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Submit Your Pics!

Got a cool photo from a recent hunting trip in Grafton? Send it to hunting@graftonland.org and we'll publish it in the "Photo of the month" section of *Hunting News*.



We are a member supported organization that relies on you - *hunters* - as well as hikers, equestrians and other recreational users to manage our lands. Please [become a member](#) today!

Dear Hunter,

RE: Turkeys and Trout

As spring breathes life back into Grafton's landscape, anticipation builds for opening day of the spring wild turkey season on April 29th. All GLT hunting permit holders are reminded that 2012-2013 permits issued on or after July 1, 2012 are valid until June 30, 2013. We will begin issuing 2013-2014 hunting season permits on July 1, 2013. As with all hunting seasons, we ask that you keep safety foremost in your mind!

Spring trout stocking has also begun and early reports of hefty rainbow trout being caught in local waters should prompt many anglers to dust off their fishing gear and make a beeline for the shores of local ponds and streams.

If you'd like your hunting or fishing photos to appear in a future issue of *Hunting News*, email them to hunting@graftonland.org.

See you in the field,

Troy M. Gipps
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UPDATE: New Wild Turkey hunting regulations

MassWildlife has announced the following new hunting regulations affecting spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons.



1. [Online game check](#) is now available for the spring wild turkey season.
2. Permissible shot sizes for wild turkey hunting have been expanded to include # 7 shot. Formerly, shot sizes were limited to #4 - #6 shot for wild turkey hunting.
3. The statewide fall wild turkey season has been lengthened from one week to a two-week season. The 2013 fall hunting season dates are now October 21 - November 2, 2013.
4. New fall wild turkey seasons will be open in Zones 10, 11 and 12.

All hunters are encouraged to review MassWildlife's [Turkey Hunting Information](#) page prior to their hunt. Please pay special attention to the [Turkey Hunting Safety Tips](#) section.

New trail markers highlight GLT-MassWildlife conservation partnership

If you are out hiking or hunting at Potter Hill Meadows, G. Knowlton Preserve or the Rita Martin Preserve be on the lookout for our new bright yellow diamond-shaped trailhead signs!



These three properties were purchased, in part, with funding from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife). The new MassWildlife signs, which hang alongside GLT trailhead signs, identify these properties as conservation easements where public access is permitted.

Hunters **do not** need a GLT hunting permit to hunt on these three GLT properties.

Trout stocking has begun!



Two rainbow trout caught recently at the West River in Uxbridge, MA will make fine table fare. Other local hotspots stocked by MassWildlife include Pratt Pond in Upton and the Quinsigamond River in Grafton. Visit MassWildlife's [Trout Stocking Schedule](#) for a list of stocked waters in Central Massachusetts. The list is updated each week. (Photo by Troy Gipps)

Photo of the month



Jack Parker and his beagle "Trixie" hunted cottontail rabbits in Grafton in mid-January. (Photo by Troy Gipps)

What's in season this month?

- Wild Turkey ... Apr. 29 - May, 25, 2013
- Wild Turkey (Youth Hunt) ... Apr. 27, 2013
- [\(Special restrictions apply\)](#)
- Crow ... Jan. 1 - April 10, 2013
- Snapping Turtle ... Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013



The Grafton Land Trust is a private, member-supported, nonprofit organization that preserves, maintains, and advocates for open space in Grafton, and promotes environmental education and stewardship.

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