

So what can we do to keep people and bears safe?



How can we keep a bear from getting an ear tag?



Bear Aware tips at home:

1) Store pet food and birdseed in airtight containers in your garage or a locked shed.

2) Bring your pet's food and water bowls in at night.

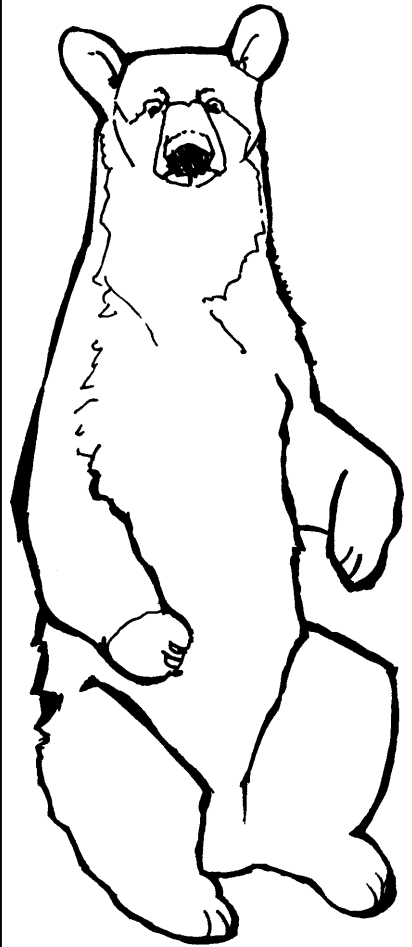
3) Keep your garbage out of sight and smell of bears. Use bearproof containers and don't put your trash out until nearly time for pickup.

4) Keep your barbecue grill clean of smells.

Remember that fruit trees and berry bushes in your yard can attract bears.

Bear Aware tips when camping or hiking:

- 1) Keep your camp clean
- 2) Store food and other scented items like shampoo in airtight containers away from your campsite.
- 3) You can hang your food in a cooler at least ten feet off the ground where bears can't reach it.
- 4) Pack out your trash when you leave, don't bury it.
- 5) Have your sleeping area away from where you cook and don't keep any food in your tent.
- 6) Do not hike alone, and make noise on the trail so you do not surprise a bear.
- 7) Do not store food in your car when you are camping. A bear can break in to a vehicle.

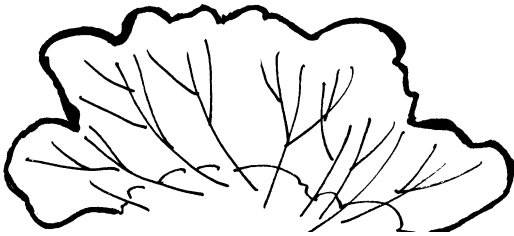


Some cool facts about black bears:

- Bears have a good sense of smell. They can smell a person as much as a mile away and detect the smell of food on clothing that has been carried in a backpack with food.
- About 90 percent of a black bear's diet is plants. Much of the meat they eat is insects and carrion (dead animals).
- Black bears mate in May and June, but the embryo does not implant in the female's uterus until she enters the hibernation den in November.
- Cubs are born in mid-January or February during hibernation. The mother bear nurses her cubs, although she does not resume eating or drinking until after leaving the den in late April or early May.
- During late summer and fall months, when bears are storing fat for the winter, a bear can eat as much as 20,000 calories a day!
- Hibernating bears may go more than 200 days without eating, drinking, urinating, or defecating.
- Even though they are inactive during hibernation, bears don't lose muscle. Astronauts who spend a long time in space without much exercise DO lose muscle and get very weak. Some scientists hope that by studying bears they can learn how to help people who travel in space.



If you do meet a bear,
what should you do?



Stay calm! Do not turn
and run. If you do, the
bear might chase you.

The bear may come closer to get a better look at you. Bears have poor eyesight. The bear may also stand up or walk around you to get your scent.



Nice bear.... easy bear....

Help the bear figure out what you are.
Talk in a normal voice
and wave your arms
SLOWLY.

Try to give the bear
room to get away.

Back away slowly if you can.



Always face the bear. Keep talking softly.

Remember!
Do not turn and run.

Leave cubs alone!

The mother bear is probably nearby and she will want to keep her cubs safe.



If you approach a cub,
you will make her angry!



If a black bear attacks you, use sticks, rocks, or other objects to fight back.

