

BLACK BEARS

DID YOU KNOW?

A black bear's diet is primarily vegetarian.

Although black bears are omnivores, plants comprise 90% of their diets. Preferred foods include berries, nuts, greens, insects, and meat.

Newborn cubs are a little bigger than a chipmunk.

Cubs are born in late January or early February while mothers are in their winter dens. They will weigh from 200 to 500 grams (0.5 to 1.0 lb.).

HELP!

Are there bears in your backyard?

Shortages of food and/or a reduction of habitat will bring bears in close proximity to humans, where they are attracted by food and garbage around homes, cottages, and campsites. Keeping them out of your backyard is simple - clean up after yourself! Because bears become habituated to available food sources, it may take several days for them to move on after attractants are removed.



DID YOU KNOW?

Black bears are peaceful creatures that typically shy away from people?



TRY THIS!

- Store garbage in steel, bear-proof containers, or airtight containers that are secured in indoor storage areas (and not put out until pick-up day). Also, keep all containers clean.
- Freeze meat scraps until garbage pick-up day.
- Rinse cans and bottles well before recycling, and store them in secured areas. Do not leave sharp edges on cans.
- Clean up outdoor grills after use.
- Keep pet food indoors at all times.
- Cover compost well with soil and leaves. If unwanted guests continue to visit, stop composting food waste.
- Never compost meat, dairy products, or sweet food.
- Ensure bird feeders are animal proof and cannot spill onto the ground.
- Feed birds only in late fall to mid-April.