

Bear Safety in Mind



NUISANCE BEAR PREVENTION WHILE CAMPING

• **KEEP A CLEAN CAMP SITE**

- **DO NOT** overfill garbage container
- Put garbage in provided bear proof containers only
- **KEEP SMELLS TO A MINIMUM** - do not use sweet smelling candles, strongly scented deodorants, perfumes, sweet smelling shampoos & hair sprays
- **Keep BBQ pits clean**
- Rinse throw away items like soft drink cans, canned good cans, "ketchup" bottles and like items before discarding in trash
- Double bag all garbage, especially disposable diapers
- Keep food scraps in one garbage bag, separate from regular garbage so it may be put out the day of garbage pick-up to reduce smelly items in outdoor garbage can
- **NEVER** leave any type of pet food out over night
- **NEVER** put food scraps out for wildlife
- Position and use motion sensitive lighting if possible
- Air horns, bear spray, loud banging noises, vehicle horn, and other ways of making loud noises will help scare away a bear

Nuisance Bear Reporting

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IF YOU SEE A BEAR?!

- Bears are normally shy & NOT aggressive towards humans
- Stay inside your vehicle or camper - make NOISE - blow vehicle horn, scream, make loud banging noises, use an air horn
- If outdoors - **STAY CALM** - **DO NOT RUN** - back away slowly to the safety of a building
- If a bear is in a tree - **LEAVE IT ALONE** - remove dogs & people to allow bear to come down on its own
- **DO NOT PLAY DEAD**