



NATIONAL BLACK BEAR DAY

— First Saturday in June —



Celebrate the iconic Black Bear and learn some interesting facts!
Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

- Black bears are the most _____ species of bear in North _____.
- Newborn cubs weigh less than one _____ at birth.
- They gain weight fast: 20-30 pounds in 3 _____.
- A male bear is called a _____.
- A female bear is called a _____.
- Black bears can run up to 30 _____ per hour.
- They can _____ over a mile at a time in fresh water.
- They can roam up to 80 miles to _____ for food.
- Black bears can _____ food a mile away.
- They eat all kinds of things: _____, _____, insects, _____, and even garbage.
- Black bears eat up to 20,000 _____ a day in the months leading up to winter hibernation.

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MILES
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POUND
SMELL
SOW
SWIM
WIDESPREAD

WHAT
SHOULD YOU
DO IF YOU
ENCOUNTER
A BLACK
BEAR?



Stay calm!



Speak calmly to let the bear know you are human, and not food.



Make yourself look as big as possible.



Slowly back away.



Never run from a black bear.

It will chase you and it is much faster than you!

REMEMBER, MOST BEARS JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.





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ANSWER KEY

- Black bears are the most **widespread** species of bear in North **America**.
- Newborn cubs weigh less than one **pound** at birth.
- They gain weight fast: 20–30 pounds in 3 **months**.
- A male bear is called a **boar**.
- A female bear is called a **sow**.
- Black bears can run up to 30 **miles** per hour.
- They can **swim** over a mile at a time in fresh water.
- They can roam up to 80 miles to **forage** for food.
- Black bears can **smell** food a mile away.
- They eat all kinds of things: **berries**, **fish**, insects, **honey**, and even garbage.
- Black bears eat up to 20,000 **calories** a day in the months leading up to winter hibernation.

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