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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**BEAR SIGHTING AND ENCOUNTER REPORT**

{INSERT PARK ADDRESS}

# GUIDE TO BEAR REPORTING

The National Park Service (NPS) requests the completion of NPS Form 10-407, "Bear Sighting and Encounter Report" to provide additional information if a bear enters camp, approaches you, damages gear, obtains food, and/or acts in an aggressive or threatening manner. Refer to the back of this page for help in filling out the form. ***Please mark the location of any bear sightings made by your group with an "X" and also mark the locations of your campsites with*** a ***"C" on the attached maps. GPS locations are especially helpful, please be sure to record the datum in which the points were collected***



If you encounter dirty campsites left by previous users or observe unsafe or inappropriate behavior by other groups please report this information as well. ***If you have* a *serious conflict with* a *bear such as* a *bear causing injury to* a *person, obtaining food, or causing major property damage, call the appropriate phone number listed below as soon as possible or immediately after returning.*** The continued safety of future visitors and bears is the responsibility of all users.

**CONTACT:**

**To report bear-human conflicts, call:**

1-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

**24hrs Emergency:**

1-XXX-XXX-XXXX.

**{Insert Park Mailing Address}**

Your cooperation in reporting bear observations and interactions on the river will enhance the safety of future visitors, as well as protection of bears. Bear sighting data helps us determine bear movements, habitat use, and species distribution, as well as gain valuable insight on population dynamics. First-hand accounts of how bears respond to people are important in understanding and detecting changes in bear behavior and identifying potential problem areas. We value any comments and insights you may have based on your experience in {Insert Park Name}. Thank you for your participation!!!

**Group Name Sighting Number**

**Date Time Species**

**Total Number Bear Unit Type**

**Distance to Bear Bear Aware of Group**

Please indicate your group name and/or trip leader’s name along with your start date.

Use the Sighting Number to identify the bear location on the mapprovided on the back of the sighting form.

Enter the date using Day/Month/Year format. Enter the time using 24-hr clock format.

If you are **certain** of the species circle the appropriate option, otherwise circle unknown. Note: grizzly includes both interior grizzly and coastal brown bears.

Enter the total number of bears seen together.

If you can determine that the bear(s) were adult or subadults orfamily groups circle the appropriate option. If you are uncertain circle unknown, if the available options do not describe the bears that you saw also circle unknown and describe in Comments section.

Estimate the minimum distance between you and the bear(s) in meter. Was the bear(s), at any point aware of you? Circle “Yes” or “No”

**Bear Reaction to Group** If the bear(s) was aware of you circle theappropriate option describing its reaction. If the bear(s) reaction does not fit any option circle other and describe in Comments section.

**Activity of Group** Circle the option describing your activity at time of sighting the bear(s). If you were involved in an activity other than the available options circle other and describe in Comments section.

**Number in Group** Enter the number of people in your group observing the bear(s).

**Comments** If you choose the option “other” describe here. Please describe location and if bear was observed from camp, please indicate which campsite. Please include additional comments that you feel are important in this section.

Your cooperation in reporting bear observations and interactions on the river will enhance the safety of future rafters as well as protection of bears. Bear sighting data helps us determine bear movements, habitat use, and species distribution, as well as gain valuable insight on population dynamics. First-hand accounts of how bears respond to people are important in understanding and detecting changes in bear behavior and identifying potential problem areas. We value any comments and insights you may have based on your experience on the Tatshenshini and Alsek River. Thank you for your participation!

If you would like this bear report mailed to you after the data is copied, please provide a return address here:

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Please fill out one line for every bear sighting. If a bear entered camp, approached people,

damaged gear, obtained food, and/or was aggressive.

After completing this part of the form, please complete the next section.

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## GROUP NAME: SUBMISSION DATE:

**NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sight No. | Date (D/M/Y) | Time in 24 hrClock | Species | Total No.Seen | Bear Unit Type | Color of Bear | Bear Aware of Group? | Bear Reaction to Group | Weight of Bear | Type of Encounter | Location Description/Campsite Name / GPS Position / Other Comments |
| 1 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 2 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 3 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 4 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 5 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 6 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 7 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| 8 |  |  | GR/BL/UN |  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 | Yes / No / Unknown | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 |  |
| **CODES** |
| **Species**GR = GrizzlyBL = BlackUN = Unknown | **Bear Unit Type**1 = Subadult(s)2 = Adult(s)3 = Female/cubs of year4 = Female/older cubs5 = Other {make Park specific} | **Bear Color**1 = Blonde (white/yellow)2 = Light/Medium brown3 = Dark brown4 = Reddish brown5 = Black 6 = Other {make park specific} | **Bear Reaction to Group**1 = No Reaction2 = Walked Towards3 = Ran Towards4 = Walked Away5 = Ran Away6 = Other {make park specific} | **Weight of Bear**1 = unknown2 = 10-50 lbs3 = 50-100 lbs4 = 100-2005 = 200 – 400 lbs6= {make Park specific} |  **Type of Encounter**1.= Observation 2 = Aggressive behavior3 = Nuisance/damage- 4 = Bear jam, 5 = bear Injury/ fatality6 = human injury, human fatality7 = Other {make Park specific} |

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| 1. **Primary person involved in bear interaction (Park staff may contact for additional information):**
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| **Name** | **Phone** |
| **Address**  |  **Email** |
| **Backcountry Permit Number**  |  |
| **Make and model of Car** | **License Plate #** |
| 1. **Observer Type**
* **Visitor**
* **NPS Employee**
 | * **Concessionaire**
* **Researcher**
 | * **First-hand report**
* **Second-hand report**
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| 1. **Number of people in group? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
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| **4. Human Activity in the park during the bear encounter?** |
| * Hiking
 | * Camping
 | * Flying
 |
| * Biking
 | * Driving
 | * Picnicking
 |
| * Walking/running
 | * Working
 | * Boating
 |
| * Riding a Horse
 | * Fishing
 | * {etc./park specific activities}
 |
| **5. Bear Activity?** |
| * Feeding on vegetation
 | * Resting
 | * Traveling
 |
| * Feeding on carcass
 | * Moving away from people
 | * Moving towards people
 |
| * Walking/running
 | * Mating
 | * Investigating property
 |
| * Digging
 | * Fishing
 | * Unknown
 |
| * Standing
 | * Grazing
 | * {etc./park specific activities}
 |
| **6. Where was the bear?** |
| * Off trail
 | * In residential area
 | * Digging in trash bin
 |
| * Backcountry area
 | * Lake or Stream
 | * Too far away could not tell
 |
| * Picnic area
 | * Along the road
 | * {etc./park specific activities}
 |
| * In campground
 | * Near or in Parking lot
 |  |
| **7. Bear Injury/ Mortality from? (please respond if you indiated Bear Injury/Fatality in the table above)** |
| * Vehicle
 | * NPS Management
 | * Non-Management
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| * Poaching
 | * Natural
 | * Unknown
 |
| **8. Bear Injury Location? (please respond if you indiated Bear Injury/Fatality in the table above)** |
| * Head
 | * Neck
 | * Right Shoulder
 |
| * Left Shoulder
 | * Right Rump
 | * Left Rump
 |
| * Front Right Leg

□Front Right Paw | * Front Left Leg

□Front Left Paw | * Rear Right leg
* Rear Left Leg
 |
| * Rear Right Paw
 | * Rear Right Paw
 | * {etc./park specific activities}
 |
| **9. What was the bear's initial reaction** |
| * Not aware of people
 | * Walked towards people
 | * Charged people
 |
| * Stood up
 | * Watched people
 | * Bluff charged
 |
| * Growled/woofed/gnashed

teeth | * Remained in area ignored

people | * Made contact with person
* Investigated property
 |
| * Walked away
 | * Ran away
 | * {etc./park specific activities}
 |
| **10. What did you do then?** |  |  |
| * Walked/backed away
 | * Remained still/quiet
 | * Photographed bear
 |
| * Ran away
 | * Yelled/made noise
 | * Used pepper spray
 |
| * Used horn/Siren/cracker
 | * Threw something at bear
 | * {etc./make park specific}
 |
| **11. Did the bear have any distinguishable characteristics?** | . |
| * Collar
 | * Girth band
 | * Missing or discolored hair
 |
| * Chest blaze
 | * Limp
 | * Charged
 |
| * White markings
 | * Injured
 | * {etc./park specific activities}
 |
| * No Markings
 | * Paint
 | * Other/Unknown
 |
| **12. How close were you to the bear? Did the bear follow or approach anyone; if so how long and how far?**  |
| **13. Did the bear enter a structure, building, or car or attempt to?** |
| **14. Was trash/food present or nearby?** | □Yes □ No  |
| **How was the food stowed?** |  |
| * Food Locker
 |  □ Trash bin |  □ Pannier |
| * Unsecured dumpster
 |  □ Food hung in tree |  □ Other |
| * Inside Vehicle (trunk)
 |  □ Inside tent | □ {etc./park specific activities} |
| **15. Was food eaten by the bear?** |
| * Yes
 | If so, what? |  |
| * No
 |  |  |
| * Unknown
 |  |  |
| **16. If food or trash was left out, why?** |
| **□** Didn’t operate locker properly, | **□** didn’t think it would happen to them |
| **□** no space in locker,, | □ Forgot, |
| **□** unaware food had to be stored, | □ Inconvenient |
| **□** people were away for a short time, | □{etc./make park specific} |
| **17. Was property damaged?** |
| * Yes
 | If so, list property and estimated costs: |
| * No
 |  |
| **18. Description of damage:** |
| **19. Was Law Enforcement involved?** |
| * Yes
 | If so, Case No.: |
| * No
 |  |
| **20. Additional comments** {or/park specific activities}**.** |
| **21. Exact Location (use attached maps to mark location)** |
| Lat/Long |  |  |
| Other |  |  |
| Datum: WGS84, NAD27, or |  |  |
| **MANAGEMENT USE ONLY** |
| 1. Park (Select one) |  |
| 2. Bear Database Incident#: |  |  |
| 3. Case Incident Number (If applicable): |
| 4. Management Action Taken(Hazing, Area Closure, Trail/Camp Closure, Bear Warning, Bear Trapped):  |

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# NOTICES

**Authority:** 54 U.S.C.100101. National Park Service and Related Programs.

**Purpose**: To allow the National Park Service to make value judgments necessary to enhance the safety of future visitors and to protect the bear population at the park. Information collected will be used to provide the public and permittees with permit-related information, to monitor activities conducted under a permit, to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use park resources, to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit program.

**Routine Uses:** In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C.552a(b) of the Privacy Act, records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the National Park Service as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) to other Federal, State, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign agencies and other authorized organizations and individuals based on an authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled as described under the system of records notice for this system.

**Disclosure:** Voluntary, however, failure to provide the requested information may impede our ability to enhance the safety of future visitors and to protect the bear population at the park.

## PAPERWORK EDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), the NPS Organic Act 54 U.S.C. §100101 and 36 CFR 1-7, 12, and 13 which authorize the National Park Service to require applicants to fill out this form to monitor resources in the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. This information is being collected to allow the Park management to make value judgments necessary to enhance the safety and enjoyment of both the visitors and wildlife. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid 0MB control number.

## ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate, or any aspects of this form or instructions, to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive (MS-244) Herndon, VA 20171.

**INSERT PARK MAPS STARTING HERE**

**ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS HERE**