

Are You Bear Aware?

WBC is home to both Grizzly and Black Bears and to Cougars or Mountain Lions. By the very nature of many quiet trail activities, it is not uncommon to have a surprise encounter with any of these wild animals.

You should check the [Bear Report](#) before you go and follow a few simple rules to follow when out on the trails that will decrease your chance of a close encounter.

1. When travelling, make lots of noise. The human voice is the best. Bear bells don't work, unless you like to carry a dinner bell. But seriously...
2. Travel in a group if possible.
3. Watch for bear signs on the trail.
4. Carry bear spray and [know how to use it](#).
 - a. Keep it easily accessible - on your hip, not in your pack;
 - b. Slowly back away and stay as a group if approached;
 - c. Use spray only if bear approaches - noise is still your first defence;
 - d. Use at close range (4m or less is most effective);
 - e. Aim at the bear's face and shoot quick bursts (2 seconds) - you only get 6-8 bursts.
5. Calmly leave the area once the bear has been hazed away.

BE BEAR AWARE!



Grizzly print taken April 26th, 2021

