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Hunting Guide

Wild Fox Cabins is located on 155 unspoiled acres of some of the most fertile hunting grounds in the Northeast. Both large and small game hunting is permitted and abundant numbers of moose, bear, deer, coyote, and smaller game such as rabbits and grouse inhabit the area. There is also an adjacent 300,000 acres of conservation land with access to miles of gravel roads and additional bountiful wildlife habitats. If you are interested in booking your hunting trip with a Registered Maine Guide contact us for more information.

Bear Hunting

Bear season officially starts the last week in August and runs through the third week in September. However, our guides are busy baiting their bear sites a month before the season begins, so they know which areas are most active before you arrive. Our exclusive sites are located on Maine Public Reserve land, local properties with permission, and Tribal Lands. These areas are all known for large populations of black bear. We typically guide only two to four hunters per bait site, so we can give our guests the attention they deserve. While there are no guarantees in hunting, we WILL guarantee you will be given an active site and memorable hunt. Your hunt will begin as soon as you check-in and unpack. We suggest you check the accuracy of your firearm or bow before venturing afield.

Bear over Bait: You will be oriented and instructed by your guide on the techniques you can use to maximize your chances for success. Our guides will escort hunters to their tree stands or blinds to hunt until they are picked up at the end of the day.

Bear with Dogs: As the Bear over Bait season concludes, guides switch over to hunting bear with their hounds. If you choose this style of hunt, our guides have very highly trained hounds that will get you and your party onto bear in the area. The hounds will bay your bear and your guide will secure the site, so you can make your shot. Successful hunters will find reassurance knowing a guide will assist in tracking wounded bear, field dressing, transporting, and caping trophies for mounting. Bear hunters enjoying early-week success might want to bring along fishing gear — Fall means you can fish for Small Mouth Bass, White Perch and of course, Land Locked Salmon. Salmon fishing on Junior Lake is superb! Fishing harvest for Small Mouth Bass and Land Locked Salmon ends earlier than that of White Perch; however, White Perch fishing is outstanding and you can catch more than enough to add a fish fry or two to the fun during your visit.

Moose Hunting (Zones 19, 11 and 18)

Our lodge is located in zone 19, with easy access to zone 11 and zone 18. Moose are plentiful with unlimited forage in logging areas and average from 700-900 pounds. Trophy bulls weighing over 1000 pounds have been harvested by hunters staying in and around Wild Fox Cabins over the years. Our guides know many areas where hunters can travel without running into too much traffic, and there are hundreds of miles of logging roads on which to drive. Bring along a “Maine Atlas & Gazetteer” so we can show you the areas where moose have been seen. In addition, the Junior Lake thoroughfares provide adventurous hunters an opportunity to hunt moose from a boat!

For those who prefer full guide service and “no worries” before, during and after the hunt, we offer an all-inclusive hunt that includes: lodging, cooked lunch, guide, transportation, and arrangements for caping and meat cutting of trophy animals. Between the “do it yourself” and “all-inclusive” hunts are various combinations of a daily cooked lunch and guide services, so you can customize your hunt to suit your needs.

Moose hunters enjoying early-week success during the September hunt might want to bring along fishing gear. Fall land-locked salmon fishing on Junior Lake is some of the best in the world! Those finding success early in the week during the October hunt may choose to take advantage of excellent grouse and duck hunting opportunities with our guide's dogs.

We suggest that hunters use a guide, but if you decide to go it on your own, arrive early Sunday in order to spend time scouting the areas around camp. We have many areas where hunters can travel without running into much traffic. Once again, we suggest that a hunter bring a "Maine Atlas & Gazetteer" so that we can show the areas where moose have been seen.

Deer Hunting

Our location in central eastern Maine provides Whitetail Deer enthusiasts an opportunity to shoot the "deer of a lifetime." Our part of Penobscot County is renowned for its production of trophy Whitetail Deer because this part of the state has an average annual snowfall of 100+ inches. Therefore, deer grow much larger than their southern brothers due to the fact that they need the size and bulk up for the winter in order to survive. The cover is thick in most areas, and we have a good variety of woods including hardwood ridges, old cuttings, cedar swamps, and mixed growth forests. Deer begin to move into deeper cover in anticipation of snowfall as the season progresses. This is where your optimum hunting opportunities will be. To effectively hunt Whitetail Deer, you need to understand Whitetail behavior, have the ability to track them, and hunt them shrewdly. Good hunters know that an experienced buck will double back and come up behind you!

If you prefer to book a guided hunt with us, guides have their own tree stands set in areas where Whitetail bucks have been traveling. Typically, hunters sit in their stands from daybreak until mid-morning. Then they take a lunch break, do some area hunting (walk the area looking for beds), and then sit again in the late afternoon until near dark.

We can also hunt along the lake using a boat or canoe. Areas along the lake are very rarely hunted because they cannot be reached by vehicle. We ask that you advise us ahead of time if you wish to use a boat so that we will have one ready for your hunt.

Upland Birds

The St. John Valley provides exciting opportunity to hunt ruffed grouse (or partridge as we call them in Maine). You'll also encounter the quick and challenging woodcock. Hunts are planned according to your level of skill and ability and will include some of the most productive (and challenging) alder, old-logging road and second-growth covers in the state.

Hunt with our guide's trained pointers, and spaniels, or you can also hunt over your own dog. If you've never bird hunted with a dog before, you're in for one of life's real treats! Also, the beautiful foliage and comfortable weather make October an absolutely perfect time of year to enjoy a day in the woods. We are a year-round pet-friendly camp, but we do ask that if you bring your own dog(s), that you have the ability to kennel them, as we do not have kennels on site.

Maine has daily bag limits on grouse and woodcock, so while it's a safe bet, there's no guarantee you'll get your limit, but you can be sure of one thing… having lots of fun!

Rabbit Hunting (Snowshoe Hare)

Maine is known for its thriving and plentiful wildlife and snowshoe hare are among them. Rabbits have been hunted for centuries in Central and Eastern Maine, but few have hunted rabbits at Wild Fox Cabins… and we have LOTS of them! It's a resource that has yet to be discovered, and that is why we invite you to discover our vast woodlands, road and trail systems that make hunting Snowshoe Hare very accessible.

Rabbit season begins October 1 and runs through March 31. We recommend hunters rely on 4-wheel drive, ATVs, or snowmobiles to access the most remote areas. Expect snow in mid-December through season's end. Bring your beagles and discover Wild Fox Cabin's best-kept secret!