

Bear Country

Songs For Wild Kids & Cubs



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Bear Country is a musical project produced with the hope that the future holds wild places where bears and humans can coexist. You can download lyric sheets for these songs and find additional information about bears and coexistence at www.Scentmark.org

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Bear Country

Cause this is bear country
Home of the free
And the land of the grizzly bear country

Don't be scared be smart
Pack it in pack it out
Leave no trace
Take only photographs
Leave only footprints
On the trail
You share with all the wild things

Cause this is bear country
Home of the free
And the land of the grizzly bear country

Cause out here only the strong survive
Stay upwind if you wanna arrive alive
In bear country

Cause this is bear country
Home of the free
And the land of the grizzly bear country

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I'm Just a Bear

Well I'm just a bear
Living in the woods
Scratch my back on trees
Just doin what I should

I'm just a bear
You better not get too close
I don't wanna hurt you
but I'm frightened by you folks

Cause I'm just a bear
Eatin on moths and centipedes
In the summer I like to fish
And all winter I love to sleep

Well I'm just a bear
Munchin on berries and some grubs
Please give me my space
And don't get near my cubs

Well I'm just a bear
Diggin up some roots
I'm an omnivore
And boy do I love fruit

Well I'm just a bear
But I told you from the start
That I'm just a bear
Please don't break my heart

Smart girls and boys
Don't sneak up on bears
So make some noise
and be beary bear aware (or be bear aware)

Well I'm just a bear
Living in the woods
Scratch my back on trees
Just doin what I should

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If You Love a Bear

If you love a bear don't hug a bear
Never ever ever ever bug a bear
If you love a bear don't bug a bear
Never ever ever ever hug a bear

They sure look cute and cuddly like a kitten or a puppy
Everyone out there who's bear aware knows that bears are wild
Momma bears love their cubs just like your momma does
And nothing comes between a mother and her child

If you love a bear don't hug a bear
Never ever ever ever bug a bear
If you love a bear don't bug a bear
Never ever ever ever hug a bear

You got to never get in his face and give him his personal space
You gotta treat him with respect and love him from far away
It's a long distance relationship
That requires trust and commitment
We all know that takes work
So listen to what I say:

If you love a bear don't hug a bear
Never ever ever ever bug a bear
If you love a bear don't bug a bear
Never ever ever ever hug a bear

If we want bears to still be here tomorrow
You've got to take care of them today

If you love a bear don't hug a bear
Never ever ever ever bug a bear
If you love a bear don't bug a bear
Never ever ever ever hug a bear

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Keep Wildlife Wild

Keep wildlife wild, you are nature's child
Keep wildlife free, take care of it please

Keep wildlife wild
Keep wildlife wild

We all need room to roam open spaces are our home
In the forest on the plains, spirit bear runs in your veins

Keep wildlife wild
Keep wildlife wild

Cross the river over the mountain in the holler is her den
She is dreaming deep in slumber in her cave til winter's end
She is sleeping till the summer when she wakes she'll have two cubs
They are just a little family like your family it's enough

Keep wildlife wild
Keep wildlife wild

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Bear Scat

Bear scat bear scat
It's huge!
Bear scat bear scat
PU!
Bear scat

There's many different kinds of bear poop
Cause bears eat all sorts of things
What goes in must come out
And that's what this song's all about
People food they can do without
But here's a list of what healthy bears like putting in their mouth:

They like whitebark pine seeds
Army cutworm moths
tubers and fireweed
and spawning cutthroat Trout
They like mushrooms and clover
grasses, sedge, and thistle
dandelion, cow parsnip and fresh shoots
Salmon, ants, grubs and roots
And elk calves and ground squirrels too [eww!]
They like wild cherries, blueberries, dewberries, raspberries, blackberries,
bearberries, cranberries, soapberries,
huckleberry, whortleberry, and buffaloberry
false truffles, bistort, yampa and honey too

One thing bears should never eat is people food
Cause a fed bear is a dead bear
yeah a fed bear is a dead bear
hey a fed bear is a dead bear

So please don't feed the bears!

Bear scat bear scat
It's huge!
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