

Backcountry Hunter & Anglers

ABOUT BHA

THE MISSION OF BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS & ANGLERS IS TO ENSURE NORTH AMERICA'S OUTDOOR HERITAGE OF HUNTING AND FISHING IN A NATURAL SETTING, THROUGH EDUCATION AND WORK ON BEHALF OF WILD PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS.



BHA DEMOGRAPHICS

- BHA IS REPRESENTED BY CHAPTERS IN 45 STATES, CANADIAN PROVIDENCES & TERRITORIES.
- 40,000 MEMBERS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA.
- MAINE HAS 200+ MEMBERS IN THE NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER.
- 68% OF OUR MEMEBERS ARE 45 AND YOUNGER

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The voice for our wild public lands, waters & wildlife

BACKCOUNTRY IS NOT SYNONYMOUS WITH WILDERNESS

Backcountry is a state of mind. Whether you're miles back or in a tree stand on your families back 40. - BHA defines backcountry by simple guideline: A place to find solace and derive a deeper connection to the natural world.

OUR FOCUS



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• ACCESS & **OPPORTUNITY**

• PUBLIC LANDS & WATERS

• FAIR CHASE

ACCESS & **OPPORTUNITY**

- DEFENDING PUBLIC WATER ACCESS
- ADVOCATING FOR THE LAND AND WATER **CONSERVATION FUND**
- WORKING TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LAND

Lack of access is cited by sportsmen and women as the leading reason why they leave the traditions of hunting and angling.



PUBLIC LANDS & WATERS

• HABITAT CONSERVATION

- CONSERVING PRIORITY LANDSCAPES
- RESPONSIBLE OHV USE & MANAGEMENT
- DEFENDING OUR PUBLIC LANDS LEGACY

We have an obligation to fish, wildlife and their habitats to build partnerships with state, federal and tribal management agencies to ensure that decisions are being guided by current, peerreviewed science.





FAIR CHASE

UPHOLDING AND PROMOTING ETHICAL VALUES

- In the early 1900's, Theodore Roosevelt helped pioneer the standards for ethical hunting.
- Overall, we must ensure that the ethical pursuit of fish and game is upheld as dearly as our own obligation to morality and citizenship.



BHA Events & Programs

I'm standing like this so no one realizes I'm farting

FOSTERING A COMMUNITY OF PUBLIC LAND OWNERS

- Assisting with R3 events, such as ice fishing at Range Pond and new hunter program at Swan Island.
- Mentoring Program
- Work Service/ Public Lands Packout
- Virtual Events & Films
- Pint Nights
- Archery & Clay Shooting Events
- Hike to Hunt
- And more!



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