

Be Bear Aware

Things to remember in bear country

- Pack it in, pack it out; take all your trash with you.
- All pets must be on leash not longer than 6 feet.*
- Make noise or talk while hiking and hike in groups of two or more if possible.
- Be aware of your surroundings and look for signs of bears.

If you encounter a bear

- Don't run, stay together and maintain control of your dog.
- Back away from the bear slowly and speak calmly.
- If the bear continues towards you, make loud noises and make yourself look as large as possible.
- If a bear makes contact, fight back.



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