

Saturday 2/4 Session 1: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

- Intro to Snowmobiling:

Learn the basics of snowmobile travel and soon you'll be riding on our course designed to challenge new riders. The workshop will include proper layering and outerwear for long trips on a snow machine. Our instructors will cover snowmobile safety, emergency preparedness, and basic operation...along with plenty of time to ride on various terrain.

- Snowshoe Hike around Bryant Pond:

Enjoy the crisp beauty of hiking in the winter woods. We will strap on snowshoes and go over some techniques for making your snowshoe hike a successful one! As you hike around Bryant Pond, your guide will add in plenty of ecology tidbits and fun facts to enjoy.

- Learn to Hunt: "Deer Hunting in Maine":

Deer hunting is an exciting way to spend time in the woods while matching your skills with one of Maine's most sought-after big game species. Deer hunting is also a great introduction to the traditions held sacred in Maine and a way to learn about this important species in our ecosystem, while supporting Maine's conservation goals.

In this workshop you will learn:

- *Deer habits and habitats: Food sources and seasonal patterns*
- *Hunting Methods: Firearms, Bow, Crossbow*
- *Deer hunting tactics: scent control, camouflage, wind, equipment*
- *How to set up tree stands, ground blinds and game cameras*
- *Proper Shot placement*
- *Basic game care*
- *Maine hunting laws and regulations*
- *Where to hunt: public and private lands*

This workshop will be a blend of hands-on demonstration and hands on practice, and led by professional staff, Maine Guides, and experienced hunters.

- Winter Survival:

Are you prepared to survive an unexpected night in the wilderness? Lost in a snowstorm after what was to be a short snowshoeing hike or trip in the woods? Learn how to be prepared for the unexpected, including how to dress, make shelter, build fire, signal for help, and more.

Saturday 2/4 Session 2: 2:15PM - 5:15PM

- Introduction to Ice Fishing:

Maine has some amazing opportunities to get out on the hard water. In this session, participants will learn the importance of ice safety, how to drill holes, set traps and vertical jig artificial baits. We will cover warm and cold water fisheries and tactics to be successful and if all goes to plan, we may even catch a fish! We will introduce you to different types of equipment including electronics, shelters, augers, traps, and baits. Join us for some fun on the ice, but be prepared, it can get cold out there!

- Campfire Cooking with Wild Game:

There's a growing number of folks returning to wild game choices for healthy, sustainable table fare. Plus, wild game is delicious! Explore new ways to prepare wild game meat for your table using recipes that are easy to follow and do at home. You'll leave with recipes and new ideas and a deeper connection to where your food comes from. Game meat may vary depending on what we can obtain.

- Learn to Shoot: Introduction to Rifle Shooting:

Have you recently completed your hunter education or maybe you're interested in recreational target shooting? Or maybe you're simply looking for more information on the various types of firearms, action types, and what they are best used for. This workshop will fully prepare you with a focus on safe gun handling, types of rifles and their uses, and how to shoot accurately. In this workshop we'll cover:

- Safe ways to handle various firearms*
- Types of common firearms*
- Action types of rifles*
- Differences between bullet calibers*
- Choosing the right firearm for hunting or target shooting*
- How to store and secure your firearms.*

This workshop will be a blend of hands-on demonstration, practice, and live fire exercises led by professional staff and range safety officers. You will soon be prepared for the upcoming season whether it's hunting, or a day at the range. This is great for the new hunter or shooter, and an excellent refresher for experienced folks.

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Sunday 2/5 Session 3: 9:15AM - 12:15PM

- **Learn to Hunt - Turkey Hunting:**

Whether you are new to hunting, or simply looking to expand your hunting activities, Maine is the perfect place to hunt wild turkeys. Maine boasts strong populations of birds nearly statewide and there's plenty of access and opportunities to hunt this wary gamebird. In this workshop we'll cover the habits and habitats of turkeys, equipment that includes decoys, calls, ground blinds, and other gear, and how to dress for success. We'll spend time practicing calling and you will receive a free turkey call to get you started. We'll then move to shotgun patterning and you'll have a chance to shoot various shot sizes and various distances to get a hands on understanding of shot pattern and effective ranges. By the end of this workshop, you'll be ready to hit the wood and fields this spring!

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- **Wildlife Tracking/ Snowshoeing:**

There's nothing better than hitting the powder on snowshoes in the Maine woods in February! But once you've begun your journey, you soon realize that other living creatures have already been there...What crossed my path? Who was here before me? What does that mark in the snow reveal? Learn tracking and wildlife identification along the way, and see some amazing forest features too. Bring the camera, because you may just catch a glimpse of just who left those tracks ahead!

- **Map and Compass:**

GPS use is on the rise, but basic map and compass skills are the key to navigation in the back-country. Learn how to read topographic maps and put a compass to use. Orient a map, set a bearing, and set a course, and soon you'll find out how much fun it is! We'll cover triangulation, declination compensation, and route planning.