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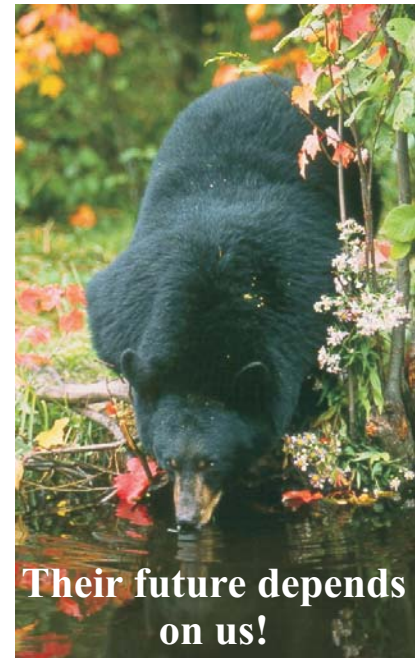
# Black Bears

## In Campgrounds & Picnic Areas

- Keep a clean site by properly disposing of all garbage including fruit rinds and cores.
- If a bear approaches your site, pack up your food and trash. If necessary, attempt to scare the bear away with loud shouts or by banging pans together. If the bear is persistent move away slowly to your vehicle.

## Any Time You See A Bear

- Do not feed or toss food to a bear or any wild animal.
- Keep children close at hand.
- Keep pets in a vehicle
- Do not approach a bear - they are potentially dangerous. If it changes its natural behavior (feeding, foraging, or movement) because of your presence, you are too close.
- Never surround or corner a bear.
- Never run from a bear - back away slowly and make lots of noise.
- Encourage others to follow these instructions.
- Be responsible. Improper behavior on your part may cause the bear to die.
- In the extreme case you are attacked by a black bear, try to fight back using any object available. Act aggressively and intimidate the bear by yelling and waving your arms. Playing dead is not appropriate.



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