

# THE AMAZING **BLACK BEAR**

A stylized illustration of a black bear's head, facing forward. The bear has dark fur, a lighter brown muzzle, and small, rounded ears. The illustration is framed by a white outline.

Black bears are iconic symbols of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and a treasure to our community. While seeing a bear is a wonderful experience, please follow these precautions to protect your family as well as the bears.



## **BLACK BEAR TIPS**

- ★ Never approach bears.
- ★ Do not feed or place food to attract bears.
- ★ Do not leave grills or picnic tables unattended.
- ★ Only place trash in animal resistant cans or dumpsters.
- ★ Do not leave food in your car or in coolers outside the cabin.

## **IF YOU SEE A BEAR**

- ★ Slowly back away from the bear.
- ★ Bring children and pets indoors.
- ★ Make sure the bear is aware of your presence by yelling and making noises to frighten the bear and encourage it to leave.

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