

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp Fall

BEAR HUNTS

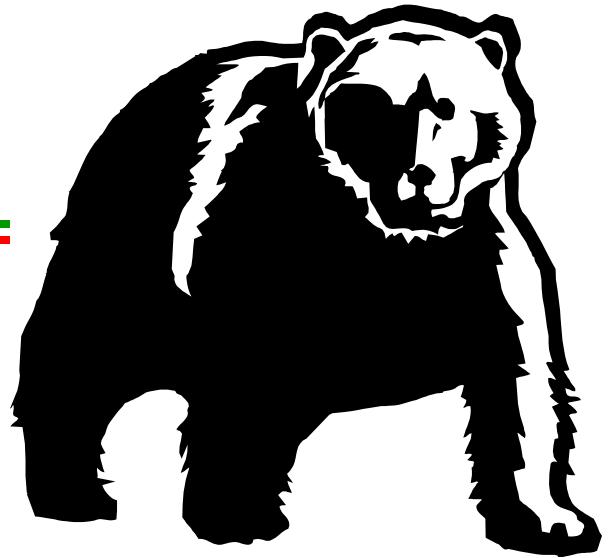
Hunt over baits from Tree Stands and Ground Blinds

FISH – HUNT COMBO PACKAGE

Housekeeping Cabins and
American Plan available

Fantastic Fishing

Over 20+ lakes for Smallmouth, Largemouth, Brook Trout,
Northern Pike, Walleye, Whitefish, Lake Trout and Perch.



Bear Lake Wilderness Camp

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Fall Bear Hunt

(2004) \$ 1295

Package is a 7 Day Semi-Guided
Hunt (Sat – Fri). Package includes
all Baits, Cabin, Boat, Motor,
Fishing include, and all the Gas you
need. *U.S. FUNDS (Sales Tax Extra)*

Bear Hunting 2004

Aug 14 - Aug 21. Opening week of Archery Only. (Bow & Crossbow)

Aug 21 - Aug 28. Second week of Archery Only. (Bow & Crossbow)

Aug 28 - Sep 04. Opening week of Firearms. Gun/ Archery/ Black Powder

Sep 04 - Sep 11. Second week of Firearms. Gun/ Archery/ Black Powder

Sep 11 - Sep 18. Third week of Firearms. Gun/ Archery/ Black Powder

Sep 18 - Sep 25. Last week Bear Hunting. Gun/ Archery/ Black Powder

**ARCHERY
ONLY
WEEKS**

**GUN
ARCHERY
OR
BLACK
POWDER**

2004 Cast & Blast SPECIAL (9/18 - 10/09)

\$500 pp (Save \$150 !!)



**Combine Fishing with hunting
for Ducks, Geese, and Grouse.**

Bear Season In Review

What a season! Despite a bumper crop of berries almost everyone saw multiple bears and every bear that was shot was retrieved from the bush. 16 hunters that took home Bear. Our 62% kill rate **does not** count any passed up bears, missed shots, or multiple bear sightings. We hear a lot of outfitters boast 90% & up. Their inflated numbers generally include a lot of explaining with counting missed shots and passed up bears. **Our numbers are just substantiated facts.**

2003 Bear Hunting Recap

We are very pleased with this year's Bear Hunt.

We had 26 hunters that bagged 16 bears.

Ontario's Average (MNR) is 1 out of 4. We salute:

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| Eric Thorn | Andrews, IN | Bow |
| Matt McKinnon | Commerce, MI | Bow |
| Mike Foran | Sunman, IN | Bow |
| Joe Scane | Chesterfield Twp, MI | Bow |
| Gary Hawkins | Franklin, TN | Bow |
| Allen Craig | Oldenburg, IN | Bow |
| James Poynter | Somerset, KY | Gun |
| Tim Poynter | Somerset, KY | Gun |
| Shawn Perdue | Reading, OH | Gun |
| Rich Robbins | Reading, OH | Gun |
| Mike Beagle | Hebron, KY | Bow |
| Brian Burgett | Chattaroy, WV | Bow |
| Brian Campbell | Ft. Gay, WV | Bow |
| Gene Campbell | Ft. Gay, WV | Bow |
| Eric Schunk | Aurora, IN | Gun |
| David Bemis | Frankfort, KY | Gun |

SEASON SUMMARY

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| Bears Seen | 67 / 26 = | 258 % Sight Ratio |
| Bears Taken | 16 / 26 = | 62 % Harvest Rate |
| Bow Only | 10 / 15 = | 67 % Harvest Rate |

Our bow hunters did extremely well with carbon arrows and mech. broad heads doing most of the damage.

Added Stands & Baits

This year we added more baits and continued our famous baiting program where we bait each and every day for a month before the season starts. The numbers show that our system really works.

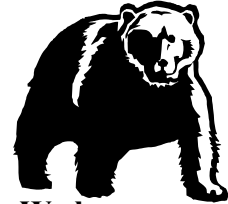
Git-R-Done Crew

A special thanks needs to go out to Steve Bemis & Deniel Brown who made sure that our Bear Season was one of our best. Thanks guys . . .you are the greatest.

Bill Drane

BEAR LAKE WILDERNESS CAMP

Bear Hunts



Our fall hunt opens in mid August with two weeks of Archery. These weeks are followed by four full weeks of Gun Season (weapon of choice). We have eliminated the less productive weeks and hunt only during the prime weeks of the season.

We begin baiting in mid July. The season actually comes in August 15th. We won't start gun hunting, though, until September 1st. That lets the weather cool a little bit more and gives us two more weeks to bait prior to your arrival.

We begin our adventure by picking you up at a dock in Espanola. We will transport you and your party via speedboat out 15+ miles to our island. We will off-load your gear and let you get settled into the cabin. We pick you up on a Saturday and take you out the following Saturday.

Once you get settled and draw your boat, we will then give an orientation. We will take you to your stands. You will be on baited stands Saturday night through Friday night of the following week (weather permitting).

FALL BEAR HUNT

The fall bear hunt is a little different than the spring hunts. The difference is basically because of the bears. In the fall, bears are less territorial and are apt to travel quite a bit. They are more prone to be lured in with bait. Additionally, they are looking for food like berries or something sweet to add weight. The nose on a bear is roughly forty times greater than a whitetail deer.

We use baits that appeal to their cravings, sweet baits with Vanilla, Honey, and Caramel are used. It may sound a bit odd, but it is a proven winner. If you can smell it, imagine how far the scent carries!

OUR LOCATION

Our bear management area nestles up directly to Killarney Provincial Park. We view this park as our own private 40-mile square game preserve. We have been successful at luring many bears directly out the park. Our remoteness and location make for a great combination. Our location is 15 + miles away from the nearest road.

TROPHY OPPORTUNITIES

Black Bears grow big in this wilderness country and many reach 300 - 400 pounds, The average weight of bears taken by Bear Lake Wilderness Camp hunters, over the past 11 years, has been 297 pounds. The largest has been 587 pounds.

2002 & HISTORICAL RESULTS

This past year, we had 26 hunters and 16 took home bears. Almost all hunters saw bears. Black Bears grow big in this wilderness country and many reach 300 - 400 pounds. The Northern Timber Wolf season is also open in the fall, same as Bear, and it can be taken on a small game permit. This could be a real "double dip" as far trophies go. Many of our Bear Hunters see wolves from their Bear Stands.

IN GENERAL

**** Remember, because of the bush density, and the bear being a sturdy, vigorous animal, first shots have to count, as second shots are usually difficult to get.****

That means you need to spend some time at the range. Your gun and/or bow should be sighted in. This will help insure your success.

Remember to take care of your scent. Use a "Hunters Specialty" type soap, let your clothes hang outside, and then pack your clothes in garbage bags with some evergreen needles. Boots with rubber soles are also highly recommended. They leave less scent.

We will give an in-depth orientation on how the hunt works, movement patterns of bears in the wild, knowledge of bears, and judging size. We also have an extensive question and answer session.

We will pair you up with someone in your party. We won't mix groups unless absolutely necessary. Your party will have their own exclusive area in camp and while hunting.

We will take you out to your stands, and make sure you are comfortable with the area that you are in. We will monitor your hunt from a distance. The reason is to avoid getting more human scent in the area.

We have both stands and ground blinds available. Our stands will accommodate both bow and rifle. The heights of our stands are generally 10 -12 feet high. The average shooting distance for bow hunters about 20 to 40 feet.

Most any 30 caliber rifle is sufficient. The 30-06, 7mm, and the 44 magnum have brought great success. A heavy grain bullet is recommended for bear. Your shots will be 60 yards or less. We have found that Low power scopes and open sights work best.

WHAT WE OFFER

What we offer you is a quality hunt over baited stands in the company of friends in an area that holds one of the most concentrated bear populations in North America today.

We work hard at setting up and maintaining good baits. This is probably why we have one of the better success rates. We monitor the bear harvest to ensure your maximum success by limiting the number of hunters both for the week and the season. So book early!

Happy Hunting!

Major Bill Drane

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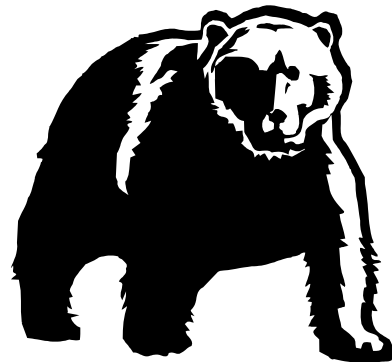
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Fall Bear Hunting

At Bear Lake we offer "Fall" Bear Hunting. While, Ontario has cancelled their Spring Bear Hunts, this has provided for more opportunities (with more bears!) for Fall Hunters.

Ontario hunters used to take approximately 15,000 bears during each Spring Bear Hunt. It has been two years since Ontario's last Spring Bear Hunt. That equates to approximately 30,000 additional Bears roaming the woods.

Advantages of Fall Bear Hunting

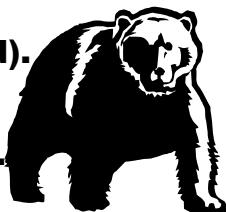
- **No mosquitoes or black flies.** There is no need to wrap yourself up with mosquito netting and duct tape.
- **Bigger and better Bear.** Bear are 30% larger in the fall and the quality of their meat is much better.
- **Better hides.** A spring bear has been laying on its fur all winter. There are bald spots and the fur is thinner. In fall, the bear's fur is full and has a neat black luster to it.
- **The weather is great** and there is the opportunity to take a timber wolf also.
- **You can break up your day.** Fish in the morning and hunt afternoon till dark.

In order to hunt in Ontario, you must bring a copy of an expired or new US Hunting License. This is needed to receive a Bear Hunting License.

Many of our Hunters get the opportunity to take a wolf as well. Wolf sightings from Bear Stands are not unusual. All that is needed to take a wolf is an Ontario small game license.

Getting a Bear

- We will track it (as needed).**
- Field Dress it.**
- Transport it back to camp.**
- Skin the bear**
- Prep the bear for transport**
- Freeze your fur & meat**



CANADIAN GUN LAWS

Canada has enacted strict laws with respect to the importing, exporting, possession, use, storage, display and transportation of firearms. Since these are federal laws, they apply across the country.

You **must** fill out a **Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form**; the form will be your temporary firearms license while you are in Canada.

At Bear Lake we make sure that your trip through customs is a breeze. We mail you a complete prep packet that has all the forms that you need for customs. You will also get maps of the area, packing lists, and a primer on how to hunt black bear.

WHAT TO EXPECT TAGS / LICENSES ETC

Gun Registration Fee. Collected at the border by Canadian Customs. Bows are exempt from this fee.

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| | \$50 CAD | \$36 USD |
| <u>Bear License</u> | \$165 CAD | \$118 USD |
| <u>Small Game</u> | \$ 78 CAD | \$56 USD |
| <u>Fishing</u> | \$ 23 CAD | \$17 USD |
| <u>Export Tag</u> | \$ 35 CAD | \$25 USD |

Note – Children under 18 will not be allowed to bring in a gun or obtain a hunting license.

Note – **Hand Guns are illegal in Canada.** Do not bring them. This is a serious offense.

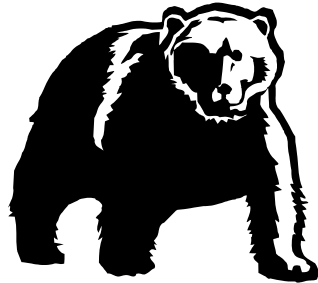
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|---------------|----|-------|-------|
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| Bloomington | IL | 725 | 11.50 |
| Charleston | WV | 733 | 12.22 |
| Chicago | IL | 624 | 10.40 |
| Cincinnati | OH | 782 | 13.03 |
| Cleveland | OH | 570 | 9.50 |
| Columbus | OH | 706 | 11.77 |
| Detroit | MI | 373 | 6.22 |
| Fort Wayne | IN | 555 | 9.25 |
| Grand Rapids | MI | 444 | 7.40 |
| Green Bay | WI | 430 | 7.17 |
| Indianapolis | IN | 684 | 11.40 |
| Lansing | MI | 425 | 7.08 |
| Lexington | KY | 812 | 13.53 |
| Louisville | KY | 790 | 13.17 |
| Madison | WI | 577 | 9.62 |
| Milwaukee | WI | 554 | 9.23 |
| Nashville | TN | 965 | 16.08 |
| Pittsburgh | PA | 588 | 9.80 |
| St. Louis | MO | 890 | 13.37 |
| Traverse City | MI | 305 | 5.08 |

2004 Rate Schedule

Payable in US Funds

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Fishing Package \$650per adult

One full week. Includes Water Taxi – In / Out, a comfortable private, lake front cottage with a fully equipped kitchen. Each two paying customers gets a 16 – foot Lund powered by a 4 stroke outboard. We pay for all the gas and provide nets, paddles, and maps & use of all the 25 lakes & portage boats. Meals can be provided with prior notice & additional fee.

Bear Hunting Package \$1295 per adult

This **7 Day Semi-Guided Fall Bear Hunt** includes everything in our popular fishing package listed above plus pre-baited active stands. We provide an orientation, boat, motor, and gas. We will help you track, skin, and prepare your bear for transport home. Fishing is included free of charge. We limit the number of hunters by week and season! Meals can be provided with prior notice & additional fee.

Moose Hunting Package Oct 16-23

This **7 – 10 Day Fully-Coordinated Hunt** includes everything in our fishing package plus secluded active stands. Package includes 1 adult tag & 4 calf tags. We provide an orientation, boat, motor, and gas. We will help you track, skin, and prepare your moose for transport home. Fishing is included free of charge. This is a party hunt of 1 – 4 hunters.

Special Packages & Discounts

Pike & Walleye Special \$375 per adult (4 adult minimum) May 15th - June 26th. Save \$275 per person off our standard package. Less than 4 adults, add \$ 115 per person.

Cast & Blast Special \$500 per adult. Add Hunting for Duck and Grouse to your Fishing Package for free! Ducks and Grouse come in Season Mid September. Opening Dates have not been published yet.

In Harm's Way Discount

As a military family, we would like to thank all the folks that put their life on the line to protect, defend and keep us safe. So all **Military, Law Enforcement, and Firefighters** receive a 10% Discount with an ID. Thank you for keeping us safe.

Organizer's Rebate

We understand that organizing a trip like this can be a major ordeal. So, bring 5 other paying guests we will make your free, or prorate the group's 6 fish for the price of 5). Not usable with a another special!



What's not included

- Federal & Sales Tax
- Govt. Tax Rebate
- Licenses & Guides
- Parking \$ 35 / week
- Live Bait