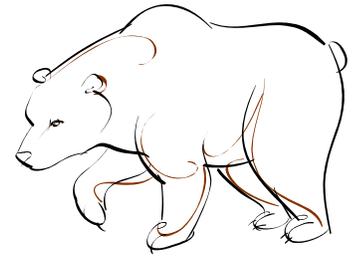




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Food Storage Requirements

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest



On the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, our main priority is the safety of our visitors, residents and wildlife. In the face of expanding black and grizzly bear populations, we recognize that bears may become habituated to people and strongly recommend the following precautions on all forest land:

In the Daytime – Acceptably store or attend all food and refuse. “Attend” means remain within 100 feet and in sight of all attractants at all times.

At Night – Acceptably store all attractants unless transporting, eating, or preparing food.

What is “acceptably stored”?

- ◆ Suspended at least 10 feet high and 4 feet from any vertical support;
- ◆ Secured in a certified bear-resistant container;
- ◆ Secured in a hard-sided vehicle (including an enclosed camper or horse trailer)

What are attractants?

All edible or odorous items, including sealed cans, alcohol, toothpaste, deodorant, pet and livestock feed, game meat, carcass parts, and partially burned or unburned garbage. The only excluded items are water, baled hay, and hay cubes without additives. When using a barbecue or grill, try to burn off all food residues and store the grill at night.

Additional Precautions for Hunters:

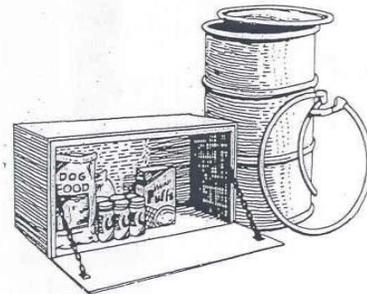
- ◆ Do not keep carcass (or parts thereof) within 100 yards of any camping or sleeping areas, or National Forest System trail.
- ◆ Carcass must be acceptably stored within the following zones: 100 yards to ½ mile from a sleeping area, or 100 to 200 yards from a National Forest System trail.
- ◆ You may leave carcasses on the ground if greater than ½ mile from sleeping areas and 200 yards from National Forest System trails. Take extreme caution when approaching unattended carcasses.

Food (attractant) Storage is **REQUIRED** on the Madison, Gravelly, Greenhorn, Snowcrest, Centennial, and Tobacco Root Mountain Ranges from March 1 to December 1. Food storage violations are ticket-able in these areas during these months.

Helpful Information Sources

For more information on bears, food storage or area restrictions, check with a local ranger station or visit the following web sites:

- ◆ Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf
- ◆ To learn more about being Bear Aware go to: www.centerforwildlifeinformation.org
- ◆ Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/livingWithWildlife/beBearAware/>
- ◆ Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee: <http://www.igbconline.org/>



Your local Ranger District may provide portable bear-resistant containers on loan, free of charge

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest’s “Be Bear Aware” program provides permanent food and garbage storage containers at many campgrounds. Visitors may use these containers, however, you must accept responsibility for your items.



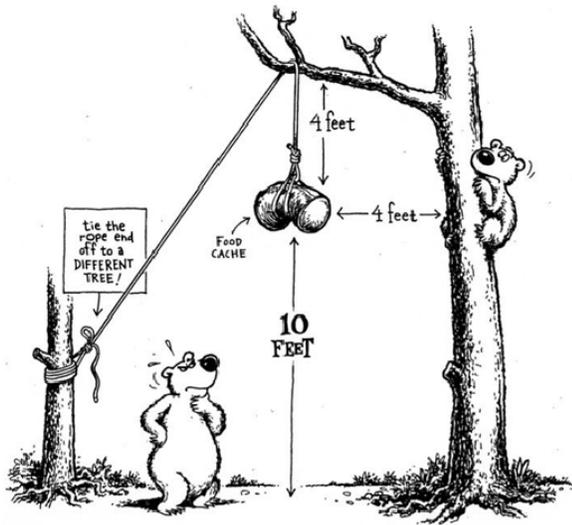
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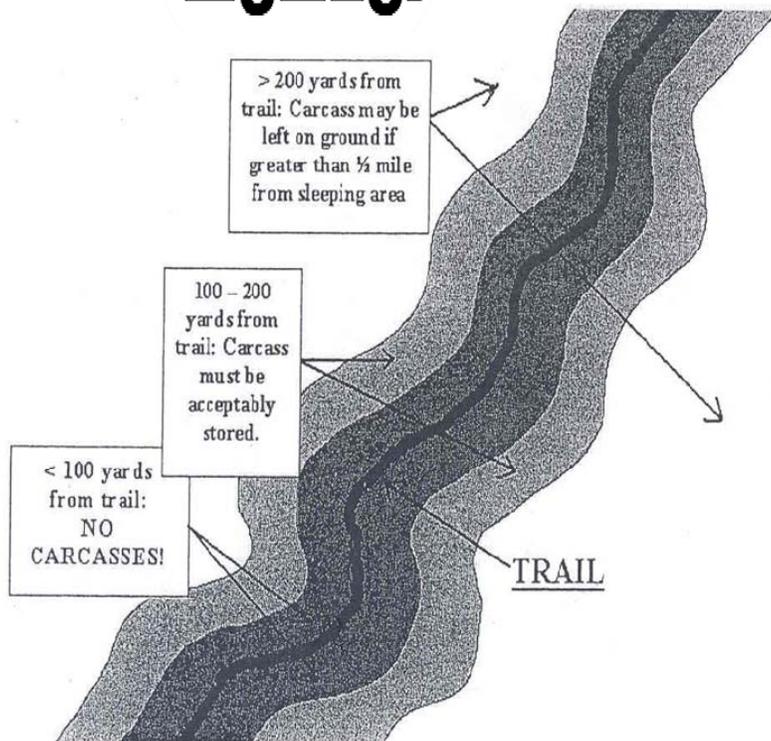


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Acceptably store bear attractants by hanging 10 ft high and 4 ft from branches, or, by placing in a hard-sided vehicle or certified bear-resistant container.



To obtain forest visitor maps, travel addendum maps and helpful information, stop by these offices Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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(406) 683-3900

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Philipsburg, MT 59858
(406) 859-3211

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(At Grant-Kohrs NHS)
266 Warren Lane
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(406) 246-1770

Butte Ranger District

1820 Meadowlark Lane
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 494-2147

Jefferson Ranger District

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Whitehall, MT 59759
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Madison Ranger District

5 Forest Service Road
Ennis, MT 59729
(406) 682-4253

Sheridan Work Center

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Sheridan, MT 59749
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