

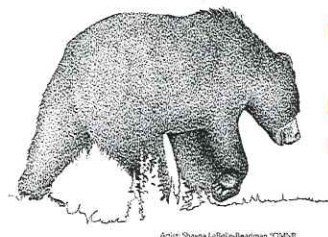
Be Bear Wise



Bear Basics



- Black bears are large, powerful animals.
- Adult males can weigh between 120-280 kilograms (kg) (250-600 lbs). Adult females can weigh between 45-180 kg (100-400 lbs).
- Most black bears in Ontario have black fur, but a few can be dark brown to light brown.
- In Ontario, black bears live in forests from Lake Ontario in the south to Hudson Bay in the north.
- Black bears are omnivores. They eat both plants and animals; anything that is easy to get at.
- In Ontario, black bears feed from the middle of April until late fall.
- In the fall, black bears eat for up to 20 hours a day! They like raspberries, blueberries, acorns and the nuts of the beech tree.
- If black bears cannot find natural foods, they can travel more than 100 kilometers (km) to find other food, including our garbage!
- Black bears double their body weight getting ready for winter.
- By early November, most black bears move into their dens for the winter.



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**Black bears are not usually dangerous animals.
Admire them. Respect them. But please, don't feed them.**

If you would like to report a bear problem, call 1 866 514-2327.

In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or the local police.

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