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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fantastic 2024 season. The bear population continues to grow, ensuring the 2025 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 as Vice president 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 2024 Bear Hunt

The 2024 season was one for memory books! Many hunters went home with their freezers full and memories that will last a lifetime.

We started our season battling the weather. Maine's dry spring dried up many of the mast crops.

Fortunately, this resulted in an abundance of bear activity at our baits. We saw more bear this year when baiting pre-season than we have ever seen before.

The activity at the baits continued throughout the season, giving our hunters many opportunities and kept the game pole full on most nights!

Overall, 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 2024 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Marvin Coblenz, Olathe, CO
- Dave Humphrey, McClure, PA
- Michael Valent, McClure, PA
- Storm Codes, Orlando, FL
- Seth Sehmenk, Orlando, FL
- Austin Ford, Blepre, OH
- Doug Daugherty, Bridgeport, WV
- Dan Pennock, Belpre, OH
- Ryan Welch, Delaware, OH
- Glen Bogart, Georgetown, PA
- David Dillon, Mannington, WV
- Lester Rhoden, Llyons, GA



Mike Reynolds with his Great Bear

- Bruce Giamalva, Baton Rouge, LA
- John Giamalva, Baton Rouge, LA
- Eric Hoffman, Marion, IN
- Patrick Golden, Chicago, IL
- Aaron Whaley, West Union, OH
- Jaron Broadbeck, Decatur, IN
- Stephen Bolusky, Drums, PA
- Onile Lagasse, Auburn, ME
- Scott Artman, Hadley, PA
- Bill Rose, Grafton, OH
- David Bard, Goodland, IN
- Jeff Allison, Goodland, IN

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Lots of happy hunters!

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- Mike Reynolds, Monticello, IN
- Wilbur Jess, Kokomo, IN
- Gary Jess, Humboldt, IN
- Paul David, Converse, IN
- Jim Vaughn, Wichita, KS
- Tom Holcomb, Tiffin, OH
- Jim Holcomb, Tiffin, OH
- Josh Steirman, Cumberland, ME
- Angela Longenette, Avon, OH
- David Ford, Roberta, GA
- Richard Peters, Silver Spring, MD
- Ryan Ricard, Hudson, NH
- Ed Hale, Plaistow, NH
- Robert Steele, Perrysville, OH

- Derek Heersink, Colbert, GA
- Theodore Puehler, Lyons, OH
- Zachary Puehler, Lyons, OH
- Kevin Brunick, McCormick, SC
- Whitley Hart, Boston, GA
- Nate Moyer, Jefferson, OH
- Michael Delisle, Jefferson, OH
- Jeremy Leonards, Egan, LA
- Don McKinney, Princeton, TX
- Patrick Pitcock, Bowling Green, KY
- Doug Bade, Mooresville, IN
- Fred Ponko, Brownfield, ME
- Clay Wilson, Ashland, OH
- Greg Severin, Saugerties, NY
- John Williams, Jefferson, ME
- Stephen Burke, Fryburg, ME
- Trey Cline, Reedville, PA
- Thomas Vigeant, York, PA
- Scott Baston, Casto, WI
- James Colson, Wamego, KS
- Mason Moore, Bethpage, TN
- Nick Matthews, Williamsport, TN
- Fred Rice, Martin, OH
- Kevin Harlett, Sparta, MI
- Scot Huizinha, Hudsonville, MI
- Jathan Stiles, Bedford, IN
- Todd Kent, Windham, ME
- Hilary Blue, Lewiston, ME
- John Hibbard, Troy, ME
- Haze Labbe, Belgrade, ME
- Nolan Eldridge, Greenfield, ME
- Benjamin Dutil, Goram, ME



Nathan Stiles with his first bear taken with hounds

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. 🐾

To Whom It May Concern

Paul E. David
Converse, IN

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly recommend Foggy Mountain Guide Service for their exceptional black bear hunting experiences. As someone who has had the pleasure of utilizing their services, I can confidently say that they offer one of the most professional, knowledgeable, and safe hunting experiences available today.

Myself, Paul David of Indiana, Wilbur Jess of Indiana, and Wilbur's brother Gary Jess of Illinois, arrived at the lodge around 2:30 p.m. on a Sunday and were greeted by Brandon, the owner of the guide service.

Myself and Wilbur have been here before, so we introduced Gary to Brandon. Brandon answered some questions and checked us in.

We all went out the next day and all three of us filled our tags on the first night! We could not believe it ourselves.

From the moment I first contacted Foggy Mountain Guide Service, I was impressed by their level of professionalism and dedication to providing a memorable experience.

The staff is not only incredibly knowledgeable about black bear hunting, but also deeply familiar with the terrain and local wildlife, ensuring that every hunt is both safe and productive. Their expertise in tracking, scouting, and understanding black bear behavior sets them apart from other guide services, making them the ideal choice for both novice and experienced hunters alike.

Safety is clearly a top priority at Foggy Mountain, and they go above and beyond to make sure that every

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"Brandon, thank you for the amazing hunt! We appreciate the effort put in and the accommodations!"

— Nolan and Stanley Eldridge

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hunter feels secure and well-informed. Their guides are meticulous in their attention to detail, whether it's providing pre-hunt briefings or maintaining clear communication throughout the hunt.

I always felt confident that I was in capable hands, which allowed me to fully immerse myself in the experience.

What truly sets Foggy Mountain apart, however, is their commitment to creating a personalized and enjoyable experience for each hunter. They take the time to understand your goals and preferences, tailoring the hunt to your specific needs. Whether you're looking for a challenging backcountry adventure or a more relaxed outing, they are more than capable of delivering.

In addition to their expert guidance and support, Foggy Mountain provides all the necessary resources to ensure a successful hunt. Their tree stands, ground blinds, and facilities contributed significantly to the overall quality of the experience. They also offer valuable tips and advice for after the hunt, ensuring that your success continues even after you've left the field.

Overall, our experience with Foggy Mountain Guide Service exceeded all of our expectations. Their unparalleled knowledge, dedication to safety, and commitment to creating a unique hunting experience make them the perfect choice for anyone looking to hunt black bear. I would not hesitate to recommend them to anyone seeking a professional, well-organized, and enjoyable hunting experience.

Thank you Brandon & Foggy Mountain Guide Service for making our hunt exactly what we had hoped for. We will certainly return and recommend you to anyone we know that is interested in a black bear hunt of a lifetime.

Sincerely,
Paul

Contact me any time with questions or concerns you may have regarding Foggy Mountain Guide Service at my cell number: (765) 661-1408.



Kevin Brunick, a repeat Foggy Mountain hunter, harvested a great bear



Ed Hale took this beauty home to New Hampshire



Fred Ponko filled his tag with his 44 Mag



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.



David Bard's with his first bear

Bear Unpredictable? Absolutely!

Jaron Broadbeck, a first-time hunter with us, not only took a bear home with him but also a unforgettable story!

Jaron's first few nights of hunting were a bit slow. He did not see a lot of activity at his bait other than the local squirrels and Canadian jays in and out of the bait throughout the afternoon.

But his bait was getting hit hard each time we went to bait it. It was only a matter of timing before Jaron would get his chance.

Wednesday evening is when it all changed. He saw several bear at his bait, but none were what he was looking for.

We knew by the activity at the site that there were several trophy bear visiting.

Most of the time we do not suggest hunters go to the stands in the morning because 98% of the bear we harvest are in the afternoon. This time we decided to change things up. We told Jaron he needed to be in the blind early to try to outsmart these wise old bear.

As luck would have it, after several hours waiting on Thursday morning, Jaron heard the faint sound of a stick breaking in the distance. Jaron knew it had to be a bear approaching his site.

It wasn't long, and as he was looking out his blind he could hear the breathing of the bear as it approached from his left.

With his rifle ready, he watched as the bear stepped into the shooting lane only four paces in front of his blind!

Seeing the bear's size, Jaron knew it was the one he wanted. Wasting no time, Jaron squeezed the trigger, anchoring the bear in his tracks at a mere four paces away!

What a hunt! Jaron was still shaking with excitement even after getting his bear to the pole!

Jaron will surely be telling his story forever. One we sure will not forget here at Foggy Mountain!



"Foggy Mountain is a great place to hunt. Brandon and the people that work for him go above and beyond to help you get your animal. The lodging is very comfortable, almost feel like you are at home."

— Fred Rice



Paul David, Gary Jess, Master Guide Brandon and Wilbur Jess after a successful night at the West Branch



The smile says it all!



Jeremy Leonards of Louisiana made a great shot with his 45-70

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.

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.



12 year old Angela Longenette made a perfect shot on her first bear!

Youth are the future of hunting!

This year we had several youth hunters with us. We had several father/son hunters along with a father/daughter team that were successful.

It's great to see our youth out in the woods spending quality time with their parents. The future of hunting relies on our youth getting out there NOW!

It's important that we show our youth the value of hunting – putting food on the table along plus land and wildlife conservation!

We encourage every hunter out there to mentor a young individual. Get them into the woods even if they aren't hunting. Show them game signs and things to look for so they can become a good hunter in the future! 🐾

"Thank you again for an outstanding hunt! Can't begin to say enough about the fantastic job my guide did in not only putting me at great sites but also at retrieving my bear for me. You did a wonderful job skinning my bear and quartering it up and getting it ready for me to bring home. Also, the kitchen staff had excellent meals for us. Had plenty to eat. The sleeping accommodations were great as well. Very clean and comfortable. I will absolutely recommend your outfit to anyone looking for a bear hunt! Thanks again."

— Jim Vaughn

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.



Josh Steersman harvested this big bruin with a beautiful white blaze

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



Patrick Golden harvested his bear on the first afternoon



Perfect white "V" on this nice bear

Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt

Bear Hunt with Hounds

2025 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 22nd, and ends October 24th;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
 - Hunt September 22nd (Arrive on the September 21st) thru September 26th;
 - or hunt October 6th (Arrive on the October 5th) thru October 10th;
 - or hunt October 13th (Arrive on the October 12th) thru October 17th.
 - or hunt October 20th (Arrive on the October 19th) thru October 24th.

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. 🐾



James Colton with his bucket list bear



Doug Daugherty made a great shot with his shot



Youth hunter Trey made a great shot on this nice bear



Thomas Vigilant with his first big game animal

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.

"Foggy Mountain is a very good hunting establishment. The guides are excellent! You definitely won't go hungry. The accommodations are fantastic. I'm planning on returning one of these days!"

— Mike Reynolds



Zone 8 Bull Moose

2025 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

2025 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt August 25th (Arrive on the 24th) thru August 29th;
- or hunt September 1st (Arrive on August 31st) thru September 5th.

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

2025 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 8th (Arrive on the 7th) thru September 12th;
- or hunt September 15th (Arrive on the 14th) thru September 19th.

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. 



Zachary Puehler arrowed his very first Bear



Another Great Bear on the Pole

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



Trophy Bull taken by Nick Alligood

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



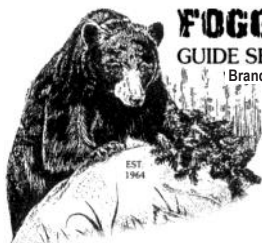
For More Info on our 2025 & 2026 Bear Hunts — Visit www.FoggyMountain.com

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Nate Moyer's patience was rewarded on Friday



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2025 Bobcat Season

December 1st to February 21st

For a chance to harvest a Maine Bobcat, Call for more details. 🐾



Spring Turkey Hunts

2025 Turkey Season:

Hunt April 28th to May 2nd, or
Hunt May 5th to May 9th, or
Hunt May 12th to May 16th, or
Hunt May 19th to May 23rd, or
Hunt May 26th to May 30th

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

2025 Rabbit Season:

One to 5-Day Hunts
December 2nd 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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