

Yellowstone National Park
Tips for Bear Country Visitors



*Partners
providing
Bear Safety
through
Education*

Black Bear

Hump usually absent



Rump higher than
shoulders

Grizzly Bear

Hump present



Rump lower than
shoulders

Keep your distance!

- Stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from a bear.
- Stay in your vehicle.
- Always use pullouts while viewing wildlife.

Never feed bears!

- Feeding human food to bears is illegal and dangerous.
- Feeding a bear may cause it to be removed or destroyed.

Accidentally too close?

- Back away.
- Never run! Bears are fast, and have an instinct to chase.
- If a bear approaches you, stand still. When it stops, slowly back away.

What if a bear attacks?

Play dead. Fall to the ground, lie flat on your stomach, and clasp your hands over the back of your neck.

Campers:

Store food, water, and toiletries properly.

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