

BEAR SAFETY INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

-Even if it looks friendly or cute, **do not go near a bear**. Never approach a bear, especially when you are holding food. Never get between a bear and her cubs or a bear and a food source.

-**Secure garbage at all times**. It can be put in a bear proof dumpster or taken to the town transfer station for disposal (open every day except Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon-6:00pm). Check with your lodging establishment to find out where they would like your garbage to be stored/disposed of.

-**Do not store trash inside near an open window or door**. Bears could try to gain entry because they can smell it from the outside. Keep lids on trash cans.

-**It is against state law to feed bears**. Do not leave food or garbage outside, and please do not feed the birds between April 1 and December 1. Once a bear finds a source of food, it will continue to come back to that location for years to come looking for more.

-Feeding bears puts humans, pets and livestock, and the bears themselves at risk. **A fed bear is a dead bear!** So if you love the bears, please do not feed them.

-Bears will break into cars if they smell food in them. **Do not leave food or garbage in your vehicle**. Bears can do an incredible amount of damage to a vehicle searching for food or garbage.

-**Do not let your dog run at large**. It could chase after a bear and get lost and/or get hurt by a bear. Dogs should be kept on a leash or under the direct supervision of their owners at all times.

-**Let grills burn long enough to burn off any food** remnants left on them. Close grills when you are done with them, and pull them inside a garage/shed if possible.

-If you come upon a bear, **make loud noises and back away slowly**. Loud noises are oftentimes enough to scare off a bear. Don't make eye contact with the bear.

