I came up from PA the first week of the 2009 bear season with my buddy Corey to hunt with Andre.

On the first night out, I had a nice bear come in to the bait barrel but only stayed for a very brief time and offered no real shot. I was put on great stands the rest of the week but did not see any more bear. I was never to Maine and was just as happy to see a moose, as I was the bear.

My buddy Corey came on the hunt determined to get a bear with his 44. On Wednesday, he did just that. We have hunted together and been friends for years and I was happy to see his success. Five bear were taken the week we were there.

The days and nights at the cabins were very relaxing. The group of guys that was there to hunt were all sociable. Everyone mingled and talked in the main cabin, at the campfires, and outdoors just hanging out. There were two other hunters from PA, turns out we all live fairly close to one another. The other five hunters were from ME.

The food we ate was first rate. The two guys that did the cooking, Ryan and Buck, did an outstanding job of preparing food for our meals. They were always asking if you had enough to eat. If you left the table hungry, it was your own fault.

The two guides, Andre and John, went every morning to bait sites and came back in time to take us to our stands. I had John taking me out to my stand. He was knowledgeable to the questions I had about the Maine deer, moose, and bear hunting.

I plan on hunting Maine bear again in a couple of years and know I will be booking with Katahdin's Shadow Outfitters. To anyone thinking of going for a baited bear hunt I would highly recommend this guide service to you and all my friends. They are some of the friendliest people I have met. On more than one occasion, Andre has apologized that he could not get me a bear while I was there.

My thanks go out to the staff at Katahdin's Shadow Outfitters.

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