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Shed Hunting for Antlers from the Lodge at Moosehead Lake

Greenville, ME January, 2009 – Venturing into the North Woods of Maine can be a real learning experience and valuable too. Starting in November, once mating season is over, male moose and deer will begin dropping their antlers. You can start to find antlers scattered about, but the best place to look is usually where the best food is. The process for looking for antlers is called “Shed Hunting” and is like a treasure hunt for many North Woods vacationers. Matching sheds can range in value from \$200 to \$1,000.

“Guests at the Lodge at Moosehead Lake have access to some of the best Registered Maine Guides in the Area.” According to Dennis Bortis, owner of the Lodge, “Shed Hunting is an adventure that takes patience, persistence and a sharp set of eyes. If you find an antler, consider yourself lucky.”

“I keep track of bedding areas and where they have been feeding in a log book,” comments Bob Howe, a seasoned Maine Guide for the Lodge at Moosehead Lake. “Lots of times when you find one, you can usually find the other close by. A loss of all this weight on one side of the head makes it unbalanced for the moose, and it doesn’t take long for him to even things out.”

Antlers can be carved into belt buckles or candle holders, but others use them for lamps, bookends or decoration. “We decorate extensively with antlers at the lodge,” says Linda Bortis, “One is even used as a shower curtain tie back in our Moose Room, others to elegantly drape window treatments.”

Snowshoeing can be a great way to look for sheds. Ed Mathieu, another Lodge guide, takes guests on snowshoe trips to see waterfalls like they have never been seen before. Ed helps you identify moose, deer, pine martin, fisher, bobcats, beaver, otter, red squirrels, turkey, and lynx from their tracks in the snow.

The Lodge sends you on your way with an Animal Tracks Pocket Guide and Moose-A-Lix™ trail mix or a thermos of hot cocoa.

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About The Lodge at Moosehead Lake:

The Lodge at Moosehead Lake is inland Maine's only AAA Four Diamond Award winner for the last fourteen years, 2005 Grand Award winner in the Andrew Harper's Hideaway report and a Condé Nast Johansens North America Recommended Property. The Lodge is a proud member of Select Registry, a group of exceptional inns of North America, Karen Brown's "Most Romantic" Inn Reader's Choice Award of 2007, *Down East*, magazine's BEST of Maine for 2008 for Lakeside Romance and *Boston magazine's New England Travel & Life's* recent recipient of the 2007 BEST of New England. The Lodge has been singled out from among all the businesses in the lodging category by *Boston magazine's* editors.

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