



THE BEAR FACTS

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS TO AVOID BEAR AND HUMAN INTERACTIONS:

Bears are drawn to smells such as garbage, pet foods, bird feed, compost piles, fruit trees, berry bushes, livestock feed, dirty barbecue grills, beehives, and petroleum products.

Keep yards clean.

Pick fruit from trees as it ripens; do not leave fruit on the ground.

Do not leave pet food outside, especially overnight.

Keep outdoor grills clean; when not in use, store grills inside a garage or building.

Never store food or garbage outdoors for long periods of time.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE BEARS

Feeding bears creates a major problem and may cause harm to the bear and the general public – you will be cited with a fine.

If a bear doesn't find food it will move along.

Bears are naturally curious and opportunistic.



IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR:

If a bear approaches, move your family indoors immediately.

Try to remain calm, don't panic.

Respect the bear's space, never approach a bear.

If you see a baby bear, don't try to pet him.

Don't scream or yell as this may provoke a bear.

Don't run as this may trigger a pursuit by a bear.

Make yourself as large as possible and speak in a calm voice to the bear and move away giving the bear some space and leave the area.

When out camping keep children close.

If you spot a bear in a residential area call Rick Desautel at 509.631.1224



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