

Hunting News Grafton Land Trust

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RE: 2nd Annual Hunting Meeting

The Grafton Land Trust will hold its second annual hunting meeting on Tuesday, October 14th from 6:30-9:00pm at the Brigham Hill Community Barn, 37 Wheeler Road, North Grafton, MA. All GLT hunting permit holders are invited to attend this meeting. Members of the GLT Board of Directors will also be present.



The primary objective of the meeting is to review the <u>GLT hunting policy</u> and to answer any questions regarding the policy and our properties. We are also very pleased to announce that following the policy review we will have a guest speaker from MassWildlife. Wildlife Technician Susan Ingalls will discuss black bear biology, population dynamics, and harvest information. This is an excellent opportunity to get the latest and greatest information regarding the expanding black bear population in Massachusetts.

Please RSVP to <u>hunting@graftonland.org</u> or by calling (508) 887-0065 no later than Friday, October 10th. The meeting agenda is as follows:

6:30pm - 7:00pm: Check-in / Light Refreshments / Socialize 7:00pm - 8:00pm: GLT Hunting Policy Review / Property Discussion 8:00pm - 9:00pm: Guest Speaker: Black Bear in Massachusetts

See you at the meeting.

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A large Eastern coyote in Grafton, MA



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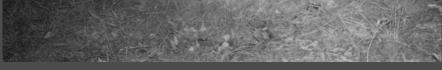
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Submit Your Pics!

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!



This image of a large Eastern coyote was captured by a trail camera in Grafton, Massachusetts at 3:30am on August 22nd. Numerous wildlife videos can be found on our <u>Vimeo</u> site. (Photo by Dean Cerrati)

PHOTO ESSAY: Bullfrogs & Blackberries



Hunting and gathering during the summer months has its unique benefits. The 2014 Massachusetts Bullfrog and Green Frog season runs from July 16 - September 30. The daily bag limit is 12 frogs and a hunting license is not required. For a memorable summer meal, combine battered and fried frog legs with a side of wild blackberries! See our <u>September 2013</u> issue for a frog leg recipe! (Photos by Troy Gipps)



Massachusetts Ducks Unlimited to run 53-Gun Calendar Raffle

The Massachusetts' Chapters of Ducks Unlimited will run a statewide 53-gun calendar raffle in 2015. At the end of each week a different firearm will be raffled off. Calendars are on sale now for \$50 each. Purchasing a calendar enters you into all 53 weekly



drawings. Entrants are allowed to win more than once. A limited number of calendars will be sold. The raffle is open to anyone 21 or older. Massachusetts winners are required to possess a valid Firearms Identification Card or License to Carry. Firearms transactions must go through an FFL in the winner's state. The calendar makes a great gift, especially for military personnel overseas who can look forward to a weekly drawing. To purchase a calendar contact Dan Hastings at <u>c.duckman@hotmail.com</u>. Ducks Unlimited is the world leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation. <u>Become a member today</u>!



Photo of the month



A 14 1/4-inch American bullfrog harvested during the 2014 frog season in Grafton, Massachusetts. (Photo by Troy Gipps)

What's in season this month?

Bullfrog and Green Frog ... Jul. 16 - Sep. 30 Black Bear (Zones 1-9) ... Sep. 2 - Sep. 20 Early Canada Goose (statewide) ... Sep. 2 - Sep. 25 Gray Squirrel (Zones 1-9) ... Sep. 8 - Jan. 2, 2015 Crow ... Jul. 2 - Apr. 10, 2015 (Fri/Sat/Mondays only) Snapping Turtle ... Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2014



The <u>2014-2015 Migratory Bird Regulations</u>, including hunting seasons, bag limits, and methods of take, are now available.

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.



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