



Lake Clark National Park & Preserve Compendium Food Storage Requirements



2.10(d) Food storage: designated areas and methods

- (1) **Definition:** A bear resistant container (BRC) means an item constructed to prevent access by a bear. BRC's include—
 - Items approved by the Department of Interior and Agriculture's Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (<http://www.igbconline.org/html/safety.html>);
 - Any additional items listed by the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation Lake Clark National Park and Preserve 2011 Compendium 4 Rev. 3/8/2011 (<http://www.wildlife.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bears.containers>), with the concurrence of the Superintendent;
 - Items or methods approved by the Superintendent.

- (2) **In designated areas** - within ½ mile of the coast line of Cook Inlet and within ½ mile of the shore line of Telaquana Lake, Crescent Lake, Turquoise Lake, Upper Twin Lake and Lower Twin Lake – food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage and harvested fish must be stored in a bear resistant container (BRC) or secured—
 - Within a hard sided building;
 - Within lockable and hard sided section of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft; or
 - By caching a minimum of 100 feet from camp and suspending at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object on a line or branch that will not support a bear's weight.

- (3) **This regulation does not apply to—**
 - Areas not designated in paragraph (2);
 - Food that is being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption; and
 - Clean dishes and cooking equipment free of food orders.

The intent of these designations is to prevent bears and other wildlife from obtaining and habituating to food and garbage, thus protecting wildlife and park visitors alike. We strongly recommend that dishes and cooking equipment be securely stored; but clean and odor free items are not required to be stored in secure containers. We also recommend using BRC's in all areas of the park, but do not require it. Ice chests and coolers, tents, dry bags or stuff sacks, plastic packing boxes (Totes, Action Packers, etc) and unmodified kayaks are not generally approved as BRC. The park offers bear resistant containers for temporary use to the public. The containers are free of charge and can be picked up at the park's visitor center in Port Alsworth.