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Hunt Me. The Great State of Maine Hunting

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PREPARATION & SAFETY:

If you plan to hunt in the remote areas, please remember that they are remote-- from stores, gas and other supplies, and remote from hospital
emergency-rooms. We hope you won’t need first-aid treat­
ment for hunting accidents, but every year too many do. Hunting accidents are never pleasant and in the deep woods Go prepared, and exercise every sensible safety precaution. Remember, too, that a good compass and map may be more
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CAMPING and FIRES

More than 98% of the forestland in Maine is privately owned, and, while most of the woodland owners willingly share their land in a multiple-use concept, sportsmen should recognize and respect
property rights. 10½ million acres comprise the Maine Forestry
District. Here, in cooperation with the land-owners, Authorized
Forest Campsites and Lunchgrounds are administered by the Maine
Forest Service and maintained for public use. Approximate loca­tions are indicated on the current Official Highway Map. It is lawful to camp or to kindle out-of-door fires only at authorized
sites unless a special permit is first obtained from a Maine Forest
Ranger. Outside the Forestry District permission must be obtained
from the landowners. See publication, “Forest Campsites”, for
details. Out-of-door fires include the use of sterno, gasoline, charcoal, or other fuel fires in or out of tents and collapsible shelters. Such fuels may be used at State Highway picnic areas with
fireplaces.

Each year much valuable woodland is devastated by fires because campers or hunters fail to use enough caution with camp fires, matches, and smokers’ materials while in the forest. Please be
very careful, and help keep Maine green.

Several commercially operated campgrounds are open in the major
hunting season. A few are open year-round. See booklet “Family
Camping in Maine” listed in Publications section.

If you plan to hunt in the forestland and on the coast, be sure to have a permit. Applications are available at Maine Forest
District headquarters.

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WHEN IT COMES TO HUNTING
..... COME TO MAINE!

We are pleased that you are thinking about hunting in Maine, for we know well what an enjoyable experience is in store for you. The crisp autumn air, the good companionship of fellow sportsmen, and the excitement of hunting are an excellent tonic.

Maine is proud of her hunting opportunities -- not only for the king-size white-tail deer we have, but also for the many other game species described in this folder. You'll find an excellent variety, and you will have an opportunity for the king-size white-tail deer we have, but also for the many other game species described in this folder. You'll find an excellent variety, and you will have an opportunity specially bred dogs or specially bred hounds are best: Walkers and Redbones, or especially bred dogs like White Mountain Bear and Cat Dogs. Black Bears give the hunter more action. The Maine fox is hardy, shifty - and will give you and your dog a real run. Moose. The moose herd is growing but these animals are usually most productive are found in coastal counties and inland to central Maine. Woodcock, or "timber doodle", a magnificent little game bird. Partridge, or Ruffed Grouse: recognized king of Maine upland game birds. A comparatively big bird, fast on the getaway, he is wary and presents a difficult shot. The partridge is found throughout the state.

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Bird Hunting
Duck: With hundreds of miles of coast and thousands of inland waters, Maine offers excellent duck shooting. Many ducks breed in Maine, and in the fall thousands of birds tarry here during southerly migration. The popular ducks: Black, Scaup, Goldeneye, Ringneck, Mallards and other species. For big goose shooting, Offshore shooting is for sea ducks: Fiders, Scoters, etc.

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Camera Hunting
Stalking animals and birds with a camera is both exciting and challenging. There is no closed season on this form of hunting; and you may hunt moose and caribou--even eagles--with a camera, whereas to shoot them any other way brings a severe penalty. And you may hunt moose and caribou--even eagles--with a camera, whereas to shoot them any other way brings a severe penalty.

Hunting Dogs
In dense cover, long-haired bird dogs are preferred. English Gun Dog, Irish Setters, Brit Tan, or Springer Spaniel or other retrievers are useful. Beagles and other rabbit dogs are hardy afield in Maine, with plenty of snowshoe hares in most sections. Coon dogs and fox dogs can be kept busy, too. When hunting bobcats, rugged hounds are best: Walkers and Redbones, or especially bred dogs like White Mountain Bear and Cat Dogs. Black Bears give the hunter more action. The Maine fox is hardy, shifty - and will give you and your dog a real run.

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Hunting Laws
Hunting laws of the State change from time to time so details are not given here. These are printed in the booklet "Hunting and Trapping Laws Summary" (issued by Department of Inland Fisheries and Game) provided with your license.

ARCHERY
Maine has a special deer season for bow and arrow hunters; this open season falls within dates when deer are still undisturbed by other hunters. Other legal game, too, may be hunted while the license is valid. Carrying firearms while bow-hunting is illegal during this special season. Bow-hunting may be done also during the open season on deer, but then a regular hunting license is required.

MAINE BOWHUNTER'S CLUB. Any of the larger game animals taken qualify archers for a membership card, signed by the Governor and the Commissioner of Fish and Game, and an attractive shoulder patch cut in the shape of the map of Maine. These are awarded each person qualifying who writes to The Department of Economic Development including this information: Name, address, species of game, date shot, where, approximate weight of animal, pull of bow.

Other Information and Publications about Maine:
Mail inquiries about hunting accommodations will be answered by Maine Publicity Bureau (address below). Maine Department of Economic Development State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330. Maine Publicity Bureau 70 Gateway Circle, Portland, Maine 04102. State of Maine Information Center 48 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, N. Y. 10020. State of Maine Information Center Laurentien Hotel, Domination, Montreal, Canada. Other Information Centers: Jct. of U. S. Rr. 1 & Me. Turnpike, Kittery, Maine Bass Park, Bangor, Maine U. S. Rr. 302, Fryeburg, Maine (summer only) Maine Turnpike, North Cumberland, Maine (summer only) Internat'l Bridge, Calais, Maine (summer only) All Local Chamber of Commerce Offices.