

9.25 @ 400% = 37"

Whistler is BEAR Country

6.25 @ 400% = 25"



Time for a nap

Black bears often rest in trees. It's nice and safe. Cubs will climb high up in trees, sometimes to the smallest branches, to be safe from predators. Bears also use day beds for naps. Day beds are constructed by raking together leaves, conifer needles, and small branches into a pile. Bears may have several day beds spread throughout their home range.

Bears deserve RESPECT in their home

It's not unusual to see a bear in Whistler – in fact, they are an integral part of Whistler Valley life. As a community, we are committed to peaceful coexistence with bears. We understand that it's normal for bears to wander through the valley because it has been built in the midst of prime Black bear habitat. We also understand that in order to prevent human-bear conflicts, it is essential that bears not have access to human food and garbage. Please help us to protect people and keep bears wild by picking up after yourself. Bear-proof garbage containers are provided in Whistler's public areas for your convenience.

For your safety, please:

- Be alert and bear aware!
- Do not approach or crowd bears. Keep a safe distance (100 metres / 325 ft.).
- Do NOT feed bears. It is against the law!

If you encounter a bear:

- Remain calm.
- Stand your ground.
- Speak in a non-threatening tone.
- Slowly back away.



Where can you safely watch bears?

Many of Whistler's Black bears spend the summer foraging on Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Viewing bears from the gondola or chairlift is the safest way to see them. From mid-May to mid-July, you can often see bears foraging on the ski runs. Once the berries ripen, bears move into the brush to access these foods and are often more difficult to spot.

When bears emerge from winter hibernation, the juicy skunk cabbage is one of the first foods they find.



Huckleberries are an important food for Whistler area bears because they are plentiful and rich in sugar.

For more information, pick up our BEAR SMART Whistler Visitor's Guide at your hotel or the Visitor Info Centre.

Call 604-905-BEAR (2327) to report any human-bear conflicts.

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