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Greetings from the Maine Woods!

I would like to thank all our hunters for a fantastic 2025 season. Thank you for choosing to hunt with Foggy Mountain.

The bear population continues to grow, ensuring the 2026 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 closely with Maine's famous bear biologist team yearlong to ensure a future for bear hunting in the great state of Maine!

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 2025 Bear Hunt

The 2025 season was one to remember! Many happy hunters went home with a punched tag and a story that will last a lifetime.

Mother nature was throwing all her best punches! The pre-season started off with monsoon rains all spring and then summer turned into the worst drought we have seen in years. This led to an unpredictable season ahead of us.

Even with some bad weather thrown in during our season, we had great hunters who were able to keep the game pole full all season!

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 2025 season. Here is a partial list of those who shot a bear this season:

- Tim Walder, Brimfield, MA
- Paul Suplinskas, Grant, MI
- Skylar Kelly, Franklin, OH
- Cindy Fanning, Buxton, ME
- Chris Fogle, Dayton, OH
- David Chauvin, Charlton, MA
- Jason Featherlin, Rushville, IL
- Charlton McInnis, Chandler, IN
- Trevor Wenz, McGraw, NY
- Jeffrey Cummins, Weirton, WV
- Tyler Williams, Elbridge, NY
- Keith Smith, Summerhill, PA
- Ethan Cummins, Weirton, WV
- Devon Davis, Evansville, IN



Great Maine Trophy Harvested by Jeffrey Cummings

- Timothy Farmer, Gurley, AL
- Cheri Tannlund, Homer City, PA
- Dan Leavy, Stockbridge, VT
- Karmen Baumgardner, Summerville, PA
- Anthony Nash, Quebeck, TN
- Michael Wadel, Garden City, KS
- Trent Nevola, Garden City, KS

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Great Shooting Makes for a Full Pole!

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- Jamal Medlin, Amandale, VA
- Jared Sowell, Rochester, NH
- Mark Hibbard, Canastota, NY
- Alfred Gardner, Oakton, VA
- Sawyer Smith, Fort Myers, FL
- Mac Fore, Ocala, FL
- Colby Hardin, Erath, LA
- Lenny Yox, Millerstown, PA
- Richard Peters, Millerstown, PA
- Lyle Sutton, Finksburg, MD
- David Titus, Windsor, PA
- Ed Hale, Plaistow, NH
- Don Longenette, Avon, OH
- John Donohue, Westwood, MA
- Aden Schlabach, Sandy Lake, PA
- Nick Asher, Elkhart, IN
- Craig Alwine, Elkhart, IN
- Joey Parker, Elkhart, IN
- Ryan Swartz, Elkhart, IN
- Jason Reed, Elkhart, IN



Jason Reed with his first Maine bear!

- James Kuplinski, Taylor, PA
- Duane Sawyer, Clarence Ctr, NY
- Paul Russo, Bridgton, ME
- Kevin Martin, Penn Yan, NY
- Dianne Martin, Penn Yan, NY
- Scott Bastin, Casco, WI
- Jacob Foote, Fort Recovery, OH
- Vincent Dorantes, Webster, KY
- Alex Unverzagt, Bellefontaine, OH
- Greg Severin, Saugerties, NY
- Bill Biles, Downingtown, PA
- Daria Chase, Providence, RI
- Eric Brown, Sand Lake, NY
- Callan Wickenhouse, Cadillac, MI
- Leon Tragger Sr, Quarryville, PA
- John Plourde, Wolfeboro, NH
- Thomas Hamlin, Pinckneyville, IL
- BobbiAnn Hamlin, Du Quoin, IL
- Gordon Pulcifer, Norwell, MA
- Toby Arno, Bowerbank, ME
- Frank Mason, Sidney, ME
- Tamer Elzarka, Williamsburg, OH
- Justin Leighton, Calais, ME
- Jackson Haden, New Ipswich, NH
- Terry Booth, Hartland, ME
- Keith Meigs, Huntsville, AL
- Jeffrey Lacourse, Boothbay, 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. 🐾

"Brandon and his staff were amazing! From the cabins to the bait sites. Everything was great. I can't wait to go back!"

— Jason Featherlin



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 2026 and 2027 seasons will produce some outstanding bear. 🐾



Eric Brown with his first bear!



David Chauvin with his big boar he arrowed

Big Bear in the Crosshairs

Many people ask how to kill a big bear! That is a challenging goal.

Bear are very unpredictable, with many big bears following their own time. They may show up at 3pm, or they may show up with only a few minutes of legal shooting time left.

So, you always want to be ready from the time you leave the truck to the time you unload your gun a legal light.

As Foggy Mountain hunter David Chauvin will tell you, the last light was when his big boar presented himself.

David had hunted all week without seeing much activity. We moved him to another site mid-week in hopes of turning his luck around.

As Friday came and his tag still not punched, he was eager to hit the woods for one last sit. David was sitting in a pop-up blind only 20 yards from the bait and armed with his crossbow.

As the light began to fade in the thick woods around his bait site, something caught his eye. It was not a sudden movement, but a slow and steady movement towards his bucket.

As David raised his crossbow to the shooting window, a big boar came in and presented David with an opportunity for a great shot.

David squeezed the trigger with only minutes of legal light left and the bear disappeared into the darkness in a split second.

We got the call that he had made the shot and knew that time was of the essence because we expected a storm due to hit anytime with heavy rains predicted!

As we pulled up to the bait site, rain drops started to hit the windshield. We rushed into the woods with lights to get to the blood trail as fast as we could.

Bear do not usually bleed very much, and tracking bear is a tough job even in daylight. We also did not want to contend with rain washing the trail away.

After inspection at the bait site, I could tell David's broadhead had hit its mark. It was a very good hit and resulted in one of the easier tracking jobs we've had. The bear went about 60 yards and there he laid. And a nice bear he was!

The rain was coming down hard by the time we headed to the truck for extraction gear. Fortunately, all we had to do is make the 120 yard drag back to the truck. We soon had the bear in the truck and headed for the game pole!

David's patience paid off and this big Friday bear was a great way to wrap up the week! 🐾



Skylar Kelly with a nice bear he arrowed!

"Not enough can be said for Brandon and the operation he runs at Foggy Mountain. Brandon and his staff are some of the friendliest people you will meet and are sure to do everything in their power to help you enjoy your stay."

— Jackson Hayden

"For my first black bear hunt, I couldn't have imagined a better experience or better guide service. The attention to detail, the work these guys put in to give you the best possible chance at harvesting one is astounding."

— Ethan Cummins



Joey Parker, Don Longenette, and Aden Schlabach had a successful evening

Bear Trapping

Bear trapping in Maine has had a big uptick in popularity in the last few years – mostly because it allows hunters to harvest a second bear! One by hunting over bait or hounds and one by trapping.

Maine bear trapping laws are very strict. The restrictions ensure that bear are not harmed and could be released if a person wanted to.

Brandon's wife Becky wanted to try her hand at trapping herself a bear as she had never done it before.

In Maine, you can only use a snare. It must be set at or below ground level ensuring you would only catch a bear by its leg.

How a bear snare works is a 6" diameter piece of PVC pipe is placed in the ground with a trigger mechanism. You place the snare around the top of the PVC and when the bear reaches in the tube and pulls the trigger up, it pulls the snare up off the pipe and onto its leg.

Becky dug a hole 2 ft into the ground, bedded the "tube" in the hole, set the snare and away we went!

THE FIRST CHECK – on the first check, no bear had shown up to the bait that night. Likely due to how disturbed the area was. We freshened up the bait and awaited day 2 check.

DAY 2 CHECK – as Becky walked in to the site, she could tell that the trap was sprung – but no bear. A big bruin had pulled the snare cable off the tube, and ate all the bait from the bottom of the trap without being caught (bears are smart animals). With everything reset, she awaited day 3!

DAY 3 CHECK – SUCCESS! As Becky eased in to the bait and looked towards the trap, there he was! A big Maine bruin sat with some "jewelry" around his leg.

Becky had successfully trapped her first bear! It was a great experience to watch Becky complete her mission to trap and harvest a trophy bear! He will be a nice addition to the game room in a few years!

If anyone wishes to try their hand at trapping give us a call! 🐾



Lyle Sutton, Lenny Yox, Colby Hardin, Nick Asher and David Titus all harvested bear on the same evening!



Jared Sowell's Beautiful bear with a nice white blaze!

"Foggy Mountain was absolutely awesome! I was recently right arm below the elbow amputated due to a work injury and Foggy Mountain team were so helpful to me and the 4 other guys in my group. We all got very nice bears! I plan to go back for sure!"
— Nick Asher



Ryan Swartz with his trophy bear



A Maine-Legal Bear Trap

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.

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.

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



Nicholas Asher with his first bear!



Cheri Tannlund with her first ever bear!
The smile says it all!



Ethan Cummins with his first bear



Another day with Lots of Happy Foggy Mountain hunters!

"My son and I have hunted with Brandon for the past two years. You won't find a guide service more dedicated to giving you the most honest chance at success anywhere! They truly care about you and your experience in the North Maine Woods!"

— Jonas Foote

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.

"Being my first ever guided hunt and doing a bunch of research, I decided to hunt with Brandon at Foggy Mountain and it paid off. I went the first week of the season even though the weather wasn't in our favor we still saw some action and I was able to take my first bear and multiple other clients killed bears. Highly recommend Foggy Mountain Guide Service!"

— Skyler Kelly

Extend Your Season with a Hound Hunt

Bear Hunt with Hounds

2026 Hound Hunts:

- Season starts September 28th, and ends October 23rd;
- Hunts are 5 days, 6 nights lodging;
 - Hunt September 28th (Arrive on the September 27th) thru October 2nd;
 - or hunt October 5th (Arrive on the October 4th) thru October 9th;
 - or hunt October 12th (Arrive on the October 11th) thru October 16th.
 - or hunt October 19th (Arrive on the October 18th) thru October 23rd.

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.



Craig Alwine with his Friday bear!

"Two hunters harvested a bear (hound hunt). Guides very knowledgeable and worked hard to made a successful hunt. Two additional non-hunters in party, everyone thought the accommodations at the lodge were great! Beautiful area to spend a week hunting."

— Thomas Hamlin



Keith Smith with a great white blaze!

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.

"I recently concluded my first bear hunt with Brandon at Foggy Mountain and it was better than I ever expected. My experience was excellent and I can't wait to bring a buddy or two back with my next year!"

— Eric Brown

2026 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

2026 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt August 31st (Arrive on the 30th) thru September 4th;
- or hunt September 7th (Arrive on September 6th) thru September 11th.

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

2026 Bear Hunts:

- Hunt September 14th (Arrive on the 13th) thru September 18th;
- or hunt September 21st (Arrive on the 20th) thru September 25th.

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.



"I was lucky enough to get drawn for a moose tag in zone 8 and stayed with Foggy Mountain. The experience was fantastic! This place and the people are top notch!"
— Keith Meigs



Gordon Pulsifer with a great Zone 8 Bull

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



Trevor Wenz with a nice bear!



Thomas Hamlin with his first bear over hounds!

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



For More Info on our 2026 & 2027 Bear Hunts — Visit www.FoggyMountain.com

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Timothy Farmer harvested his bear with his pistol!



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2026 Bobcat Season

December 1st to February 20th

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



Spring Turkey Hunts

2026 Turkey Season:

- Hunt May 4th to May 8th, or
- Hunt May 11th to May 15th, or
- Hunt May 18th to May 22nd, or
- Hunt May 25th to May 29th, or
- Hunt June 1st to June 5th

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

2026 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. 🐾

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