

## Welcome to BEAR COUNTRY



Black bears live to eat – and are fast learners. If they find easy meals in trash or kitchens, they'll return.



But if we defend our "dens" with intelligence and resolve, they'll move on. Comfort around people can get a bear trapped and killed. Help break the cycle.

### Black bear facts

- Opportunistic omnivores – they eat anything and everything!
- Fur comes in all shades - cream to cinnamon to jet black
- Can be active day or night
- Memory like an elephant's
- Sense of smell is 2,100 times stronger than ours!



People living in  
harmony with bears

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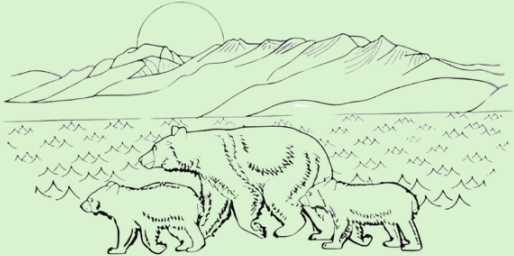


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# How to live in harmony with bears

## Respect

- Stay at least 30 feet away from bears
- Drive slowly and **watch for wildlife** – cubs often lag behind their mothers
- Keep dogs leashed – a leashed dog can deter bears, but a loose dog may provoke a bear, putting the dog in danger



## Communicate through body language

- Black bears may huff, stomp, or sometimes bluff charge when they feel threatened
- Give them an **escape route**
- **Be the bigger bear!** If one comes near your home, stand your ground, yell, stomp, use noisemakers, and throw small objects like pinecones

## Protect your den and food cache

### Never feed bears!

- Lock your car - windows up, no food or trash inside, or you may return to find your car's interior destroyed!
- Use bear-proof garbage enclosures to dispose of all trash
- Store food and toiletries in bear bins when camping

- Keep your home's windows and doors closed and locked when away
- **Remove attractants** like birdfeeders and pest poisons (e.g., d-Con)
- **Install electric deterrent systems** - call for recommended techs
- Secure your home's crawl space – if the head fits, the body fits!