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# 5 Tips for hunting in bear country

**Wear gloves and apron:** When field dressing to minimize odors

**Bring bear spray:** It can save your life

**Remove food:** Keep food away from sleeping bags, tents and campsite



**Don't leave entrails near trail:** Move them 1 mile from trails, campsites and picnic areas



**Change clothes:** Don't sleep in the same clothes you handled food or game in

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ways to stay safe while hiking

**Make noise:** Sing, talk or clap your hands

**Be alert:** Watch for bear tracks, dropping and diggings

**Don't hike alone or at night:** Bears are most active at dawn, dusk and night



**Make people aware:** Let people know where you are going and when you plan to return

**Avoid odorous items:** Leave food, deodorants and lotions with strong smells at home

**Stay with your gear:** Don't leave your packs or food unattended



## What to do if you encounter a bear

**Don't run:** Avoid making any sudden movements and don't run; it will cause the bear to give chase

**Back away:** Slowly back away from the bear

**Don't make eye contact:** Eye contact can provoke a bear to attack you

**Let the bear know you are human:** Spoke in a slow low-sounding voice as you back away.

**Prepare to use bear spray:** Remove the spray from its holster and prepare to release it

**If you are attacked:** Use bear spray if you have it, otherwise drop to the ground on your stomach and play dead until the attack is over.



For more tips, visit [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov)

Information from Center for Wildlife information and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department