

BEAR SAFETY

AT

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

BE BEAR AWARE.
A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR.


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Guest Services SM

**BEAR ACTIVITY IS
INCREASING IN THE PARK.**

Your awareness and actions
help keep everyone safe.

PREVENT BEAR ENCOUNTERS



SECURE FOOD & SCENTED ITEMS

Store food, coolers, garbage, and scented items in bear-resistant containers or inside bear lockers. Never leave items unattended.



KEEP AREAS CLEAN

Dispose of trash properly and clean up spills. Do not leave food or drinks outside.



PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT

Don't leave anything behind—this includes food, trash, and recyclable items.



MAKE NOISE & TRAVEL IN GROUPS

Make your presence known, especially in areas with limited visibility.



USE BEAR-RESISTANT GEAR

Use bear-resistant canisters, lockers, or approved hang methods.

IF YOU SEE A BLACK BEAR



STAY CALM

Do not run. Take a deep breath.



STOP AND ASSESS

Observe the bear. Give it plenty of space.



BACK AWAY SLOWLY

Without turning your back.
Create distance.



NEVER APPROACH OR FEED A BEAR

Feeding is dangerous and illegal.
It harms bears and puts lives at risk.



REPORT ALL BEAR SIGHTINGS

Notify a manager or call (360) 569-2211.
In an emergency, call 911.

ABOUT BLACK BEARS



MOST BLACK BEARS AVOID PEOPLE

They are naturally shy
and will usually leave
the area when they
know you are there.



BLACK BEARS ARE OPPORTUNISTIC

They have an excellent
sense of smell and may
be attracted to any food
or scented items.



FOOD MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Accessible food conditions
black bears to seek out
human food. Your actions
help keep bears wild.



MOTHER BEARS PROTECT THEIR CUBS

If you surprise a bear with cubs,
leave the area slowly and give
them plenty of space.



BEAR SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

IT ONLY TAKES ONE INCIDENT.

**PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT OTHERS.
PROTECT MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK.**

**REPORT BEAR SIGHTINGS TO A MANAGER
OR CALL (360) 569-2211**

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP
MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK SAFE FOR ALL.**