

# Bears live here.

Follow these simple steps to **KEEP HUMANS AND BEARS SAFE** while you are in this area.

## **Never approach or feed a bear.**

Bears can do a lot of damage if they are startled or defending their food or young. Conflict between humans and bears often means that the bear will be killed. You are putting the bear in danger if you try to interact with it.



## **Make noise so you don't surprise a bear.**

Talking, singing and/or travelling with others reduces the chance of you surprising a bear.

Bears have excellent hearing and can smell things many kilometers away. However, like people, they are not always paying attention and may be surprised by you.

## **Slow down and stay alert.**

Running, cycling and listening to music increase your chances of surprising a bear. Pay attention to your surroundings.

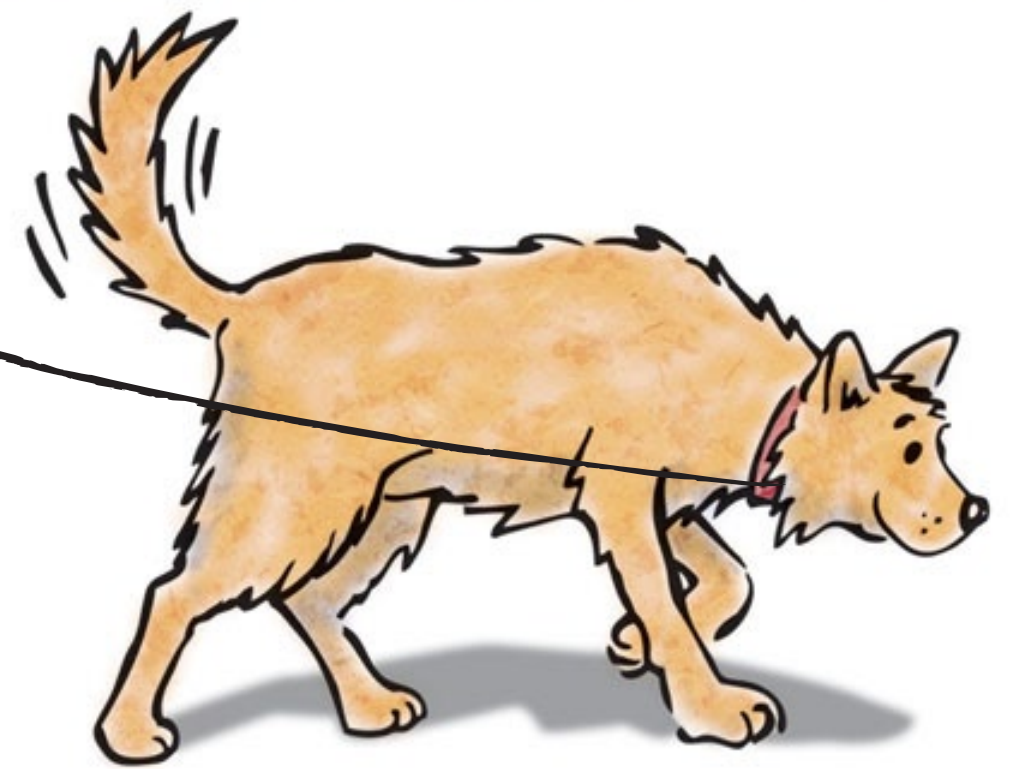


## **Be prepared.**

Carry bear spray. Bear pepper spray is inexpensive, easy to use, non-lethal and may save your life if a bear attacks. Make sure your canister is not expired and know how to use it properly.

## **Keep dogs on a leash.**

Even well trained dogs may chase a bear towards you.



## **Bears travel through this area and eat many of the plants along the trails.**

Bears are out of their dens from April to October and sometimes longer. They may even wake in the winter months to find food.

Bears reproduce slowly. Conflict between humans and bears puts their populations at risk.

Bears can be quiet and hard to see. Tracks and poo are sure signs that there are bears in the area.

## **Signs of bears:**



Tracks



Scat



Markings on trees