



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF  
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

# Maine Predator Hunting

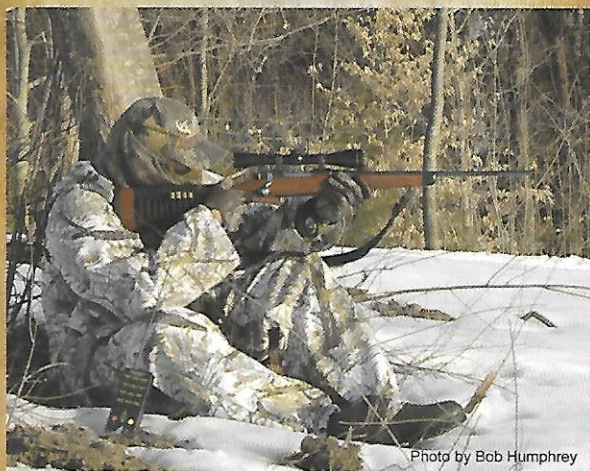


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## **ABOUT MAINE PREDATOR HUNTING**

- **Abundant coyotes**
- **Year round season**
- **Big bobcats**
- **Night hunting**
- **Hound hunting**
- **Vast accessible land**

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## **HUNT MAINE**

**[mefishwildlife.com](http://mefishwildlife.com)**

## AMPLE OPPORTUNITY

Maine has over 700,000 acres of land in wildlife management areas, state forests, public reserve lands and other parcels all open to public hunting.

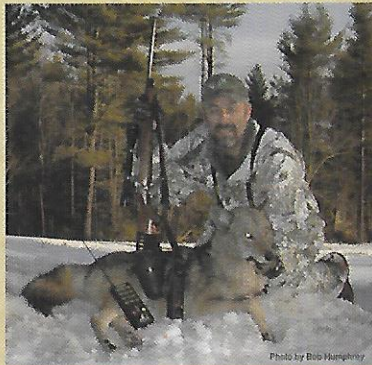
There are also several million acres of privately owned working forest land, much of which is open to the public either for free or for a nominal access fee.

Maine predator seasons are long, with liberal or unlimited bag limits.

## PREDATOR CALLING

Day or night, calling is a popular tactic for luring in wary predators.

Maine allows the use of electronic calls for predator hunting.



## BAIT HUNTING

Hunters can also use bait sites to entice wary predators into the open.

Hunters are advised to check regulations for establishing and labeling bait stations.



## HOUD HUNTING

Running both bobcats and coyotes with hounds has become extremely popular in recent years.

Experienced houndsmen may bring their own dogs, but many non-residents prefer to enlist the services of a registered Maine Guide specializing in hound hunts.



## BOBCATS

Bobcats were once regarded as an undesirable predator, and bounties were paid for them. However, the bobcat is now highly prized by predator hunters and trappers, and these big northern cats wear prime pelts.

Bobcats may be hunted over bait or by calling, and hound hunting is becoming increasingly popular. The season typically runs from December 1st to mid-February.

## FOXES

Maine has abundant populations of both red and gray foxes. Most are taken by trappers, but there is a separate hunting season for both that runs more than four months, from mid October to the end of February. Few hunters target them specifically, so foxes are taken while hunting other species like coyotes and bobcats.

## COYOTES

Coyote hunting has become increasingly popular in recent years, and Maine's coyote season runs year round, giving predator hunters plenty of opportunity.



Maine has a coyote night hunting season running from December 16 to August 31. A special night hunting permit is required. Artificial lights may be used, and hunters must be in possession of an electronic, hand-held or mouth-operated predator calling device.



## MAINE PROFESSIONAL GUIDES

### Hiring a Guide

Non-resident and resident hunters alike opt to hire a registered Maine guide for their hunt.

Registered Maine Guides have a long and colorful history and are recognized around the world as the gold standard in outdoor skills and knowledge. Rigorous testing and compliance standards ensure that guides are professionals dedicated to quality, ethical and legal outdoor experience for all.

For more information including tips on how to hire a guide, and a searchable list of guides by region and specialty, visit the Maine Professional Guides Association website at:



[www.maineguides.org](http://www.maineguides.org)

## MAINE SPORTING CAMPS

Maine Sporting Camps offer a traditional experience unique to the Maine Woods. Association members provide a high quality recreational opportunity for individuals and their families, one you'll remember long after you return home.

A Maine Sporting Camp provides hearty meals and comfortable lodging in the wild Maine Woods, giving you more time afield.



[www.mainesportingcamps.com](http://www.mainesportingcamps.com)

## MAINE HUNTING LAWS

Maine hunting laws and regulations are produced by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. They are available online or at more than 800 licensing agents statewide.

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## LICENSES

Hunting licenses and permits may be purchased online, 24-7, or from more than 800 statewide licensing agents.

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## MAPS

The **Maine Hunting and Fishing Map** details all the Wildlife Management Areas, Public Lands and National Wildlife Refuges open to hunting. Request your copy by calling: 207-287-8000.

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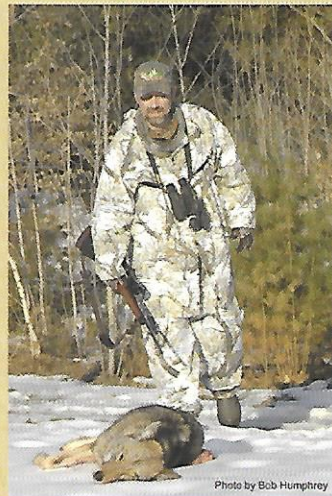


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