

BE BEAR AWARE



As more people come to visit our National Forest, the opportunity for meeting a bear increases. There are ways to protect yourself and the bears while enjoying outdoor activities. The following safety tips can help you to reduce your chance of encountering a bear.

- 1. Store your food, drinks and scented items (like toothpaste and deodorant) in a place where a bear can't get to them (car trunk or trailer, bear-safe container or hang at least 15 feet off the ground in trees).**
- 2. Keep your cooking grill clean. Clean utensils and other food preparation items. Don't pour oils or grease on the ground. Put in in a container and take it home with you.**
- 3. Don't toss food scraps on the ground. Keep your campsite or picnic site clean.**
- 4. Don't bury garbage.**
- 5. Wash your hands and face well after a meal.**
- 6. NEVER approach or feed a bear. When you feed a bear, it will become aggressive and lose its fear of people.**
- 7. Set up your cooking and eating areas 100 feet downwind from your sleeping area if you can.**
- 8. Pitch tents away from trails when in the backcountry. Always sleep inside your tent.**
- 9. Do not keep food, ice chests or scented items in your tent.**
- 10. Be more aware at dawn or dusk. Bears are more active then.**
- 11. Hike with a group. Make noise as you hike through dense cover. Keep kids in the center of the group.
Control your pets.**
- 12. Stay away from any animal carcasses you find.**
- 13. Do not get between a bear and its young. Do not pick up any bear cubs you may find.**

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