

ENJOY THEM



AT A DISTANCE



PARK BEARS AND OTHER ANIMALS ARE **DANGEROUS**

Don't encourage them to approach.

Park regulations prohibit feeding or molesting animals.

Stop cars in pullouts **ONLY** — not on roadway.

Keep car windows closed when near bears.

THIS WARNING IS FOR YOUR PROTECTION



ABOUT BEARS

Like all animals in our National Parks, bears are wild animals. Because of their protected status they have lost their fear of man. While this may make them appear tame, actually in this state they are more dangerous.

Troublesome bears are trapped and removed to remote areas of the park, or in extreme cases must be destroyed. In order that visitors may continue to enjoy the sight of bears roaming freely in our National Parks, and to avoid personal injury, please follow these suggestions when camping:

Keep a clean camp and use a minimum of odorous food. Seal surplus food in clean wrapping material or in airtight containers. Ice chests are generally not bear proof. A good deodorizer is effective in eliminating food odors from your camp.

Food left on tables or stored in a tent in open boxes or food containers is a natural target for bears and an invitation for bear damage. Back country campers often suspend their supplies between two trees out of bear's reach.

Food should not be stored in vehicles with convertible tops. Properly wrapped or sealed food is normally safe when stored in the trunk of a hard-topped car provided all windows are closed.

Burn all garbage and food containers. Do not bury food scraps and containers. In the back country pack out any noncombustible litter to the nearest trash containers provided.

REPORT ANY BEAR DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURIES TO A PARK RANGER IMMEDIATELY.



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