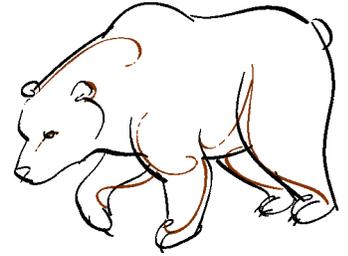




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Food Storage Requirements

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest



Special food storage requirements

Are in effect forest wide and the entire Anaconda Pintler Wilderness. Bears are found throughout the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and their numbers are increasing. It is recommended that all visitors assist in the effort to prevent bears from becoming habituated to human food in order to provide for human safety, and the welfare of bears.

What Is Required?

In the Daytime – All food, attractants and refuse must be acceptably stored or attended. Attended means that someone is within 100 feet and in sight of accessible food.

At Night – Unless being transported, eaten or prepared to be eaten, all food must be properly stored.

What Methods Of Storage Are Acceptable?

To be properly stored food and other attractants may be secured in an enclosed hard sided vehicle (including pick-up camper shell or enclosed horse trailer); a certified bear resistant container; or suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole. Certified electric fencing is also acceptable protection.

What Items Must Be Properly Stored

Anything (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) that can be eaten to provide nourishment, including soft drinks, canned food, alcoholic beverages, pet food, processed livestock feeds and grains, personal hygiene products (toothpaste), and refuse, including empty food and beverage containers, must be properly stored. If you use a barbecue grill, try to burn off any remaining food residue and properly store the grill at night.

Additional Information for Hunters

Any harvested animal carcass, including all parts, must be acceptably stored.

- ◆ No carcass may be kept within 100 yards of any camping or sleeping areas, or National Forest system trail;
- ◆ When located 100 yards to ½ mile from a *camping* or sleeping area, or within 100 to 200 yards of a Forest Service system *trail*, the carcass must be acceptably stored;
- ◆ Carcasses may be left on the ground if more than 1/2 mile from sleeping area and 200 yards from system trails.

Helpful Information Sources

- ◆ Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf
- ◆ To learn more about being Bear Aware go to: www.bearsmart.com
- ◆ www.centerforwildlifeinformation.org
- ◆ www.igbc.org
- ◆ <http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/>

Camping Tips

Whether camping in a campground or in the backcountry, make your campsite a bear avoidance campsite by:

- ◆ Always keeping a clean camp.
- ◆ Keep your sleeping area, tent, and sleeping bag free of food and odors.
- ◆ Don't sleep in clothes that you wore while cooking or handling fish or game.
- ◆ Cleaning barbecue grills and storing them so they are unavailable to bears.
- ◆ Using bear-resistant trash receptacles and food storage lockers.
- ◆ Keeping pets under control at all times.

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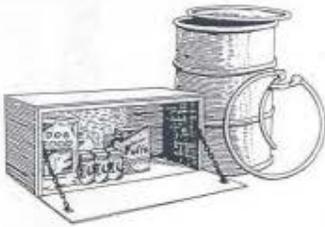
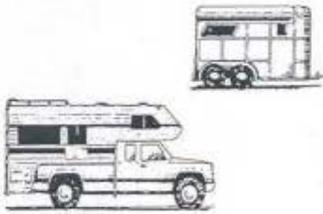
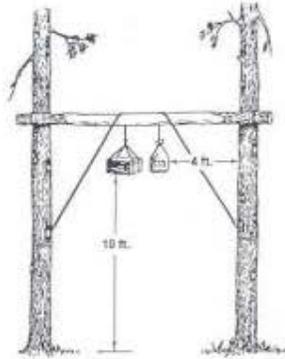
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Storing Food in Bear Country

All food and beverages, including canned food; pop and beer; garbage; grease; processed livestock or pet food; and scented or flavored toiletries (toothpaste, chapstick) must be stored unavailable to bears at night & when unattended during the day.

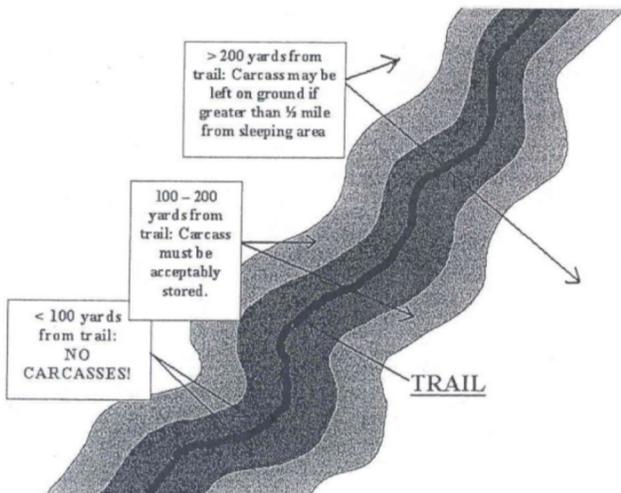
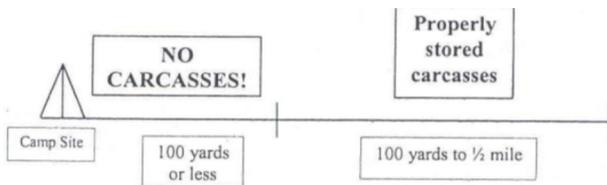
Attractions must be hung at least 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet from any vertical support, or stored inside a hard-sided vehicle. Food should be stored out of sight in vehicles.



Facilities Provided For Your Convenience

Boxes have been provided at some campgrounds, trailheads and campsites. Maps of the locations of these structures can be obtained from the nearest ranger station.

Coolers, pop-up campers, backpacks and tents are NOT considered bear resistant!



For more information contact one of the following offices Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Madison Ranger District

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Pintler Ranger District

88 Business Loop
Philipsburg, MT 59858
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Sheridan Work Center

402 S. Main
Sheridan, MT 59749
(406) 842-5432

Wisdom Ranger District

PO Box 238
Wisdom, MT 59761
(406) 689-3243

Wise River Work Center

PO Box 100
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