

A black bear is walking from left to right across a rocky and log-strewn shore. The bear has thick black fur and a lighter-colored muzzle. In the background, there is a body of blue water.

**BLACK BEAR**

**Wildlife may not know better—but YOU do!  
Give them room: Stay away 100 yards!**

**Black bears** are not always black. They can also be dark or light brown, reddish, blond, or grey-blue. One subspecies (not found in Glacier NP) even has white fur. Black bears are good swimmers and can run at speeds up to 30 miles (48 km) per hour. They are curious, often standing on their hind legs to get a better view. Most of their diet is plant-based.

When they obtain food from humans, black bears learn to associate humans with food. This is dangerous for both people and bears and can cause the bear to be lethally removed from the population.

