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Submit Your Pics!

Got a cool photo from a recent hunting trip in Grafton? Send it to hunting@grafftonland.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: 2013-2014 Hunting Season Permits

The Grafton Land Trust has begun issuing 2013-2014 hunting season permits. Hunters are encouraged to apply using our online form, which can be found on our [Hunting webpage](#). Permits are valid from July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014. Permit holders may pursue all legal game species in accordance with Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service laws and regulations.

Were you successful during the 2012-2013 hunting season? If you harvested game on GLT properties please complete and submit our [Harvest Information Program form](#).

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

See you in the field,

Troy M. Gipps
Vice President & Hunting Program Coordinator
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2013 Frog Season opener just days away!

Opening day jitters have officially set in! With less than a week to go until opening day of the 2013 Massachusetts frog season, central Mass. hunters are prepping gear, scouting their secret frogging locations and getting themselves into the "Caveman" mindset that typifies today's successful frog hunter.



Liberal bag limits (up to 12 bullfrogs or green frogs per day), a two and half month long season, and the ability to hunt frogs just about anyway you see fit, makes this pastime a winner ... couple this with the sheer culinary joy of sitting down to a heaping plate of fried frogs legs and you begin to wonder ... Why it is so easy to find a parking spot on opening day?

Best of all ... there is NO license required to hunt frogs! So grab your favorite frogging implement (gigging pole, fishing rod, etc.) and we'll see you knee-deep in the muck ... *glunk, glunk, jug-o-rum, jug-o-rum!*

Antlerless deer permit deadline reminder

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) reminds deer hunters that the deadline for applying for an antlerless deer permit is July 16, 2013. This permit is required for any deer hunter who wishes to hunt antlerless deer. There is no fee to apply, a \$5 fee is charged if you are selected for a permit during the Instant Award period. DFW reminds applicants that with the MassFishHunt electronic system there is no public permit drawing and the Division will not mail information to deer hunters. If you are not sure you submitted an antlerless deer permit application, you can either check your hunting license in the Item Purchased section where you will see a line item that reads: "Antlerless Deer Permit Application- /Zone xx" if you have already applied OR you can log on to the [MassFishHunt](#) website and check your customer inventory. If you have not yet applied, you can submit your application for an antlerless deer permit either through a computer or at a license vendor.



A Gray Squirrel relaxes in the off-season



Ever wonder what gray squirrels do during the off-season? I hope this guy is enjoying his beer, because gray squirrel season opens in Grafton on September 9th! The daily bag limit is five squirrels. Rifles and handguns are permitted in Zones 1-9 (which includes Grafton) unless you are squirrel hunting on a Wildlife Management Area that is stocked with pheasants during the pheasant season. In that case, only shotguns or bows and arrows are permitted.

Photo of the month



Hunters who are itching to get back into the field should consider foraging for wild edibles, such as blackberries. If find a good patch, return every 7-10 days over the course of the summer and you will likely be rewarded with gallons and gallons of this great tasting fruit. The best way to freeze blackberries is to lay them out in a single layer on a tray in your freezer. Once frozen, you can transfer them to a freezer bag. Using this method keeps berries from freezing together. (Photo by Troy M. Gipps)

What's in season this month?

- Bullfrog and Green Frog ... July 16 - Sept 30, 2013
- Crow ... July 2 - April 10, 2014
- Snapping Turtle ... Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013



Open Season (year-round; except during shotgun season for deer) ... English sparrow, flying squirrel, red squirrel, chipmunk, porcupine, skunk, starling, weasel, woodchuck.

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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