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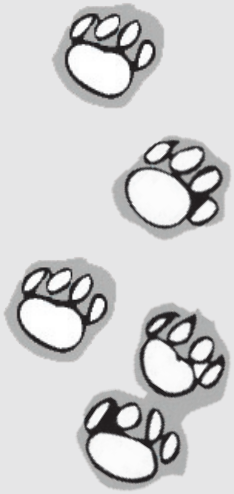
Black bears once roamed the entire state of South Carolina. Today there are two resident bear populations, one in the mountains/upper piedmont and in the northern coastal counties. Bears have been documented in all but 2 counties in SC. As human populations increase and development encroaches on bear habitat, encounters between bears and humans will continue to become more frequent.

If a bear enters your yard there is information you should know.

1. If you see a bear in or around your house you should go inside immediately and tell the first adult you see.
2. If the bear sees you:
- DO NOT approach the bear,
- Slowly walk away towards the building, and
- Inform the nearest adult.
3. If the bear moves towards you:
- Slowly back away towards the building while making noise,
- Continues to tell the bear to GO AWAY,
- DO NOT play dead or run away, and
- Go inside the building and inform the nearest adult.



How to keep bears out of your yard:

- Keep all garbage inside an air tight container,
- Keep pet food put up, and
- In the spring and fall remove all bird feeders.

WORD SEARCH

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Cub	Den	Garbage	Habitat	Omnivore
Berries	Paw	Black Bear	Mammal	Mountain
Hibernation	Range	Fish	Fur	Piedmont

WORD SCRAMBLE

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The area in which an animal lives and all essentials needed to survive such as water, shelter, and living space are available.

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A period of time when a bear becomes inactive or dormant in its den, usually during the winter, to conserve energy.

NGRAE

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The area in which an animal travels to meet its needs during its normal scope of activities.

ALMAMM

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Animals that share two characteristics, 1) Feed their young with mammary gland milk and 2) Have fur.

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A series of organisms linked together in the order that they feed on each other.

AROB

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A male bear.

BCU

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A young bear.

WOS

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A female bear.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Circle either T or F.

T F Black bears are the only species of bear found in South Carolina.

T F A male bear has a smaller territory or range than a female.

T F The majority of a black bear's diet is made up of meat and insects.

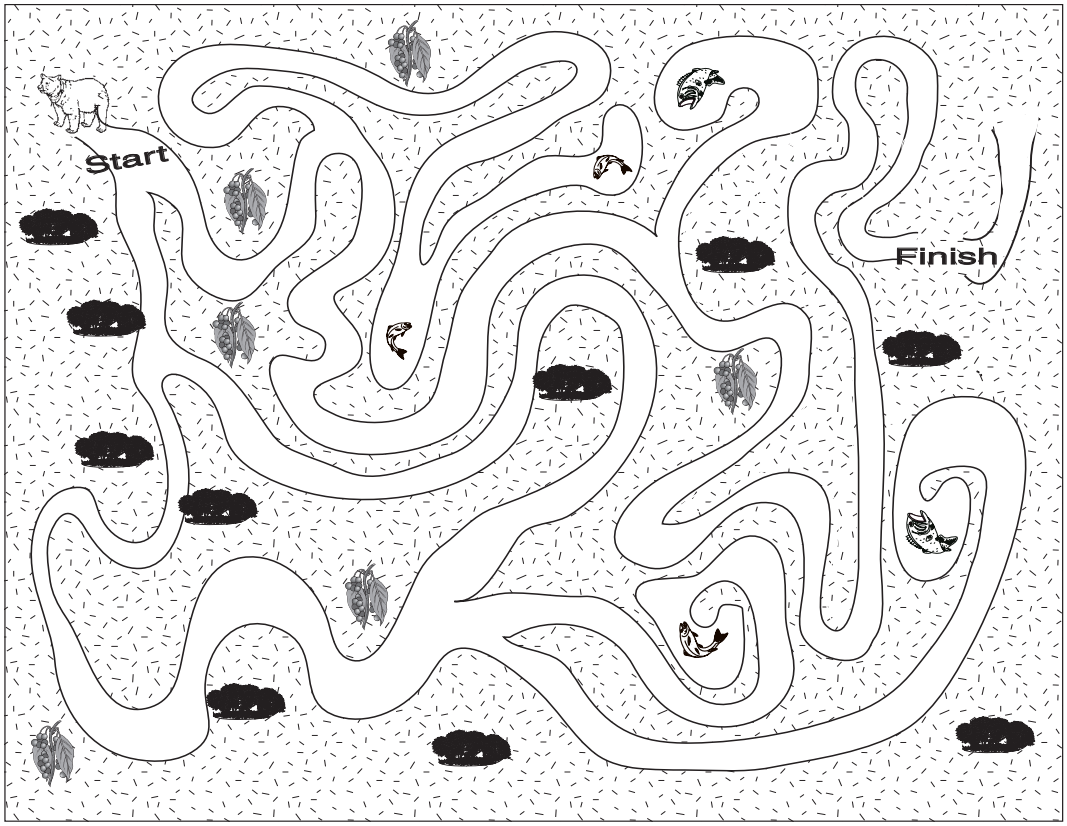
T F Bears can climb trees.

T F It is illegal to feed a bear by any means in South Carolina.

T F Black bears are found throughout South Carolina.

T F If you are approached by a bear, you should slowly back away and walk towards the nearest shelter.

T F Bears are attracted to an area by noise.

Black bears are an important part of South Carolina's fauna. SC DNR is committed to ensuring the long-term wellbeing of the black bear, while addressing the property damage and safety concerns of residents. Wildlife biologists can provide technical advice to residents who live in bear country to help them take actions that will discourage bears from becoming a nuisance.

HELP THE BLACK BEAR FIND THE STREAM