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Where can you find a local chapter meeting?

Meet with other trappers at MTA Chapters located throughout the State of Maine.

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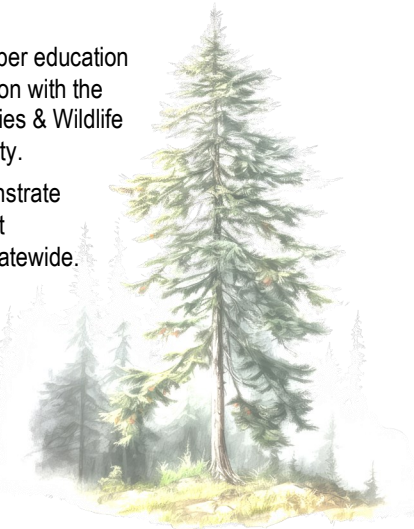
What is the Maine Trappers Association?

On September 1, 1947, a group of Maine trappers came together for the first meeting of the Maine Trappers Assoc. (MTA) at Bangor City Hall. 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 furbearing animals.
- MTA works with Maine fish and wildlife managers on animal damage control, trapping methods, general trapping laws and the trapper education program.
- Several Chapters of the MTA sponsor Fur Auctions during and following the trapping seasons.
- Our Museum Committee created and maintains a Trappers Museum at the Windsor Fairgrounds in Windsor, Maine. (open annually for the Windsor Fair)
- The MTA supports education. Scholarships are given 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.
- 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 sportsmen's shows statewide.

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



Our Purpose

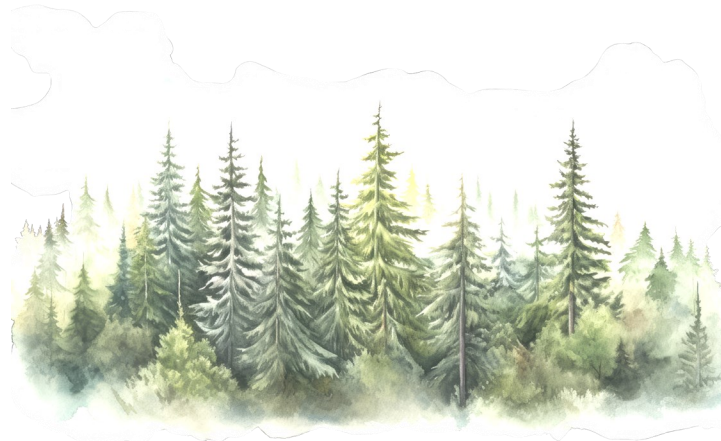
1. To provide an organization within which people, through individual membership with common interests in conservation, wildlife habitat, furbearing animals and wise use of natural resources and the enjoyment of nature in all its aspects, may recognize their common interests and have a means of expressing 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.

MTA Accomplishments...

...Thanks to MTA and the
MTA Legislative Lobbyist:

- ☑ Colony trap legal (throughout the State).
- ☑ Cage trap legal for bear.
- ☑ 3-day check for conibears in organized towns.
- ☑ Sunkhaze Refuge reopened to trapping after a decade.
- ☑ Clarified trapping on great ponds, navigable streams and public rights-of-way.
- ☑ Defeated An Act to Ban Steel Foothold Traps.
- ☑ Defeated An Act Concerning Recreational and commercial Trapping, which was a ban on trapping.
- ☑ Clarified various trapping laws.

Along with our defined purpose, we have a dedicated commitment to the future and the perpetuation of sound wildlife management through the harvesting or our surplus fur resources.



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 one half 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, Furtakers of America and The Sportsman's 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, please fill out the application form on back and join the MTA.

Help preserve your right to trap!