**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

**6 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

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