



# PlaySmart IN BEAR COUNTRY



The North Cascades has more than 6.3 million acres of great habitat for bears. Hundreds of black bears and a handful of grizzlies (less than 10) inhabit the area. To safely recreate in bear country, you have to Play Smart:

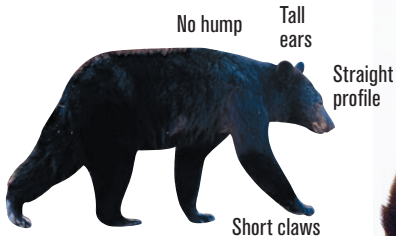
- Know the difference between black bears and grizzly bears (see reverse).
- Minimize dawn, dusk, and after-dark hiking.
- Be alert (no earbuds!) and look for tracks and other bear signs.
- Hike with friends and talk or make noise as you walk.
- Carry bear spray (wear it!) and know how to use it (practice!).
- Store food in bear-resistant containers.
- Keep a clean camp free of food remnants and traces.

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For more information: [www.defenders.org/playsmart](http://www.defenders.org/playsmart)

# GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEAR IDENTIFICATION

## BLACK BEAR



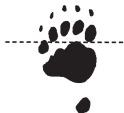
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## GRIZZLY BEAR



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Black bear  
front track



Don't rely on size and color to make an identification. Size is relative, and both species range in color from black to blond.

Grizzly bear  
front track

