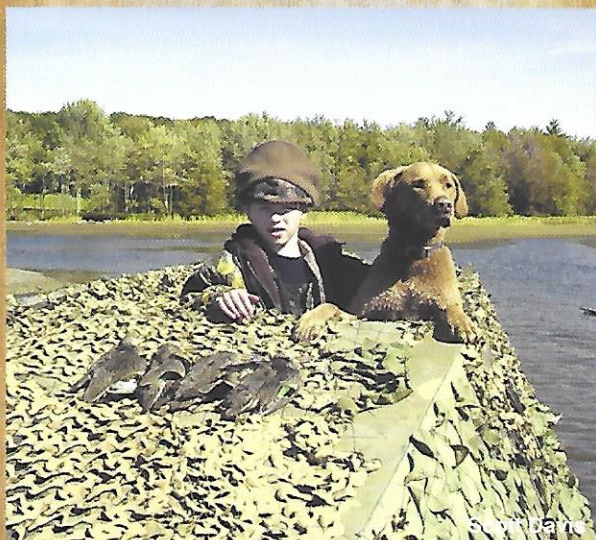




MAINE DEPARTMENT OF
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Maine Waterfowl Hunting



ABOUT MAINE WATERFOWL HUNTING

- **Coastal Sea Ducks**
- **Historic Merrymeeting Bay**
- **Broad species diversity**
- **Boundless wetlands**
- **Vast accessible land/water**

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BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY

When it comes to waterfowl hunting, few states offer the diversity of opportunities found within Maine's borders.

Waterfowlers can choose from jump-shooting wood ducks in a remote beaver bog, shooting puddle ducks over decoys, gunning divers on the big bays and lakes; and last but not least, braving Maine's rocky coastline for sea ducks.



MERRYMEETING BAY

Central Maine is home to historic Merrymeeting Bay. With thousands of acres of open water and brackish tidal marshes, this estuarine confluence of 7 rivers is an important migratory stopover along the Atlantic Flyway, teeming with waterfowl in the fall. The Bay is second only to Chesapeake Bay for annual concentrations of waterfowl on the Eastern Seaboard.

Hunters are advised to check on specific regulations for hunting on the Bay.



PUBLIC LAND

The Department oversees over 100,000 acres of state lands in Wildlife Management Areas, many of which contain prime waterfowl habitat.

Maine contains Moosehorn, Rachel Carson and Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuges, parts of which are open to waterfowl hunting. Permits are required in some cases, and hunters are advised to check with Refuge staff for special regulations.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Early Goose Season

Maine has a special early season for resident Canada geese. Warm temperatures and liberal bag limits make this a great way to kick off the season

Local birds often concentrate in the agricultural fields of Northern Maine's Aroostook County, making it a prime destination for early season goose hunters.

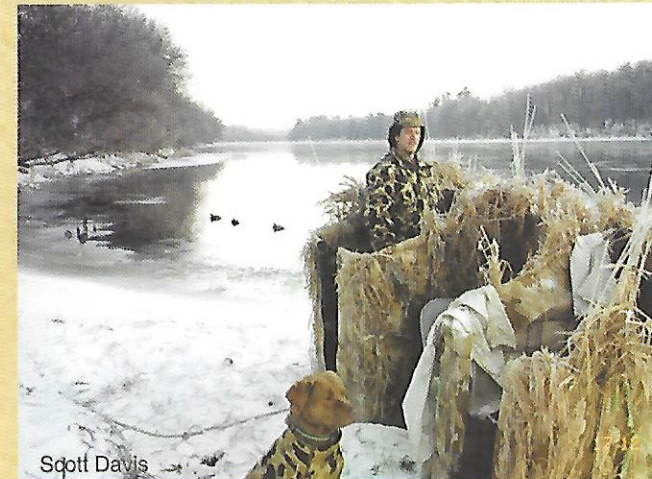


SEA DUCKS

Maine is a destination for many hunters looking to experience the excitement of hunting scoters, eiders and long-tails along the shore of Maine's rugged and extensive coastline, during a season that spans four months.

Maine's coastal islands are a breeding ground for big eider ducks, so they are present throughout the fall. Their numbers grow as birds from the Canadian Maritimes migrate down to winter along our coast. Black scoters arrive early, followed soon after by white-winged and surf scoters, many of which remain throughout the long sea duck season. Last to arrive are the long tailed ducks, whose numbers may grow to the thousands by December and January.

This is not a sport for the faint of heart. Prospective sea duck hunters should be well prepared for harsh winter conditions along Maine's coast. However, as the weather grows colder, the action heats up!



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.maine-guides.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.



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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. Migratory bird hunting regs are usually available in late August. State and federal duck stamps are required.

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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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