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**Nick Adam** [00:00:00] My name is Nick, I'm from Colchester. And most of our hunting stories is always about that one that gets away. And for me, it's my 12-year-old son on his first turkey hunt. We started out at 3.30 in the morning, we sat down by a big pine tree that both of us could sit by, and by the crack of daylight, we heard our first gobble right above us. And it was, oh man, but if you've ever seen it. Eight-year-old kid or I think he was 10 at the time sit still for over an hour straight this is the only time you'll ever see it. So we watched them come down off the roost into the field and just sit there, and we watched him for three hours just walk the field back and forth back and forth. We chirped a little bit, did a little bit calling. We waited and waited, and I just--they went out of sight and I said, "let's just wait we know they're here." About an hour later comes this beautiful tom, beard dragging on the ground like a paintbrush, comes across a stone wall and struts in front of us at 15 yards back and forth for 10 minutes in front of us while I watch my son shiver like it's 10 below zero out. And finally he just stands and puts his head up and I go "shoot, shoot, shoot!" Bang! Turkey stands up, pucks, and walks away. <laughter> And we watched him walk away 100 yards. And I said, "what happened?" He goes, "I don't know." <laughter> That's our most memorable turkey hunt. <laughter and applause>