










# Welcome to BEAR COUNTRY

We hope you enjoy your stay



## Bear safe cabin tips

-  Bears love garbage. Don't leave it outside! Store all waste in bear resistant containers or a locked shed.
-  Keep compost and meat scraps in the freezer until disposal day. Store recyclables in a secure location.
-  Clean BBQs, grills and smokers after each use. Don't forget the grease trap.
-  Clean outdoor eating areas thoroughly after use. Do not leave any food outside.
-  Store all fuels (gas, oil, propane, fire starter) in a secure location. Bears are attracted to petroleum products!
-  Choose an open area far from your cabin to clean or dry fish or meat. Use an electric bear fence if possible. Keep the area clean!
-  Always feed pets inside.
-  Do not feed the birds between April and October.
-  Close and lock all cabin doors and windows when you are away.

# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BEARS



Bears will eat almost anything. Most human-bear conflict occurs where we live and store food and garbage. To avoid attracting bears and having a dangerous encounter, please follow our Bear Safe Cabin Tips while you are here. You can help keep Yukon bears wild and alive!

## Habituation

Bears tend to be very tolerant of humans. This means they can easily get comfortable being around people if there are no negative consequences. This is called habituation and can lead to bears coming too close and to people thinking it is safe to approach and/or feed a seemingly 'friendly' bear. It is never safe to approach a bear!

## Food conditioning

A 'food conditioned' bear is one who has had a food reward from humans. Bears are smart, learn fast and may aggressively defend their food. If they think that humans = treats they will come looking for more, a dangerous situation for humans and especially bears. Many food conditioned bears are destroyed every year in Yukon.

## Behavior

Sows will protect their cubs and all bears are likely to protect their food. Bear attacks on humans are very rare. In general, Grizzly bears are known to be shy and easily scared away. Black bears are considered to be more bold and curious. However, it is impossible to tell how any individual bear will react to humans and no bear should ever be approached or fed.

**1-800-661-0525**

Call this number to report negative encounters with bears, bears getting into your garbage, food or cabin, other people feeding bears and motor vehicle accidents involving bears. If you see people feeding bears along the roadsides, write down their license plate number and report it.