



Black Bears in Connecticut/Report a Black Bear Sighting

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Black Bears have established a presence in Connecticut, in recent years, even in heavily populated residential areas. Here are a few facts about bears from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's website, that Connecticut residents should be aware of.

FACTS:

- Black bears have a keen sense of smell and hearing
- Black bears travel and feed primarily at night, but can be active any time of the day
- Black bears are generally shy and secretive and usually afraid of humans, however, if they regularly find food near houses and areas of human activity, they can lose their fear of humans
- Unlike grizzly bears, black bears are seldom aggressive towards humans
- Black bears can run up to 35 miles per hour

TO AVOID ATTRACTING BEARS:

- Discontinue feeding of birds from late March through November
- Keep trash bags in a container with a tight lid and store inside a garage or shed. Add ammonia to trash to make it unpalatable
- Do not leave pet food outside overnight
- Thoroughly clean grills and store away after use
- Never intentionally feed bear
- Do not put meat or sweets in compost piles

IF YOU SEE A BEAR WHEN HIKING OR CAMPING:

- Make noise and wave your arms to make your presence known
- Keep dogs on a leash and under control
- Walk away slowly if you surprise a bear nearby
- Don't cook food near your tent or store food inside your tent
- Don't climb a tree, but wait in a vehicle or building for the bear to leave

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING BLACK BEARS AND TO REPORT BEAR SIGHTINGS:

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection – Black Bear Do's and Don'ts & link to report a Black Bear to the Wildlife Division:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2723&q=325930&depNav_GID=1655

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