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Dear Hunter,

RE: 2014-2015 Hunting Season Permits

The Grafton Land Trust will begin issuing permits for the 2014-2015 hunting season beginning July 1st. The permits will be valid through June 30, 2015. We have seen a 23.4 percent increase in the number of permits issued over the past three seasons. The publication of our <u>hunting policy</u>, increased marketing and outreach efforts, and the success of our first annual hunting meeting last fall, have contributed to the rise in permit requests.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hunters who either became new members or renewed their memberships with the Grafton Land Trust over the past year. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining us. Annual membership fees start at only \$20 for an individual and \$35 for a family. <u>Becoming a member</u> is a great way to say thank you for the opportunity to hunt on some beautiful property close to home.

See you in the field.

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Hunting Permit Issuance 2011-2014



PHOTO ESSAY: Spring Wild Turkey Hunting





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Submit Your Pics!

Got a cool photo from a recent hunting trip in Grafton? Send it to <u>hunting@graftonland.org</u> 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!





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Waterfowl over Grafton in early spring



This video captures the sights and sounds of waterfowl returning to Grafton, Massachusetts in early spring. Additional wildlife videos can be found on our <u>Vimeo</u> site. (Video by Troy Gipps)

RECIPE: Brined and Slow-cooked Wild Turkey



If you filled a tag during the spring wild turkey hunting season, you might be looking for a recipe. My family has used this recipe twice with excellent results. It is intended for turkeys that have been breasted, not plucked. Bon appetit!

STEP 1: Wild Turkey Brine (for one side of a turkey breast)

- 3 qt Water
- 1/4 c Salt, kosher
- 1/4 c Dark brown sugar
- 1 tsp Garlic powder
- 1 tsp Onion powder
- 1 tsp Cajun spice (Louisiana Cajun Seasoning)
- 1 tsp Celery seed

Place turkey breast in brine and let it soak overnight in the refrigerator.

STEP 2: Slow-cooked Lemon-Herb Wild Turkey Breast

- 2 lbs Boneless wild turkey breast (typically one side of the breast)
- 1/4 c Lemon juice
- 1 tsp Rosemary
- 1 tsp Oregano
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 c Dry white wine
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/2 tsp Black pepper
- 2 Cloves of Garlic

Mix all ingredients but the turkey. Pour the mixture over the turkey breast in a Crock Pot and cook on low 6 to 8 hours, basting the turkey occasionally with the sauce. The turkey is done when the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. <u>Download this recipe</u>.

Photo of the month



This 15" rainbow trout was caught recently at Pratt Pond in Upton, using a gold and silver 1/6-oz Colorado spoon. Visit MassWildlife's <u>Trout Stocking Schedule</u> for weekly updates. Local trout waters include the Quinsigamond River in Grafton, which was last stocked during the week of May 26th. No fishing license is required during the statewide FREE FISHING WEEKEND scheduled for June 7-8th. There is no better time to introduce someone you know to fishing. (Photo by Troy Gipps)

What's in season this month?

Snapping Turtle ... Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2014

Open Season (year-round, except during shotgun season for deer; no daily or seasonal bag limit): English sparrow, flying squirrel, red squirrel, chipmunk, porcupine, skunk, starling, weasel, and woodchuck.





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

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