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Opinion is divided as to which part of the open season it’s best to plan your trip. Some say that the early days are better, because the deer aren’t so wild—they haven’t been hunted, frightened or shot at and so are easier to approach. On the other hand, many veteran hunters refuse even to try their skill until the last ten days or two weeks of the shooting period. They claim that since foliage

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is thinner toward mid- and late-November, easier, cleaner and longer shots are the rule, with the ever-present possibility of snow for tracking.

Generally speaking, with a small party of hunters, still hunting is the best procedure on dry ground. Most Maine woods areas are too large for practical use of the “driving” system as used in many states. However, some sections in the southern part of the State are adaptable to this method of hunting. Beech ridges, old apple orchards and locations on a hillside where the “black growth” meets the hardwood are key spots to the experienced hunter. Always walk into the wind, as softly as possible, avoiding dry sticks that may snap. Stop frequently to watch and listen.

The best time to hunt in any part of the open season is from daylight in the morning until 10 A. M. and from about 3 P. M. until dusk. Always study the ground for fresh tracks, droppings and areas where the Deer have been “working” for food. Under beech trees, especially, Deer will often paw the leaves up in little piles while searching for beechnuts.

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Hunting with snow on the ground is a rather different proposition. Nearly any hunter, whether inexperienced or tempered by years of reading woods lore signs, can determine with a little study and common sense whether a Deer track in the snow is very old, 24-hours-old, fairly recent or fresh. Much of your success depends upon your appraisal of the track and of the manner in which the deer was walking.

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soned hunter as a very fresh set patterned in bounds of many feet apart and left by a frightened Deer intent upon leaving that part of the country. A zigzagging trail indicates a Deer that is either feeding or looking for a place to "bed down," or both. In soft snow without a crust, it's often possible to walk almost up to a resting Deer under these conditions. Due respect must always be given the wind direction, however.

Unhurried fresh tracks in soft snow going straightaway or on a feeding course are best worked by attempting a cut-in ahead of the Deer about 75 to 100 yards to either the left or the right, depending upon wind direction. Frequently a hunter can surprise a White-Tail in this fashion since Deer have the habit of watching their back trail carefully and often trusting to scent in the wind as a guard against possible dangers ahead and aside.

The use of both rifles and shotguns is permissible in Maine for Deer hunting. Rifles are by far the more popular and much more practical, except in a few instances where thick brush and close shots are the rule. Maine guides swear by the .30-30 rifle and the
.32 Special Winchester. Other favorites are the .300 Savage, .303, .30-06, .35 Remington and the old .38-55. Frankly, any hard-hitting, easily-handled high power rifle from a .25 bore up will do the trick if it has sufficient shocking power. Personally, I prefer the .30-06, .300 Savage and .32 Winchester Special in that order. In any event . . . make sure it’s a DEER and not a MAN before you shoot!

Deer hunting, boiled down, is careful planning, patience, perseverance and often a large degree of luck. One thing you can be sure of: No amount of the above-mentioned qualities or conditions will put venison on your table unless you expose yourself to Deer hunting in a section where White-Tails are plentiful. A hunting trip in Maine will assure you of that, so—get that shootin’ eye in trim this Fall and come to the Pine Tree State. The rest is up to you!

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Maine’s Black Bears are crafty, shy and much more difficult than Deer to stalk. In weight they run from cub-size to nearly 500
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Late in the Fall, mid-October to the last of November, is probably the best time for still-hunting these dark-furred marauders. During this period of the year they are busy building up surplus fat in anticipation of their long winter hibernation. They're also moving around a lot in search of suitable winter quarters.

Black Bears as well as Deer are fond of beechnuts. Abandoned farm areas where half-frozen apples still cling to remote trees during the late fall months also make excellent spots to watch for Bruin. Deserted lumber camps and old timber cuttings, where rotting logs and stumps abound with grubs and other insects, rank high among the favorite feeding grounds of the Black Bear. Still another favorite spot of many successful Bear hunters is the garbage dump of an active lumber camp or sporting lodge. Once a Bear has started "working" around a dump, unless shot at or

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Ruddy Ducks and Snow Geese are also present but are not quite as plentiful as the other species mentioned.

A blind of pine, spruce, fir or other evergreen, supported by a wooden framework upon which chicken wire of about two-inch mesh has been fastened, makes an excellent cover. This type of gunning stand is especially effective on rocky points and ledges where heavy forest prevails as the natural background. A partial roof covering with an open area near the front plus a "step-up" footing plank to give adequate gun-play room above the "camouflage level" when things are "popping" is always desirable. Added comfort for the hunters may be gained on windy or cold days by securing an old canvas or tarpaulin (brown, green or gray) inside the blind on the windy side as well as above and toward the rear in the event of rain or snow.

For a low marsh area or a spot where brown foliage prevails, marsh grass and oak bows with leaves attached should be worked into the chickenwire on the framework as a camouflage. In this writer's experience, oak is about the best of all branches to employ in the building of a duck blind. Used in conjunction with coniferous branches, it's ideal due to the fact that the leaves will not

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Decoys (artificial) should be placed carefully and arranged to float and bob in the water in a lifelike manner with the nearest group approximately 100 feet from the key shooting position in the blind. This is an important point and gives hunters, both green and experienced, an opportunity to judge with fair accuracy the actual distance of incoming birds from the point of shots attempted. Fourteen to 20 decoys are recommended and should be placed in the most natural looking arrangement that imagination will allow. In salt water, allowance for changes in the tide level should be made. The use of a duck call is occasionally effective but, as a rule, is unnecessary in Maine waterfowl shooting.

Another popular method of wildfowling is to disguise a specially constructed "sculling boat" and with your guide cautiously maneuvering the craft, move up to a flock of ducks or geese. The hunter lies in a reclining position with gun ready and at the opportune moment rises to a sitting position and takes the birds as they rise.

Canada Goose and Brant hunting have a particular thrill all their own. Geese are well distributed along the entire coast but Brant

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Although Federal regulations on migratory birds divide the regular duck hunting period into two “split seasons,” Scoters or Sea Coots may be shot at any time between September 28 and December 31 this year. Legally taken only beyond outside harbor limits, seven of these birds is the lawful daily bag. Right at this point it also seems opportune to mention that Maine has the only Eider Duck shooting on the Atlantic Coast! These Eiders, bred in the Far North, never travel south of the Maine coastline and afford the very best in sport over a long season coinciding with that on Scoters. The daily limit on Eiders is also seven birds.

In summary, it can be said with confidence that Duck and Goose shooting along the Maine coast provides more continuous action than any other wing-shooting sport with which the writer is acquainted. For loads of fun, thrills by the score and plump, tasty birds for the table, don’t miss Maine’s duck shooting season this Fall!

**Fox Hunting**

Fox hunting in Maine is done most successfully with the use of dogs. Maine’s clever Red Foxes abound in great numbers and may be hunted at any time of year in organized townships. On wild lands or unorganized townships they are fair game from Oct. 15 to Feb. 15 each Fall and Winter. “Once a fox hunter, always a fox hunter,” the old timers up this way say. If you’re one of those af-

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**Bobcat and Lynx**

Bobcat and Lynx hunting is pretty much a specialized sport and generally confined to the use of well-trained dogs. These sly animals, considered by many to be deer killers, range up to nearly 50 pounds in weight. Hunting is usually done on snow although there is no closed season on bobcats. The State of Maine pays a $15 bounty for each one taken. The use of a guide and well-trained dogs is recommended for Bobcat and Lynx hunting, although hunters frequently have the luck to bag one while hunting Deer.

**Rabbit Hunting**

Rabbit hunting is a favorite sport with many Maine people. These big Rabbits (actually Varying Hares) change the color of their fur from brown in Spring, Summer and Autumn to pure white in Winter. They are much larger than the “Cottontail,” real
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A red cap, the brighter the better, for Deer Hunting and a brown or similar shade for Duck Hunting are practical necessities. Heavy wool socks and easily removable gloves should be worn late in the season. A couple of extra wool shirts are always handy. Handkerchiefs should be of the large bandanna type and either red or bright blue in color. A white handkerchief being pulled from a hunter's pocket hastily looks enough like the white flag of a flashing Deer's tail to have caused the accidental death of several hunters in different states. One Maine manufacturer even produces red toilet tissue for hunters planning to spend the entire day in the woods.

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BIGGEST BUCKS IN MAINE CLUB

Maine invites you to become a member of the most exclusive "deer club" in the world. There is no initiation fee, no dues, and no possible way to "buy" your way in—yet its membership is open to anyone and everyone, regardless of race, creed or previous deer hunting experience.

The "Biggest Bucks In Maine Club" was organized in 1949 by the Maine Development Commission. Its membership, at the close of that season, was available to more than 850 resident and non-resident deer hunters. Nearly 900, it was estimated, qualified in 1950.

All you must do to join this exclusive group and receive a certificate of membership signed by the Governor of Maine and a distinctive scarlet and gold shoulder patch is to bag a buck weighing 200 pounds or more and file a formal application for membership with the Maine Development Commission, State House, Augusta, Maine.

RULES

1. Open to anyone, resident and non-resident, holding a Maine hunting license.

2. Limited to deer of the Whitetail species and taken only in accordance with game laws.

3. No buck known to have been shot by any one other than applicant will qualify.

4. Guides, camp owners and wardens are not eligible to club.

5. Weight of buck, antler measurements, number of points, as requested on formal application, must be certified by an Inland Fisheries and Game Warden.

6. Checking station attendants cannot certify bucks, but are requested to suggest to sportsmen that they notify a warden to do so, if a deer seems to meet minimum weight requirements.

7. The minimum dressed weight must be 160 pounds. (This would mean live weight of slightly more than 200 pounds, on the average.)

(There are more than 100 Inland Fisheries and Game Wardens on duty, covering all sections of the State. Your camp owner or Maine Guide will gladly put you in touch with one.)