- or hunt September 18th (Arrive on the 17th) thru September 22nd.

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. What's more, you'll enjoy home-cooked, all-you-can-eat, lumberjack-style meals. We will ensure you won't go hungry here!

And the coffee pot is always on. 



Trophy bear with a great perfect white Blaze

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

"The food was good and the hunting was even better! Got my bear on the second day of the hunt and my son got his bear on Wednesday. We look forward to next year's hunt. The Foggy Mountain crew were great!"

— Brad Fowler, Burgettstown, PA



It was a great day at the West Branch!

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





Lisa May harvested her first bear Wednesday evening in the rain.



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"Brandon Bishop is a great hunter and professional guide. He is patient with every level and age hunter, and a wealth of knowledge. Of the guides I know he is a top communicator, very organized and emphasizes safety first!"

— Richard Randall

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## Spring Turkey Hunts

### 2023 Turkey Season:

Hunt May 1st to May 5th, or  
Hunt May 8th to May 12th, or  
Hunt May 15th to May 19th, or  
Hunt May 22nd to May 26th, or  
Hunt May 29th to June 2nd

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

### 2023 Rabbit Season:

One to 5-Day Hunts  
December 5th 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. 