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For a 1-year subscription to the Trappers Post magazine, add \$16 to the above prices. Send payment and the above application to the MTA Membership Secretary and make checks payable to:

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ABOUT THE MTA

The Maine Trappers Association (MTA) held its first meeting at Bangor City Hall on September 1, 1947, with Luther DeVoe as its first President. As with any new organization, it was not without its problems during the early years. However, due to the perseverance and dedication of many members, it has grown and prospered.

What does the MTA do? Over the years the MTA has fought for the rights of trappers and sought to promote the wise use of natural resources and fur-bearing animals. MTA works with Maine fish and wildlife managers on animal damage control, trapping methods, general trapping laws, and the trapper education program.

Several MTA Chapters sponsor Fur Auctions during and following the trapping seasons. Information on dates, location, and times may be seen on the MTA website.

The MTA supports education. Scholarships are awarded to young students by MTA Chapters around the State.

Chapters also donate wildlife magazine subscriptions to school libraries, while the Edith E. Gray Fund provides books to school libraries.

Each year MTA sponsors enrollment of children to the Maine Conservation summer camp for 10 to 16 year olds. We participate in trapper education programs, in conjunction with the Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, to teach trapping safety. MTA members demonstrate trapping techniques at trapping clinics sponsored by MTA Chapters and at Sportsmen shows statewide.



Without the MTA trapping would not exist in Maine as we know it today



THE MAINE TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Along with our defined purpose, we are dedicated and committed to the future of trapping and the perpetuation of sound wildlife management.

Visit the MTA website at:
www.mainetrappers.com

Contact information of all MTA Officers, Chapters, and the Membership Secretary are listed on the website.

If you have questions you can Email us at:
Mainetrappers@yahoo.com

MEET TRAPPERS

MTA Chapters are located throughout the State of Maine. They may be contacted through the MTA website.

- Aroostook County Chapter (Washburn)
- Capitol Area Chapter (Augusta)
- Central Coastal Chapter (Wiscasset)
- Central Maine Chapter (Palmyra)
- Northern Coastal Chapter (Monroe)
- Southern Aroostook Chapter (Sherman)
- York County Chapter (North Berwick)
- Union River Chapter (Ellsworth)
- Western Maine Chapter (Kezar Falls)
- Penobscot River (Brewer)

Recent Accomplishments Working with IF&W

- > Fisher season standardized statewide
- > Bear trapping regulations standardized
- > Beaver seasons extended statewide
- > Active in all phases of the Furbearer Species Planning Process
- > Assist IF&W in promoting trapping as a wildlife management tool
- > Support ongoing Best Management Practices research
- > Support the State Trapping Safety Courses
- > Provide trapping demonstrations teaching the trapping of specific species.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Your membership entitles you to:

- First time members with successful completion of the Trappers Safety Course receive a one year membership for 1/2 the cost of a regular membership.
- Join any of the Chapters throughout the State. This gives you a voice on the State level through your Chapter representative who attends regular meetings of the MTA Executive Committee.
- Quarterly newsletters designed to build a greater rapport among Maine trappers and advise the membership of modern day methods and problems which confront us all.
- Affiliation with the National Trappers Association, Fur Takers of America, The Sportsman's Alliance and The Sportsman Alliance of Maine.
- Representation at Legislative hearings in Augusta by a registered Legislative Liaison, and a growing Legislative Fund to protect your right to trap. The strength of any organization is dependent upon its membership. We must continue to grow, and to do so we need your help. What can you do? If you are not a member, fill out the attached application form and join the MTA; help preserve your right to trap.

OUR PURPOSE

1. To provide an organization within which people, through individual membership with common interests in conservation, wildlife habitat, furbearing animals and wise use of natural resources and the enjoyment of nature in all its aspects, may recognize their common interests and have a means of expressing and furthering their interests.
2. The MTA will cooperate with the Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, individually, and as a whole, when we believe by popular vote at our Convention, the changes are for the betterment of trapping conditions, and the protection of fur bearing animals, other fish and wildlife.
3. The MTA will use its influence to promote legislation that will enhance the proper management of our fur resources at all levels of government.
4. The MTA, as part of the overall community, will encourage proper conduct of its members through trapper education and ecological conservation.
5. To work with industry, agriculture and government to arrive at workable and logical solutions to problems, and to actively participate in writing, sponsoring and supporting legislation to achieve these solutions.
6. The MTA will strive to cultivate a feeling of good will and mutual understanding through a proper respect of the rights of landowners and the general public at all times.

Visit the MTA Trappers Museum

It is located at the Windsor Fairgrounds in Winsor, ME. It is open annually during the Windsor Fair and at the MTA Rendezvous held in September. It may also be open for a special request.