

BEAR SAFETY

Essential Guide

Stay Safe • Stay Wild • Stay Alert

CRITICAL: Bears are active in this area. Proper preparation saves lives.



Black bear

BLACK BEAR

- 200-400 lbs
- Pointed ears
- Straight profile
- Colors vary: black, brown, cinnamon

Grizzly bear

GRIZZLY BEAR

- 300-600 lbs
- Rounded ears
- Dished face
- Prominent shoulder hump

Remember: Color is NOT a reliable identifier. Look for shape and size differences!

SECURE YOUR FOOD

- √ Use bear-proof containers ALWAYS
- $\checkmark \ \, \text{Store ALL scented items (food, toiletries, trash)}$

• PREVENTION IS KEY

- ✓ Never leave food in your vehicle
- ✓ Cook and eat 100+ yards from sleeping area

WHILE HIKING

- \checkmark Travel in groups of 3+ people
- ✓ Make noise talk loudly, clap hands
- √ Carry EPA-approved bear spray
- $\checkmark\,$ Stay on designated trails
- √ Be extra alert near streams, dense vegetation

BEAR SPRAY FACTS

- Effective range: 25-30 feet
- Check expiration date
- Practice using before your trip

BEAR ENCOUNTER EMERGENCY INFO LEARN MORE 1 STAY CALM Online Resources Do not run! Bears can run 35+ mph nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/bears.htm 2 MAKE YOURSELF LARGE Visitor Centers Craig Thomas Discovery Center Jenny Lake Visitor Center Flagg Ranch Information Station Raise arms, jacket, or backpack overhead **EMERGENCY** 911 3 BACK AWAY SLOWLY Face the bear, avoid direct eye contact ■ Bear Spray Locations PARK DISPATCH Available for purchase or rent at: (307) 739-3300 All visitor centers Local outdoor retailers Park concessions SPEAK IN LOW, CALM VOICE "Hey bear, I'm backing away..."