



Be BearWise AT HOME

Six At-Home BearWise Basics



Never Feed or Approach Bears

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs!



Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.



Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.



Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.



Clean & Store Grills

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.



Alert Neighbors to Bear Activity

See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share information on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.



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Be BearWise OUTDOORS

Six Outdoor BearWise Basics



Stay Alert & Stay Together

Pay attention to your surroundings and stay together. Walk, hike, jog, or cycle with others when possible. Keep kids within sight and close by. Leave earbuds at home and make noise periodically so bears can avoid you.



Leave No Trash or Food Scraps

Double bag your food when hiking and pack out all food and trash. Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill. *Leaving scraps, wrappers, or even "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food.*



Keep Dogs Leashed

Letting dogs chase or bark at bears is asking for trouble; don't force a bear to defend itself. Keep your dogs leashed at all times or leave them at home.



Camp Safely

Set up camp away from dense cover and natural food sources. Cook as far from your tent as possible. **Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking, or toiletries in your tent.** *Store in approved bear-resistant containers OR out of sight in locked vehicle OR suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree. Local regulations vary.*



Know What To Do If You See a Black Bear

If you see a bear before it notices you, don't approach. Stand still, enjoy, then quietly move away. **If a bear sees you**, back away slowly. Never run; running may trigger a chase response. **If a bear approaches**, hold your ground, wave your arms and yell "Hey Bear" until it leaves. Stay with your group. **If it keeps approaching**, use bear spray. **If a black bear makes contact with you**, do NOT play dead; fight back aggressively.



Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

Bear spray is proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so **never** spray your tent, campsite or belongings.



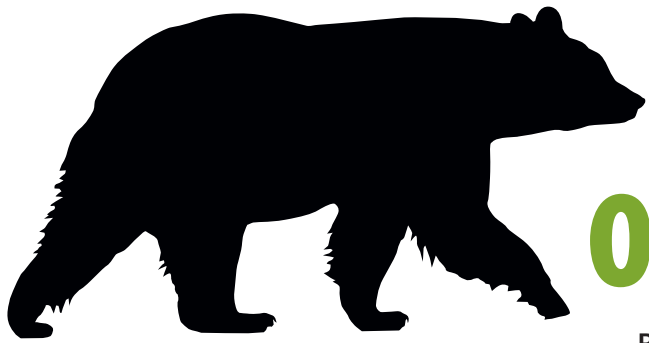
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BearWise Outdoor Safety Tips

Black bears are seldom aggressive and rarely injure people. Follow these BearWise tips to avoid encounters.

Hiking



- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Try not to hike alone.
- Keep kids within sight and close by.
- Make noise periodically so bears in the area can avoid you.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times, or leave them at home.
- Double bag your food and pack out all food and trash. *Leaving scraps, wrappers or even "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food.*

Camping



- Keep a clean camp.
- Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill.
- **Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking, or toiletries in your tent.** *Store in approved bear-resistant containers OR out of sight in a locked vehicle OR suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree. Local storage regulations vary.*
- Cook downwind and as far from your tent as possible.
- Set up backcountry camps away from dense cover and natural food sources.

Fishing & Hunting



- You are more likely to encounter bears when moving quietly and traveling early and late day when bears are most active.
- Follow tips for hiking and camping safely.
- Know that carcasses, gut piles, and bait may attract bears.
- If a bear beats you to your catch or kill, don't try to reclaim it; leave the area when it is safe to do so.



Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

Keep bear spray accessible; it's proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so **never** spray your tent, campsite or belongings.

If You Encounter a Black Bear



- **If you see a bear before it notices you,** don't approach. Stand still, enjoy the moment, then quietly move away.
- **If a bear sees you,** back away slowly. Never run; running may trigger a chase response.
- **If a bear approaches,** hold your ground, wave your arms and yell "Hey Bear" until it leaves. Always stay with your group. **If the bear keeps approaching,** use bear spray.
- **If a black bear makes contact with you,** do NOT play dead; fight back aggressively.

Precautions for Dog Walkers, Cyclists and Joggers



- **Always keep dogs leashed.** Letting dogs chase or bark at bears is asking for trouble; don't force a bear to defend itself.
- If you travel quickly or quietly, you can easily surprise bears. **Stay alert;** music and phones are distracting. Be aware of your surroundings; make noise periodically.



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BearWise Vacation Tips

You are in bear country, so there's a good chance you'll see black bears here, even if you never go into the woods.

Don't Feed the Bears



- Don't leave food, trash or pet food outdoors when no one is around. A few seconds is all it takes for a hungry bear to swipe it.
- Feeding bears or using food to encourage bears to approach you is often illegal and always dangerous.
- Don't throw scraps or leftovers out the car window or into the woods behind your vacation rental.
- If trash container or dumpster is full, don't pile trash outside; take it with you when you leave.

Bear Viewing Guidelines



- Stay in your vehicle; even bears that seem comfortable around people are still wild animals.
- Never approach bears or entice them to approach you.
- Enjoy bears from a safe distance. Stay at least 50 yards or 10 car lengths away.
- Don't block the road to view bears. If permitted, pull over and take photos from the safety of your vehicle.

If you want to see bears, early morning and early evening are good times for viewing and photography.

Driving in Bear Country



- Stay alert, stick to the speed limit and scan the roadsides. If a bear crosses the road, watch for cubs before you drive on.
- Be especially alert at dawn and dusk when bears are most active; black bears are fast and hard to see.
- If you hit a bear, don't try to help it. Call 911 or report to authorities as soon as you can.

Wildlife collisions are not always covered by insurance.



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Dogs and bears don't mix. **Keep your dog on a leash at all times when outdoors.** Letting your dog approach or lunge at a bear puts you and your pet in danger.

Discourage Break-Ins



- Lock vehicles; don't leave windows open even a crack. Remove anything with an odor (food, drinks, trash, pet food, scented products).
- Keep exterior doors closed, even when you're there.
- Don't stash food, beverages, trash or recycling on porches/patios/decks.

If You See a Black Bear



- If a bear comes around your place, try to scare it away by making lots of noise yelling or banging pots and pans together from a safe distance.
- If you see a bear near a dumpster or in a building, don't approach or corner it. Give the bear an escape route.

In the Woods

- **Carry bear spray and know how to use it.**
- **If you see a bear before it notices you**, don't approach. Stand still, enjoy, then quietly move away.
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Nunca alimente ni se acerque a los osos

Alimentar intencionalmente a los osos o permitirles encontrar cualquier cosa que huela o sepa a comida les enseña a los osos a acercarse a los hogares y a las personas para buscar así más alimento. Los osos se defenderán si una persona se acerca demasiado, ¡así que no arriesgue su seguridad ni la de ellos!



Asegure los alimentos, la basura y el reciclaje

La comida y los olores de comida atraen a los osos, así que no los recompense con comida, líquidos o basura fácilmente disponibles.



Retire los comederos para pájaros cuando los osos estén activos

El alpiste y los granos tienen muchas calorías, por lo que son muy atractivos para los osos. Retirar los comederos es la mejor manera de evitar crear conflictos con los osos.



Nunca deje comida para mascotas al aire libre

Alimente a las mascotas en interiores cuando sea posible. Si debe alimentar a las mascotas afuera, aliméntelas en porciones individuales y retire la comida y los tazones después de alimentarlos. Almacene alimentos para mascotas donde los osos no puedan verlos ni olerlos.



Limpie y guarde las parrillas

Limpie las parrillas después de cada uso y asegúrese de eliminar toda el aceite, grasa y partículas de alimentos. Guarde las parrillas y los ahumadores limpios en un área segura que mantenga alejados a los osos.



Alerte a los vecinos acerca de la actividad de los osos

¿Ve osos en el área o evidencia de actividad de osos? Informe a sus vecinos y comparta información sobre cómo evitar conflictos con los osos. Los osos se han adaptado para vivir cerca de las personas; ahora depende de nosotros adaptarnos a vivir cerca de los osos.



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Manténganse alerta y permanezcan juntos

Presten atención a su entorno y permanezcan juntos. Eviten caminar, senderear, trotar o andar en bicicleta solos. Mantengan a los niños a la vista y cerca. Dejen los auriculares en casa y hagan ruido periódicamente para que los osos puedan evitarlos.



No deje basura ni restos de comida

Empaque dos veces su comida cuando vaya de excursión y empaque toda la comida y la basura. Dejar restos, envoltorios o incluso artículos "inofensivos" como los corazones de manzana les enseña a los osos a asociar los senderos y los campamentos con la comida. No quemé restos de comida o basura en su fogata o parrilla.



Mantenga atados a los perros

Dejar que los perros persigan o les ladren a los osos es pedir problemas; no obligue a un oso a defenderse. Mantenga a sus perros atados con correa en todo momento o déjelos en casa.



Acampe con seguridad

Establezca su campamento alejado del bosque denso y las fuentes de alimentos naturales. Cocine lo más lejos posible de su tienda de campaña. No almacene comida, basura, ropa usada al cocinar o artículos de tocador en su tienda. Almacene los en contenedores aprobados resistentes a los osos O fuera de la vista dentro de un vehículo cerrado O suspendidos al menos a 10 pies del suelo y a una distancia de 10 pies de cualquier parte del árbol más cercano. Los reglamentos locales son variables.



Sepa qué hacer si ve un oso

Si observa a un oso antes de que él se dé cuenta de su presencia, no se acerque. Quédese quieto, disfrute y luego aléjese en silencio. Si un oso lo ve, retroceda lentamente. Nunca corra; correr puede desencadenar una respuesta de persecución. Si se acerca un oso, manténgase firme, agite los brazos y grite "Hola Oso" hasta que se vaya. Quédese con su grupo. Si se sigue acercando, utilice un aerosol para osos. Si un oso negro entra en contacto con usted, NO se haga el muerto; contraataque agresivamente.



Lleve espray repelente de osos y sepa cómo usarlo

Se ha demostrado que el espray repelente de osos es la forma más fácil y efectiva de disuadir a un oso que lo/la amenaza a usted. No funciona como repelente de insectos, así que nunca rocíe su tienda de campaña, campamento o pertenencias.



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