



Help keep bears wild

As Metro Vancouver grows,
people are living, working
and playing in closer
proximity to bears.

Understanding bear behavior
helps keep people safe
and bears wild.

To report any wildlife-human interactions where public safety may be at risk, call Conservation Office Services toll free at 1-877-952-7277.

Building a Sustainable Region

Metro Vancouver has a vision to achieve what humanity aspires to on a global basis – the highest quality of life embracing cultural vitality, economic prosperity, social justice and compassion, all nurtured in and by a beautiful and healthy natural environment.

Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver is a federation of 22 municipalities and one electoral district. Its services include the provision of drinking water, sewage, drainage and solid waste management, affordable housing and Regional parks.

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We live in Bear Country



Bordering vast mountain wilderness, many Metro Vancouver regional parks and communities provide prime bear habitat.

Beyond boundaries

Curious and opportunistic, bears may travel hundreds of kilometres through all but the most urbanized areas seeking seasonally available foods, safe cover, mates, and denning sites.



Room to roam
Bears use a patchwork of habitats and travel corridors—both natural and man-made. Although they prefer deep forest cover, bears are often spotted along roads, hiking trails, and at the edge of waterways.

It's normal for bears to roam through urban areas, especially as development encroaches on wild spaces...



...the challenge is to keep bears from staying in urban areas.



Garbage, BBQ's, birdfeeders, and a host of other human-produced items can provide an irresistible feast.



Just passing through

A bear's movements are dictated mostly by the availability of food. When the food supply is exhausted in one area, a bear will move on to the next. Bears are most often observed in the regional parks in summer and fall, when local berries and nuts ripen, and salmon are moving up the rivers to spawn.



It smells like... food!

Bears are not picky eaters. They eat almost anything and rarely pass up an easy meal—even if it means going near humans to get it.

If you're going to see a bear in this area, it will likely be a black bear. The wary grizzly prefers remote locations away from human activity.

Black bears or grizzlies?

In the parks and at home, keeping bears wild is everyone's responsibility!

A symbol of wilderness

For many park visitors, it's a thrill to see a bear in the wild—from a distance! Bears are an important part of the biodiversity of our region and are a sign of a healthy ecosystem. Park staff reduce the risk of bear encounters by removing human sources of attractants that can get a bear into trouble.

We need your help!

