

National Be Bear Aware Campaign

Black Bear Avoidance Educational Material



Stay Safe Keep Bears Wild

- Pick ripe fruit from trees/bushes promptly, and keep ground clear of fallen fruit.
- Keep trash in a secure building.
- Take trash out the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Feed pets and store pet food inside.
- Store stock feed in a secure building or bear-resistant container.
- Use bird feeders November 1 thru March 15 while bears are denning.
- Let barbecue burn for 5 minutes after use to remove grease and odor.

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DON'T FEED BEARS!

Bears should never obtain human food, pet/stock feed, or garbage. Bears that receive these "food rewards" may become aggressive towards humans or cause property damage. To protect people, these bears may have to be destroyed.

- Wild bears have a natural fear of humans and will attempt to avoid people and developed areas, but bears do not.
- Wild bears only eat natural foods such as nuts, berries, fish, and certain dog grasses. Fed bears will abandon their natural food sources for human foods and garbage.
- Fed bears quickly become conditioned to food handouts and will teach their cubs to do the same.
- Bears fed along roads tend to stay near roads, increasing the number of vehicle-related accidents.
- Wildlife + Distance = Safety for both people & bears.

Remember - A Fed Bear Is A Dead Bear!

HIKING IN BEAR COUNTRY

- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Read all signs at the trailhead.
- Make during daylight hours. Hike in groups and keep children close at hand. Stay on the trail.
- Make your presence known; call out "Hey, hey, I'm coming down the trail."
- Carry bear spray.
- Watch for bear signs such as claw marks, droppings, high or stumps torn apart, etc.
- Avoid taking pets they may attract bears to you. If they are allowed, keep pets leashed.
- Avoid odorous items such as scented personal hygiene products.

Cats, but dangerous!

BEAR SPRAY

- Bear spray is not a substitute for following appropriate safety procedures.
- Bear spray must contain 1-2% capsaicin and related capsaicinoids.
- Suggested minimum spray distance is 20 feet; suggested minimum spray duration is 3 seconds.
- Bear spray should only be used on charging or attacking bears.
- Caution: Bear spray may trigger asthma attacks in some people.

CAMPING IN BEAR COUNTRY

- Always keep a clean camp.
- Wash up, change clothing, and remove all scented articles before you go to bed.
- Keep pets leashed.
- Use bear resistant receptacles for food storage and trash disposal.
- Set up tents in a line with space between them.
- Keep your sleeping areas, tent, and sleeping bag free of food and odors.

TIPS FOR THE BACK COUNTRY

- Place sleeping tents in bear free zones from food storage and cooking areas.
- Keep a flashlight and bear spray readily available.
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Never bury or burn garbage.
- Never eat food, pet/stock feed, odorous items (including personal hygiene products), and garbage and all other items in places close to bear resistant food containers or hanging them at least 10-15 ft from the ground and 4 ft from top and side supports.

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- Take trash out on the morning of pickup.
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- Hang bird feeders 10' off the ground and 4' from side supports. Take bird feeders down between April and November.

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