# KNOW YOUR BEARS

GRIZZLY BEAR

· Large shoulder hump

· Brown/grizzled fur

• 300-600 lbs

· Dished face

· Rounded ears



### **BLACK BEAR**

- · 200-400 lbs
- · Pointed ears
- · Straight profile
- · No shoulder hump
- Various colors

## Important!

Color is NOT reliable! Look for shape, size, and shoulder hump to identify bears.

## **Bear Activity Times**

- √ Most active dawn & dusk
- √ Active all seasons except winter
- √ Cubs born in winter dens
- √ Mothers very protective

# PREVENTION IS KEY

### SECURE YOUR FOOD

- √ Use bear-proof containers ALWAYS
- √ Store ALL scented items √ Never leave food in vehicle
- √ Cook 100+ yards from camp

## WHILE HIKING

- √ Travel in groups of 3+ people
- √ Make noise talk loudly, clap
- √ Carry EPA-approved bear spray
- √ Stay on designated trails
- √ Alert near streams & vegetation

## **BEAR SPRAY FACTS**



Range: 25-30 ft Keep within reach Check expiration

· Practice before trip · Aim downward

## NEVER APPROACH

- Bears with cubs
- Bears feeding



# **EMERGENCY INFO**



**EMERGENCY** 911



PARK DISPATCH



(307) 739-3300



ST. JOHN'S MEDICAL (307) 733-3636

## BEAR ATTACK FIRST AID

- √ Control bleeding: direct pressure
- √ Keep victim warm and calm
- √ Don't move if spinal injury
- √ Get medical help IMMEDIATELY

### **REPORT ALL ENCOUNTERS**

Report even sightings to park rangers - it helps keep everyone safe!



# **LEARN MORE**



√ nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/bears.htm

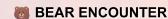
# Park Resources

## **Visitor Centers:**

- √ Craig Thomas Discovery Center
- √ Jenny Lake Visitor Center

## Bear Spray (Purchase/Rent):

- √ All visitor centers & park concessions
- √ Local outdoor retailers



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**BEAR SAFETY** 

Essential Guide

Stay Safe . Stay Wild . Stay Alert

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

STAY CALM

Do not run! Bears can run 35+ mph.

**MAKE YOURSELF LARGE** 

Raise arms, jacket, or backpack overhead.

**BACK AWAY SLOWLY** Face the bear, avoid direct eye contact.

SPEAK IN LOW, CALM VOICE "Hey bear, I'm backing away..."

## **USE BEAR SPRAY IF:**

- Bear approaches within 25 feet
- Bear shows aggressive behavior
- Bear charges

Aim slightly downward: spray creates a protective wall.

## ▲ IF ATTACKED

Grizzly: Play dead. Lie flat, protect neck. Black Bear: Fight back. Be aggressive.

