

Annual Lyman Lake Ice Fishing Derby

Saturday, January 31, 2026 dawned cold, sunny, with a wind chill in the single digits. This did not daunt the brave souls who came out for our annual Ice-Fishing Derby on Wyman Lake. As always, it was a community event that saw support from the local businesses, and neighboring towns. There were also participants from out of state who have a history of supporting the program over the years.



It was a day that saw some nice fish caught, flags that flew, and bait robbed by wily fish, and of course those who had no flags because it is called fishing not catching. Nevertheless, family fun was the story of the day.

WINNERS:

- #1 Salmon, Stone Ellis, 2.0 lbs.
- #2 Salmon, Ron McClaggan, 1lb 7.7oz.
- #1 Trout/Splake, Nancy Beane, 1lb 9.4oz.
- #2 Trout/Splake, Derek Dube, 1lb 8.1oz.
- #1 Perch Kids Only category, Jordynn Spooner, 4.1oz

PRIZES:

- NY Fishing Trip for 4-Marilynn Smith
- Eskimo 10" Propane Auger-Justin Howes
- Alpha Electric Auger-Dwayne Blake
- Deer Tree Stand-Matt Kennedy
- Pack Basket-Drake Clowry
- Firepit-Tenley Skolfield
- Whitewater raft package-Greg Giberson

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Rifle Sight-In

In past articles, we have mentioned the sighting-in of rifles, the difference between precision and accuracy, rifle barrel twist rates, and cartridge ballistics. This begs the question of why do we sight in our rifles? The simple answer is that we sight in our rifles so that we can hit what we shoot at. The more complete answer is a bit more complicated to achieve the goal of sighting in so that our point of impact (POI) and Point of Aim (POA) are the same across various distances and wind conditions.

Before we get into the mechanics of sighting in a rifle, let us first consider the ammunition we plan to hunt with in our rifle. Obviously, our choice is determined by the game we plan to hunt. Our ultimate goal is to score a clean kill over the distances we are likely to shoot at our quarry. To simplify this article, let us focus on ammunition suitable to harvest the Whitetail Deer. There are many options such as bullet type, bullet grain weight and cartridge selection. Generally, any commercially manufactured cartridge made for Deer for which your rifle is chambered will be suitable. You may have a personal preference as to soft point, ballistic point, hollow point, monolithic core or hard case bullet. Each will have different expansion and penetration characteristics.

The ballistics of the chosen cartridge are an important factor in your choice of cartridge. Often the ballistics data can be found on the box the ammunition comes in or on the factory website. It will tell what the elevation of the bullet's trajectory is at the muzzle, at 100 yards, at 200 yards, etc. For example, I use a Reming-

ton Core-Lokt 150 grain 30-06 Springfield cartridge for Deer hunting. The factory ballistics for the cartridge follow:

Velocity in feet per second (FPS)

Muzzle	100 Y	200 Y	300 Y	400 Y	500 Y
2910	2617	2341	2083	1842	1622

Energy in Foot Pounds

Muzzle	100 Y	200 Y	300 Y	400 Y	500 Y
2820	2280	1826	1446	1130	876

Wind Drift in Inches (at 10 MPH Crosswind)

Muzzle	100 Y	200 Y	300 Y	400 Y	500 Y
-0.0	1.0	4.2	10.0	18.7	31.3

Average Range

Height of bullet trajectory in inches above or below line of sight if zeroed at 100 yards. Sights 1.5 inches above bore line.

50 Y	100 Y	200 Y	300 Y
-0.2	0.0	-3.6	-13.6

Long Range

Height of bullet trajectory in inches above or below line of sight when zeroed at range indicated.

50 Y	100 Y	200 Y	300 Y	400 Y	500 Y
0.7	1.8	0.0	-8.2	-24.3	-51.2

Rifle Sight-In (Continued)

While the factory provided ballistics are useful, it is important that the length of barrel and twist rate of your rifle can change the figures. Twenty-four-inch barrels are generally used for rifle ballistics testing. A shorter barrel will produce less velocity at the muzzle, less energy and more drop and drift over range.

Typically, shots taken at Deer in Maine will be within the average range specification with a shot seldom exceeding 200 yards. For this caliber and range choice, the sight-in distance would be 100 yards. At 50 yards the POI would be -0.2 Inch, dead on at 100 yards and -3.6 inches at 200 yards.

Now let us look at the process of sighting-in a rifle. For this article, we assume the rifle is scoped instead of using iron sights. The scope should be mounted such that the scope cross hairs are parallel and perpendicular to the axis of the bore of the barrel. If the scope is canted at all it can induce an error. The scope mounts should be properly torqued. As a general rule rings on the scope tube are torqued at 18-inch pounds and the scope mount screws to the rifle are torqued to 28-inch pounds unless otherwise specified by the scope/mount manufacturer. An improperly torqued scope can shift with recoil.

Eye relief, the distance from your eye to the rear scope objective, should be set so that your view of the scope field is complete with no edge cropping apparent when you mount your rifle to your shoulder.

If sighting-in at a known distance range, you can skip the following procedure. Otherwise, depending on your choice of

sight in distance e.g. 100 or 200 yards, you should place your target at a measured distance using a tape measure. Do not pace out the distance as this can result in incorrect distance. Your shooting bench should be set so that the end of the rifle barrel will be over the measured starting distance. At this point, your goal is to minimize human error in stabilizing your rifle when making shots. Your shooting bench or table should be stable.



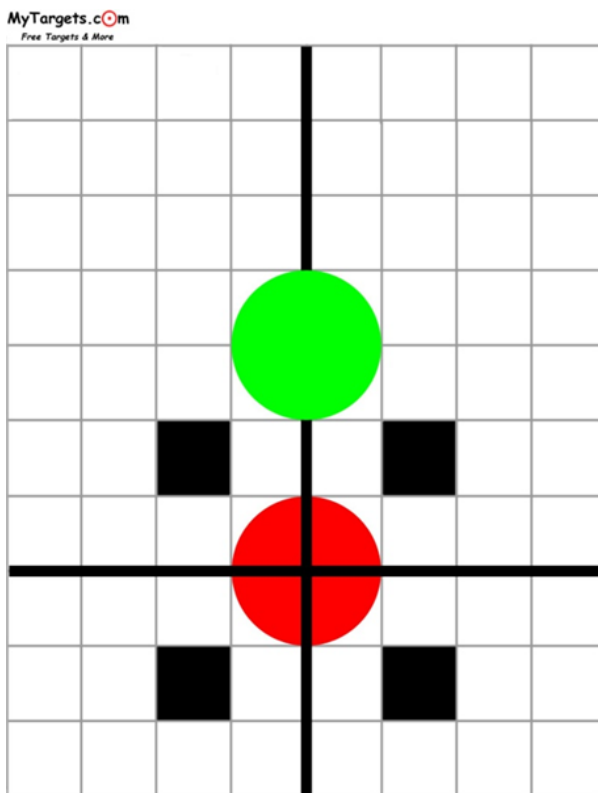
I use a Caldwell Lead Sled Rifle rest to stabilize the rifle, though some people use sandbags as a rest to steady their rifle. It allows me to ensure the rifle is on a perpendicular axis, lets me adjust the cross-hairs both for elevation and horizontal alignment.



Caldwell Lead Sled

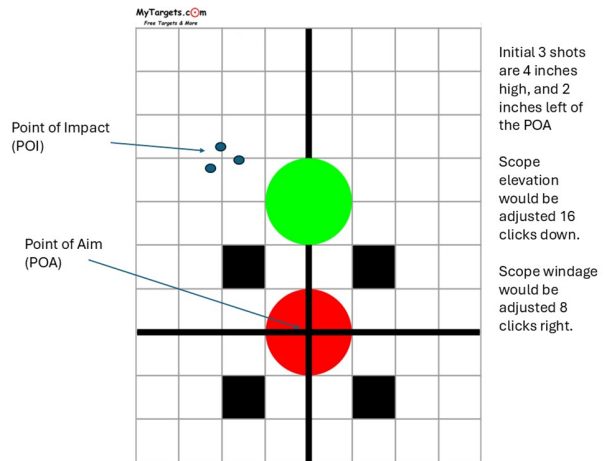
Rifle Sight-In (Continued)

I print my own targets that have 1 inch grid squares that are available online for free from MyTargets.com. I use their **100 YARD BIG-GAME SIGHT-IN TARGET WITH ALIGNMENT AID**. This variation of the 100 Yard Big-Game Sight-In target features black square corners to aid in visual alignment of the crosshairs. This may be helpful when using low-powered scopes or scopes with very heavy Crosshairs.

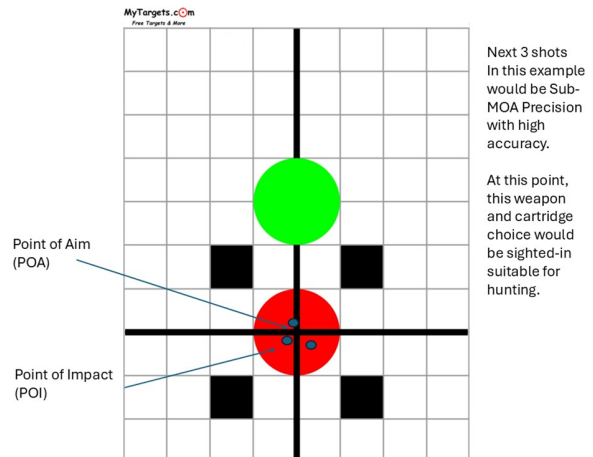


I staple targets to a sheet of plywood in a grid pattern of three targets across and three targets down and have the shooter shoot one shot at one of the middle targets to see where the shot lands on paper. If on any of the targets, I have them take two more shots. Using the center of the three-shot group, I count the number of squares up/down and right/left of the POA. Then I adjust the scope turrets the

number of click up or down for elevation and right or left for the horizontal position. Generally, 4 clicks will move the Point of Impact one inch unless the scope indicates a different adjustment. So let us examine a hypothetical case where the picture below shows the result of the first three shots at 100 yards.



The three shots display high precision as the distance between the center of the holes is slightly less than an inch. Adjusting the elevation and windage settings on the scope moves the scope crosshairs so that the POI and POA align.



Obviously, if the initial adjustments do not quite put the POI where you want it, you just repeat the process until the scope is sighted in. On another note, if you

Rifle Sight-In (Continued)

wanted the rifle sighted-in for 200 yards and only have 100 yards to your target, you consult the ballistics table for the drop at 200 yards when sighted-in at 100 yards. While aiming at the center of the red circle, adjust the point of impact up by the drop in the table for 200 yards when sighted-in at 100 yards. So, for the bullet chosen in this case we would adjust the POI to be 3.6 inches high above the POA. We would then be dead on at 200 yards, 3.6 inches high at 100 yards.

Finally, each cartridge will have its own ballistics. You should sight-in your rifle for the ammunition you will hunt with. If you change the ammunition, you need to re-sight-in your rifle for the different ammunition.

Sight-In Useful Tools



We already mentioned a shooting bench and Caldwell Lead Sled. An Inch Pound Torque Wrench set allows for proper torque mounting of

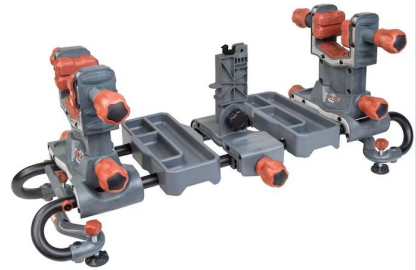
scopes.

A Rifle Scope Reticule Leveling Tool Set allows you to ensure your scope cross hairs are properly aligned on its horizontal and perpendicular axis to the rifle bore.



Scope Mounting

I start with a Tipton Gun Vise to hold my rifle so that the axis of the bore of the barrel is aligned horizontal and perpendicular.



I accomplish this using the Rifle Scope Reticule Leveling Tool. I then attach the lower scope mounts to the rail or to the receiver depending on the rifle's configuration using the torque wrench to 28 inch pounds. I place the scope adjusting for eye relief. Then I add the upper scope rings and lightly tighten the screws. I ensure the scope axis is parallel to the bore axis using the small level. Finally, I cross tighten the screws with the torque wrench to 18 inch pounds. Voila, done!

Upcoming Turkey Hunt

Maine's 2026 Spring Wild Turkey Hunting season runs from Monday May 4 to Saturday June 6, 2026. A week or two before season start, I put several blinds out in field edges on farms that provide access for Turkey hunting. Additionally, I have several favored spots that provide sufficient cover that no blind is needed.



The advantage of hunting from a blind is that they offer protection from the weather and allow you more ability to move without being detected. Sitting in a wood edge even with good cover, requires greater subtlety when moving so as not to be busted by your quarry.

I take out Veterans or First Responders on Turkey hunts and enjoy showing them how to hunt Turkeys. A typical hunt will be scheduled for three days. The first day is the day of arrival of the hunter, generally in the mid afternoon. We do a gear check to ensure the hunter has camouflage clothing, their hunting license with a Turkey permit, a shotgun and appropri-

ate ammunition. We conduct a shotgun patterning at 25 and 40 yards. This allows us to see how well the shotgun patterns and if there are any limits on the range to shoot at Turkeys. For example, one of the hunters that I took out last year came with a 20 gage shotgun and Turkey shotshells. Patterning revealed that he could effectively score a kill shot at 25 yards, but at 40 yards the pattern did not put the requisite number of shot into the head and neck area.

What can one expect if one were to go hunting Turkeys with me on the first day of the season? Legal hunting hours on May 4, 2026 start at 4:50 AM and end at 8:15 PM. I would plan to be on site no later than 4:20 AM. Allowing for travel time, wake up would be sometime between 3:00 to 3:30 AM and departure no later than 3:50 AM.

On arrival, I place a decoy set out 25 yards in front of the blind or wood line cover location. The decoy set will consist of a Jake and Hen or two decoys. I also



Upcoming Turkey Hunt (Continued)

place the speaker for my electronic call near the decoy set. I also have a manual box call and a slate call available. Then we take our hunting positions in the blind or in the woods. We sit quietly as darkness gives way to dawn and the decoys become visible. At the start of legal hunting time, I do a Fly Down Call series. This puts any gobblers in the area on notice that a hen is in the area. Often, that call will elicit gobbles in response if there are any Jakes or Toms in the area. Jakes are immature bearded turkeys and Toms are mature bearded Turkeys. The Maine bag limit for spring Turkeys is two bearded Turkeys for the season.

Generally, I wait 15 to 20 minutes before making new calls. The calls I use will depend on what response results from the original call. If we got gobbles in response, the Turkey gobbling has the location of where our call originated. That bird may not have come down from its roost or be moving toward us. Calling too frequently may scare the bird off from



coming in.

We watch and listen for birds coming in to our decoys. For most of the Veterans I take hunting Turkeys, it is their first experience hunting Turkeys. They have been unanimous in relating their awe on hearing their first gobble and sighting their first Turkey in full strut. It is an experience like no other.



A Tom Turkey In Full Strut, An Experience like No Other

No two hunts are ever the same. Sometimes the birds come in quick, other times that chat but do not come into the decoys, and then there are days when there are just no birds. I have spent almost two hours coaxing a Tom to come in and at other times have them come in within minutes of my first call.

Be on the lookout for the announcement of the Turkey Hunt. The number of slots available will depend on the number of volunteer Turkey Hunters who are willing to take Veterans or First responders on a Turkey Hunt. If you are a Turkey Hunter and would like to share a hunt for the program, contact us so we can make arrangements and schedule dates.

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Coyote Night Hunt

Night hunting season for Coyotes is set from December 16, 2025 to August 31,



2026. This season's Coyote Night Hunt season started slow with few coyotes coming to the baits. The first Coyote was taken by Jaydan, who sat a mere hour on a bait on the ridge across from the Lodge.

Contrast that to our Outreach Coordinator spending 9 hours hunting without a Coyote being spied for his first hunting forays. It just goes to show that you need to be in the right place at right time when hunting. Those who opine that hunting over bait is a fait accompli do not understand that it just is not that easy.

Kudos to Bob and Wyatt Howe for placing the shooting shacks and baits. Once the baits are set, they monitor activity at the baits and replenish them as necessary. The goal is to effect predator control by harvesting as many Coyotes as possible. If no Coyotes are taken, then Bob states that all we are doing is feeding them.



Reducing the Coyotes in any given area has significant impact on deer survival. To learn more about Coyote predation, check out our **Maine Knows Howe** January

2026 podcast on YouTube. Gerry Lavigne, a retired Maine Wildlife Biologist is the guest speaker on that podcast and does a great job of providing facts about Coyote predation and deer survivability.

On February 27, 2026, our program Outreach Coordinator harvested his first Coyote of the 2026 season. At about 7:30 PM, a nice Coyote came to the bait and provided him with a perfect broadside shot at about 100 yards. He placed the crosshairs behind the shoulder and squeezed the trigger. CLICK! He immediately pulled back the charging handle on the AR 10 and let it go to battery. The Coyote was still there and he again placed the crosshair behind the Coyote's shoulder and squeezed the trigger. CLICK! He pulled the charging handle back and slammed the magazine into battery and finally chambered a round. Alas, the Coyote was gone. As Bob Howe says, Hunting lessons come at a cost." Lesson learned, make sure your magazine is fully seated.

Although frustrated by this mistake, he decided to hunt awhile longer hoping perhaps another Coyote might show. He had planned to hunt until 9:00 PM. At 8:50 PM another Coyote provided an opportunity.



Lesson Learned!!

Coyote Night Hunt (Continued)

To dispel the notion that hunting Coyotes over bait is a fait accompli, by the start of March 2026, only five Coyotes had been harvested and four missed shot opportunities had occurred. Some of this may be due to some of the participants being first time Coyote Night Hunters. There is a steep learning curve associated with Coyote hunting. Additionally, one can sit over



**Bob Howe Retrieving
a Coyote**

a bait for hours and for whatever reason, Coyotes do not come into the bait while the hunter waits. It takes spending the time hunting them and then some good old fashion luck to make the most of the opportunity when a Coyote appears. Murphy is out there, and sometimes he favors the Coyote. But even those missed opportunities where a Coyote is seen, is a spe-

cial event and an incredible memory made possible by the program.



**Wyatt Howe With Two
Coyotes Harvested
By Dennis**

Dennis, one of our hunters harvested two Coyotes, one each on successive nights from the Pond Shack bait site.

Check out our January 2026 **Maine Knows Howe** Podcast on YouTube — The Biology Behind Coyotes & Deer With Gerry Lavigne to learn more how Coyote hunting reduces Whitetail Deer predation. It is estimated that for every Coyote taken, seven Deer survive. Thus our Coyote night hunts improve our Deer hunts.

Snowshoe Hare Hunt

Pine Grove Programs' Beagles live for the Snowshoe Hare Hunt. Bob and Wyatt Howe spend many hours exercising and conditioning the dogs so they can hunt through the Winter's snow and ice.



This year, like last, we staggered many Veterans throughout the hunts with the Pine Grove Lodge Hunts.



Snow conditions this year were good due to the below seasonal temperature norms that kept the snow light and fluffy. Few days went above freezing and many overnights saw below zero temperatures.



The mornings started with a hearty breakfast followed by a day spent in the woods.

Lunch was typically an outdoor affair where hot dogs and sausages never tasted so good. There is something about being outdoors that helps the appetite.



There is nothing like the howls of Beagles as they race through the woods chasing their quarry, the Snowshoe Hare. It certainly gets one's adrenaline going. The opportunities for a shot come quickly, with no time for hesitation as



the Hares appear and are just as quickly gone, Beagles in hot pursuit.

What Is MOA?

When discussing the accuracy of a hunting rifle, one often hears the question of whether the rifle shoots sub-MOA. Minute of Angle (MOA) is a measure of dispersion of bullets shot from a rifle. Each bullet as it leaves the bore of the rifle barrel will vary its path slightly up down right or left from the central axis of the bore. A rifle that shoots sub-MOA will put all shots in an area that is 1.0474 inch or less at 100 yards measured from the center to center of the bullet holes of those rounds furthest apart. At 200 yards MOA would be 2 x 1.0474 inch spread, 3 x 1.0474 at 300 yards, etc.

MOA TABLE	
Yards	Inches
100	1.0474
200	2.0948
300	3.1422
400	4.1896

Those of us who like high precision in our shooting want rifles that shoot sub-MOA groups. But, is that precision necessary for a hunting rifle? The simple answer is NO. Consider that a rifle that shoots 2 inch MOA groups would place shots in an area just over 4 inches at 200 yards. Given that a typical shot taken at a Whitetail deer in Maine would be under 200 yards, a 2 inch MOA rifle would be capable of hitting the vital kill area on a Deer at that distance.

Realistically, the variables introduced by the shooter not holding the rifle steady,

trigger squeeze, and wind can affect a shot more than the inherent capability of the rifle's MOA. Obviously, a sub-MOA rifle increases the precision possible and is thus desirable, though not necessary.

Shooting technique of the shooter is perhaps more important in making a clean kill shot.



The illustration above shows a two shot group taken at 100 yards. The spread between centers of the two rounds is 0.5250 inch or just slightly above 1/2 MOA. This target was shot with a Hornady Superformance .243 Winchester 75 grain Varmint cartridge to confirm that the scope sight-in was good after off season storage. The rifle was my Henry Long Ranger that I use for Coyote Night Hunting.

Confirming my scope is properly sighted in and knowing that my rifle is capable of sub-MOA groups boosts my confidence when hunting. I know what the rifle and cartridge combination can do, so it is up to me to make the shot.

RAFFLE—Ride Along With Lanny Benoit
2 Day Event, 2026 Dates To Be Determined

Winner To Be Drawn at Huntstock, August 9th, 2026

Spend 2 days with a Master Buck Tracker, watching and learning all his techniques. This is not a guided hunting trip. It is strictly a chance to spend 2 days with Lanny while he is hunting.

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Bob Howe



Lanny Benoit

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If you take the time to observe, you will find many stunning visual opportunities that you may never have seen before because you were not focused on your surroundings. During our Photography Safaris, you will experience a heightened



Bobcat & Kingfisher



awareness and may get some stunning photos. You may not capture a wild animal or bird, but a wildflower, a Bee, a Dragon Fly, a leaf, or unusual tree may capture your imagination. The secret is to look, see, and take lots of photos. You may just capture something special.



White Throated Sparrow
Crocus



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January 2024 —John Olivera, Navy Veteran
February 2024 - Paul Violette, Outreach Coordinator
March 2024 —Gerry Lavigne, Wildlife Biologist
April 2024 —David Trahan, Executive Director SAM
May 2024 —Joe "Salty" Saltalamachia, Turkey Hunter
June 2024 —No Podcast
July 2024 — Mike Dugas, First Sportsman's Challenge
August 2024 —Lanny Benoit, Master Deer Tracker
September 2024 — V. Paul Reynolds, Editor *Northwoods Sorting Journal*
October 2024 —Seth Edwards, Coyote Hunter
November 2024 —Dennis Bolduc, Serious Angler
November 2024 (Short) —Tim Bolduc, Muzzleloaders
December 2024 —Tenley Scholfield, Master Maine Guide
December 2024 (Short) —Ed Musserol , Fly Tying Expert
January 2025—Al Swett, Maine Snowmobile Association
January 2025 (Short)— Lanny Benoit, Master Deer Tracker
February 2025 —Randy Flannery, Wilderness Escape Outfitters
March 2025—There was no podcast produced for March 2025 due to illness in the media production team.
April 2025—Andrea Howe and Edna Liskowacki, two Ladies behind the scenes.
May 2025— Patrick Guyette of Huntstock
June 2025— Rick Labbe Cat Hunter
July 2025— Sportsman's Challenge Panel Stories
August 2025— Swapping Stories With Randy Flannery I
September 2025 -Swapping Stories With Randy Flannery II
October 2025—Hal Blood Master Maine Guide, outfitter, author, and founder of the Big Woods Bucks hunting brand.
November 2025—Matthew Landis A Veteran Story Of Hope & Healing
December 2025—Caroll Ware World Fly Fishing Records

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January 2026—The Biology Behind Coyotes & Deer With Gerry Lavigne

February 2026—Pajamas, Pigs, Snowshoes and A Maine Guide

March 2026—Moosehead Majestic Monsters—Trophy Brookies

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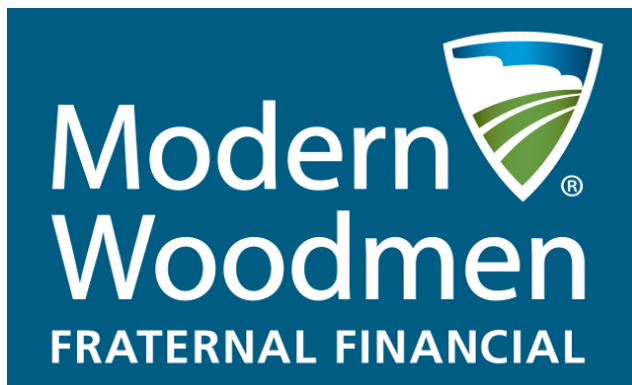
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Upcoming Fishing Opportunities

Spring brings great fishing opportunities that the program offers to Veterans and First Responders. We offer trolling fishing on Wyman Lake while the water is still cold.



The Fly Fishing School to be held in early June is a great way for participants to try out fly fishing.

We offer Kayak fishing trips to include a

kayak float trip down the Kennebec River that takes about four hours from Oakland to Sydney. Generally the catch is Smallmouth Bass, but an occasional Shad or Striped Bass may be caught.

We also offer lake Kayak fishing where Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Pickrel, Yellow/White Perch are the normal catches.



Fishing methods include Spin Casting, Bait Casting, Fly Fishing and Trolling for fish.

There is always something to see!



AD HOC EVENTS

Not Registered?

If you are not registered with the program, you can go online to our website and register at:

www.pinegroveprograms.org/become-a-member/

Once registered, you will receive all notifications. You must have a valid E-mail.

If you are a member of a Veterans' Organization such as the VFW, or a Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization, Firehouse, etc. we can work with you to design a custom event for your membership. It can be a single day event such as a Kayak fishing trip, White Water Rafting trip, a Wildlife Safari, or a multi-day retreat/team building event with multiple activities planned. Contact us early so we can plan the event with you.

Be aware that we not only provide outdoors adventures to Veterans and First Responders, but include their family members as well. Contact us and explore the possibility of a custom experience for a single family event that will allow you to reconnect with family in the majesty of our Maine wilderness.

Upcoming 2026 Schedule of Events

Tin Boat Derby* — April, 2026

Wild Turkey Hunts—May 2026

Lake Trolling Wyman Lake May 12, 2026

Fly Fishing School * - June, 2026

Wildlife Safaris —Various TBD

Kayak Fishing - Various TBD

Allagash Wilderness Canoe Trip — June 15-21, 2026

3rd Annual Sportsman's Challenge *

Lobster Bake on the Lake* — July 18, 2026

Annual Golf Tournament * **—August, 2026

* Dates To Be Determined (TBD)

** Fund Raising Event

Note: This list is not all inclusive as events may be deleted or added and tailored to specific individual or group needs that develop during the year.



Kayak Fishing

Veteran of the Year Nominations

Each year Pine Grove Programs gives an award for Veteran of the Year. If you have a Veteran you want to nominate, please contact Andrea Howe.

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OUTREACH COORDINATOR NOTES

While looking forward to Ice Out and anticipating our upcoming Wild Turkey Hunt, I look forward to meeting new Veterans and First Responders who will be participating for the first time in our upcoming events. Each comes with their unique history and captivating stories. Often, they have commonality with other Veterans in the event, be it serving in the same places, sometimes with the same people. I am amazed of the dynamic every time a group of Veterans get together. Within minutes they establish that commonality that exists between those of us who have served in our armed forces. In some cases lifelong friendships are forged.

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