Reduce odors that attract bears!

Storing Your Food and Trash in Bear Country

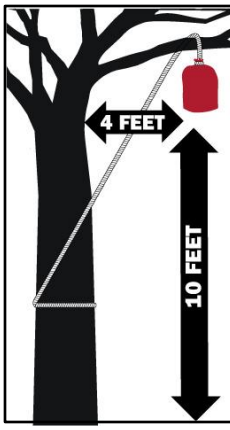
Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a hardtop vehicle, the trunk of a car or a bear-resistant container. Store your food garbage in the same manner where trash cans are not installed.

When camping in the backcountry hang your food at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from a tree.

Food and trash storage is mandatory in the Red River Gorge and on Stearns Ranger District. Supervisors Orders 12-05-10 and 16-04-10, on file at forest service offices.

Put your trash in the bear-resistant trash can provided.

Store food and trash inside a closed vehicle with a hard top.



Hang food and trash from a tree, out of bear's reach. ***(in backcountry areas where bear-resistant trash cans and vehicles are not nearby)***

YOU'RE IN BEAR COUNTRY!

Your safety is your responsibility.

- ❑ **Never feed a bear.** Once bears learn to associate food with humans, they can become aggressive for another easy meal. Feeding bears is illegal.
- ❑ **Never store food or odorous items inside your tent.** Store food and garbage at least 100 yards away from your campsite.
- ❑ **When camping,** cook and eat in locations away from your sleeping area.
- ❑ **Never approach a bear.** If you accidently come upon a bear, back away slowly. *Do not run;* this could prompt a chase.
- ❑ **If a bear approaches you, make lots of noise.** Remain standing upright. Never lay down to play dead or turn your back on an approaching black bear**.**

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