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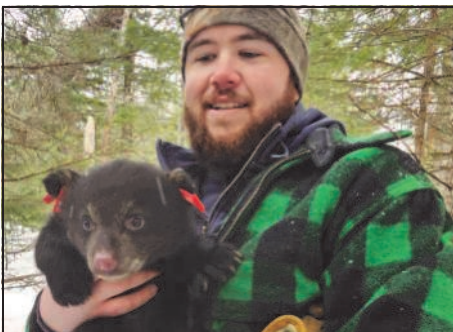
Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fantastic 2023 season. The bear population continues to grow, ensuring the 2024 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 2023 Bear Hunt

The 2023 season started out Great! Opening night we had a game pole full of bear that kicked off a great season for us! The season continued to produce, but mother nature sure was going to put hunters and guides to the test!

Starting in early spring, our weather was horrible! Rain storms after rain storms that never seemed to end made for an unpredictable fall!

The woods were saturated, which made natural nut crop flourish! The berry crop was plentiful, but fortunately berry season was shortened due to the rain rotting the fruit – perfect timing for us!

As bear season started, the bears were just starting to transition from the berry crop to the nut crop which made for a productive season!

The second week of the season we were hit with record breaking temps that lasted for the whole week. We battled many more rainstorms throughout the season!

Our hunters stuck out the bad weather and conditions and made for a 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 2023 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Daniel Dimanno, Oxford, PA
- Matt McCann, Akvan, OH



Great bear taken with a great shot!

- Kent Smith, Greenville, IN
- Brett Frack, Aspers, PA
- Michael Fowler, Burgettstown, PA
- Kevin Mertz, Plano, TX
- Cody McClung, Stanfield, NC
- Tim Krott, South Charleston, OH
- Jimmy McDaniel, Tahelquah, OK
- Tyler Ketcher, Tahelquah, OK
- Don Iles, Troy, OH

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Lots of happy hunters!

- Mike Peachy, Beleville, PA
- Brian Stoneking, Fishers, IN
- Garrett Lockhart, Conentry, RI
- Leon Trager, Quarryville, PA
- Caleb Mckenzie, Winthrop, ME
- Frank Mason, Wellington, ME
- Daniel Lemay, Lisbon, ME
- Steve Carrigan, Wells, ME
- Bobby Fugere, ME

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. 🐾

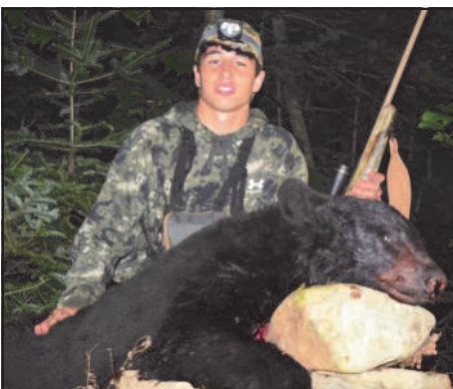
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- Matt Dresbach, Chillicothe, OH
- Ben Poepelman, Troy, OH
- Mike Fair, Lititz, PA
- Richard Russell, LA Salle, MI
- George Rose, Elyria, OH
- Chad McMahan, Wheeler, IL
- Keith Stahl, Nottingham, PA
- Giovanni Dibiagio, Easton, PA
- Pamela Artman, Hadley, PA
- Shelby Battellino, Meadville, PA
- Craig Robinson, Rochester, PA
- Steven Whelley, Cantonsville, MD
- Donald Whelley, Cantonsville, MD
- Mike Jones, Grandledges, MI
- Ben Fontusky, Andrews, NC
- Chris Olejasz, Wheeling, WV
- Steve Buckley, Logan, OH
- Troy Halcomb, Tiffin, OH
- Alex Brock, Tiffin, OH
- Ken Spears, Aurora, IN
- Cody Chase, Kennesaw, GA

- Lyle Sutton, Finksburg, MD
- Jan Gilland, Buffton, OH
- Randy Leitner, Nepoleon, OH
- John Barhorst, Buffton, OH
- Tom Tuite, Vandergritt, PA
- Howard White, Temple, NH
- Mark Mercer, Plymouth, MA
- Matt Fitzgerald, Uxbridge, MA
- Scott Fitzgerald, Uxbridge, MA
- Tim Fox, Lockport, NY
- Luke Gains, Cumberland, OH
- Bill Cameron, Watsonstown, PA
- Joe Alexander, Prosper, TX
- David Carpenter, Carthage, MS
- Vinny Natoli, Norwich, NY
- Chuck Adams, Lexington, NC
- Alfred Gardner, Oakton, VA
- Paul Bass, Venice, FL
- Patti Bass, Venice, FL
- Greg Saltzman, Olivet, MI
- Clay Wilson, Lucas, OH
- Taylor Score, Netcong, NJ
- Bill Martin, Aura, NY
- Jeff Wolak, E Bethany, NY
- Samantha Moore, Bethpage, TN
- Melvin Peachy, Beleville, PA
- Colton Peachy, Mifflintown, PA

"Guides are very knowledgeable about the bear activity in the area. I harvested a bear Tuesday evening. I will be up there in 2026 for another hunt! Thanks to Brandon his wife, the cooks and the guides for an awesome hunt and good time!"

— Craig Robinson, Rochester, PA



Giovanni with his first Bear!

"Hunted with Brandon at Foggy Mountains Highland location. This is a top-notch outfitter. The scenery was amazing! I saw bear three days in a row and shot mine on day four."

— Brett Frack, Aspers, PA



His great shot made for an easy recovery

Friday Success

Al Gardner from VA, who is 85 years old, made the trip to hunt with Foggy Mountain again. He has been hunting for many years with us!

Al has been successful both in the bear stand and running his trap line harvesting moles, voles and other small mammals to take back to the Smithsonian for research!

Monday afternoon we took Al to his bait site where he would sit a close 25 yards waiting for a glimpse of trophy bruin coming into the bait.

Al did not have any bear activity Monday afternoon and the week continued with no bear sighting.

The bait was licked clean each day. The barrel was ripped around which kept Al's anticipation high.

We gave Al a chance to move to a different bait site, but Al knew that sooner or later the bear would show himself so he chose to stick it out.

Finally, on Friday afternoon, the last day of the hunt, a big bear showed himself and Al made short work of it!

A well placed head shot from Al's lever action 30-30 dropped the bruin in his tracks!

What a trophy bear he was! The smile on Al's face told the whole story. His patience at sticking it out for the week paid off with Al harvesting his biggest bear to date.

Congratulations Al! 🐾



Al Succeeds again!

"Awesome time hunting at Foggy Mountain. Brandon is very knowledgeable, and my guide went out of his way to help me get my very first bear. I will be back!"

— Mike Fair, Lititz, PA



Patti & Paul Bass are a lethal team

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 2023 and 2024 seasons will produce some outstanding bear.

New Territory

Late in the 2022 season I was able to lock down some more great territory that had not been hunted nearly at all for quite a few years.

We had to get busy early in the 2023 season scouting the area, placing bait site locations, erecting tree stands and ground blinds in order to be ready for fall.

After scouting the ground and seeing the bear sign, I had an idea it would be a busy fall and boy was I right!

Not only did we harvest some trophy bears out of it, but our hunters saw a number of bears they didn't harvest that will ensure we will have great success in years to come! 🐾



Brandon (R) helping biologists grow the bear population

The Bear Den!

A high school friend who I haven't seen or talked to in quite a few years called me a day last march. He told me he was walking his dog and discovered a bear den. After a quick observation he could see a sow with some cubs in the den!

After talking with him, I gave our Maine bear biologist, Jen Vashon, a call to see if it she was interested in doing a den check.

I wasn't sure she would, as the "Bear Crew" as we call them check on over 100 dens each winter and are crunched for time!

After talking with Jen for a few minutes, she was eager to get out within the next few days and have a look. She invited us along to have a look!

A couple days later my daughter Austin and I were headed across town to meet up with the Bear Crew.

After a short walk, we were at the den. We hung back as the biologist went ahead of us and tranquilized the sow.

After the sedative set in, we were signaled to come on in. We got to watch them pull the 135 lb sow out of the den along with 2 cubs. The cubs were born around the first of February. The biologist weighed each cub. One weighed 3 lbs and the other 4 lbs.

The Bear Crew got right to work taking hair samples, tagging the sow and cubs, and placing a GPS collar on the sow to track her movements.

Within a month's time both she and the cubs would be coming out of the den for the spring.

Doing the den checks is vital for the state of Maine! Doing these checks gives our biologists a better understanding how well the bear population is doing and how they need to manage the resource the best they can!

By taking a hair sample and pulling a tooth on the sow, they can tell so much about the habitat the bear is living in, what the bear's primary food source is, her age, and roughly how many times she has given birth!

The Biologists had plans of placing an orphaned cub into the den with the sow and the 2 other cubs. The orphaned cub was found in an active logging area. The sow would most likely take the orphaned cub in without any hesitation.

Watching the Bear Crew work you can tell how much they care about the bear! Once they were done tagging and getting the samples from the bear we were able to have a quick photo shoot and then the sow and cubs were placed back in the den and covered back up until they decided to emerge themselves.

All of us at Foggy Mountain would like to thank our biologists for the hard work and long hours they put into managing not only bear but all the animals the great state of Maine so we can continue enjoying our passions! 🐾



Kent Smith with a great bear he harvested Thursday afternoon



Steve Buckley arrowed another great bear

"Outstanding service! Brandon and his team provided phenomenal service and a great hunt! I would highly recommend this guide service to any hunting experience level."

— Pamela Artman, Hadley, PA

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.



Full Game Pole at the West Branch

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.

"Brandon and his team at Foggy Mountain went above and beyond for my dad, brother and myself. We all got bear within the first 3 days. I've never experienced the rush I got when hunting bear. I will be going back as soon as possible."

— Michael Peachy, Beleville, PA

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



Youth hunter with his first Bear



Chris Olejasz with a great bear

"Brandon and his whole crew did a wonderful job. Lodging and food was great. I would recommend Foggy Mountain to anyone wanting to try bear hunting! I booked already for 2024"

— Jeff Wolak, E Bethany, NY



Richard Russell made a great shot

Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt

Bear Hunt with Hounds

2024 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 23rd, and ends October 19th;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
 - Hunt September 23rd (Arrive on the September 22nd) thru September 27th;
 - or 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.

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). 🐾



Clay Wilson with his first bear harvested over hounds



Shelby Battellino arrowed her first bear

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.

"You can stop searching now! You've found the best guided hunting experience for black bear in the lower 48! Guides were outstanding, comradery was great! I strongly recommend Foggy Mountain!"

— Steve Whelley, Cantonsville, MD



It was a great day at the West Branch!

2024 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

2024 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 meals inexpensively. There are also several places to eat within easy driving distance.



West Branch Hunts

2024 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. 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.



Chad McMahon with his bucket list bear

Moose Hunts

Applying for a moose permit?
Our preference Zones
are 8 and 4



"I would recommend Foggy Mountain to anyone looking for a Maine hunting experience!"

— Andrew Lanier



Vinny Natoli with his first bear

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





Brett Frack with his trophy bear!



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"I hunted with Foggy Mountain and was really impressed by their ability to get hunters on bears. I got my bear on the first day along with 7 others which shows the prep work they do ahead of time to put hunters in the right spot! Highly recommend if you want to spend time in the Maine wilderness with some good guys and a great chance at taking a nice bear!"

— Matthew McCann, Akvan, OH

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Spring Turkey Hunts

2024 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, or
Hunt May 27th to May 31st

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

2024 Rabbit Season:

One to 5-Day Hunts
December 4th 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. 