

BE ADVISED

A BLACK BEAR SIGHTING WAS REPORTED IN THIS AREA ON _____



IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR:

STOP: Never approach a bear at any time for any reason. If you see bear cubs leave the area.

GIVE IT SPACE: Give any bear you encounter a way to escape. Step off the trail and slowly walk away.

STAY CALM: Do not run or make sudden movements. Face the bear and slowly back away.

AVOID EYE CONTACT: Don't make eye contact with the bear.

DON'T RUN: It may encourage the bear to chase you.

IF A BEAR ATTACKS YOU:

FIGHT BACK: In the unlikely event you are attacked, fight back, shout, be aggressive, use rocks, sticks and hands.

WHEN HIKING IN BEAR COUNTRY:

MAKE NOISE: Making noise reduces the risk of surprising a bear.

KEEP CHILDREN CLOSE: Always keep children close by and in sight.

CARRY PEPPER SPRAY

WHEN LIVING OR CAMPING IN BEAR COUNTRY:

SECURE AND REMOVE FOOD: Never feed a bear. Keep garbage, pet food, and BBQ secure and clean up fruit trees and compost piles to avoid attracting bears. Feeding other animals (including birds) can also attract bears.

Report aggressive animals and sightings in residential areas to your local Oregon State Police or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

