



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	Please indicate your group name and/or trip leader's name along with your start date.
Sighting Number	Use the Sighting Number to identify the bear location on the map provided on the back of the sighting form.
Date	Enter the date using Day/Month/Year format.
Time	Enter the time using 24-hr clock format.
Species	If you are certain of the species circle the appropriate option, otherwise circle unknown. Note: grizzly includes both interior grizzly and coastal brown bears.
Total Number	Enter the total number of bears seen together.
Bear Unit Type	If you can determine that the bear(s) were adult or subadults or family 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.
Distance to Bear	Estimate the minimum distance between you and the bear(s) in meter.
Bear Aware of Group	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 the appropriate 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

Sight No.	Date (D/M/Y)	Time in 24 hr Clock	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 = Grizzly BL = Black UN = Unknown		Bear Unit Type 1 = Subadult(s) 2 = Adult(s) 3 = Female/cubs of year 4 = Female/older cubs 5 = Other {make Park specific}		Bear Color 1 = Blonde (white/yellow) 2 = Light/Medium brown 3 = Dark brown 4 = Reddish brown 5 = Black 6 = Other {make park specific}		Bear Reaction to Group 1 = No Reaction 2 = Walked Towards 3 = Ran Towards 4 = Walked Away 5 = Ran Away 6 = Other {make park specific}		Weight of Bear 1 = unknown 2 = 10-50 lbs 3 = 50-100 lbs 4 = 100-200 5 = 200 - 400 lbs 6= {make Park specific}		Type of Encounter 1.= Observation 2 = Aggressive behavior 3 = Nuisance/damage- 4 = Bear jam, 5 = bear Injury/ fatality 6 = human injury, human fatality 7 = Other {make Park specific}	

12. Primary person involved in bear interaction (Park staff may contact for additional information):		
Name		Phone
Address		Email
Backcountry Permit Number		
Make and model of Car		License Plate #
34. Observer Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Concessionaire	<input type="checkbox"/> First-hand report
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Researcher	<input type="checkbox"/> Second-hand report
<input type="checkbox"/> NPS Employee		
6. Number of people in group? _____		
4. Human Activity in the park during the bear encounter?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Flying
<input type="checkbox"/> Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/running	<input type="checkbox"/> Working	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating
<input type="checkbox"/> Riding a Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
5. Bear Activity?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding on vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Resting	<input type="checkbox"/> Traveling
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding on carcass	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving away from people	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving towards people
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/running	<input type="checkbox"/> Mating	<input type="checkbox"/> Investigating property
<input type="checkbox"/> Digging	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
6. Where was the bear?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Off trail	<input type="checkbox"/> In residential area	<input type="checkbox"/> Digging in trash bin
<input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry area	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake or Stream	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far away could not tell
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/> Along the road	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
<input type="checkbox"/> In campground	<input type="checkbox"/> Near or in Parking lot	
7. Bear Injury/ Mortality from? (please respond if you indicated Bear Injury/Fatality in the table above)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> NPS Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Poaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
8. Bear Injury Location? (please respond if you indicated Bear Injury/Fatality in the table above)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Head	<input type="checkbox"/> Neck	<input type="checkbox"/> Right Shoulder
<input type="checkbox"/> Left Shoulder	<input type="checkbox"/> Right Rump	<input type="checkbox"/> Left Rump
<input type="checkbox"/> Front Right Leg	<input type="checkbox"/> Front Left Leg	<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Right leg
<input type="checkbox"/> Front Right Paw	<input type="checkbox"/> Front Left Paw	<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Left Leg
<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Right Paw	<input type="checkbox"/> Rear Right Paw	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
9. What was the bear's initial reaction		
<input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of people	<input type="checkbox"/> Walked towards people	<input type="checkbox"/> Charged people
<input type="checkbox"/> Stood up	<input type="checkbox"/> Watched people	<input type="checkbox"/> Bluff charged
<input type="checkbox"/> Growled/woofed/gnashed teeth	<input type="checkbox"/> Remained in area ignored people	<input type="checkbox"/> Made contact with person
<input type="checkbox"/> Walked away	<input type="checkbox"/> Ran away	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
10. What did you do then?		

<input type="checkbox"/> Walked/backed away	<input type="checkbox"/> Remained still/quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographed bear
<input type="checkbox"/> Ran away	<input type="checkbox"/> Yelled/made noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Used pepper spray
<input type="checkbox"/> Used horn/Siren/cracker	<input type="checkbox"/> Threw something at bear	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./make park specific}
11. Did the bear have any distinguishable characteristics?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Collar	<input type="checkbox"/> Girth band	<input type="checkbox"/> Missing or discolored hair
<input type="checkbox"/> Chest blaze	<input type="checkbox"/> Limp	<input type="checkbox"/> Charged
<input type="checkbox"/> White markings	<input type="checkbox"/> Injured	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
<input type="checkbox"/> No Markings	<input type="checkbox"/> Paint	<input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
How was the food stowed?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food Locker	<input type="checkbox"/> Trash bin	<input type="checkbox"/> Pannier
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsecured dumpster	<input type="checkbox"/> Food hung in tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Vehicle (trunk)	<input type="checkbox"/> Inside tent	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./park specific activities}
15. Was food eaten by the bear?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If so, what?	
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
16. If food or trash was left out, why?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Didn't operate locker properly,	<input type="checkbox"/> didn't think it would happen to them	
<input type="checkbox"/> no space in locker,,	<input type="checkbox"/> Forgot,	
<input type="checkbox"/> unaware food had to be stored,	<input type="checkbox"/> Inconvenient	
<input type="checkbox"/> people were away for a short time,	<input type="checkbox"/> {etc./make park specific}	
17. Was property damaged?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If so, list property and estimated costs:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
18. Description of damage:		
19. Was Law Enforcement involved?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	If so, Case No.:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No		

20. Additional comments {or/park specific activities}.

21. Exact Location (use attached maps to mark location)

Lat/Long

Other

Datum: WGS84, NAD27, or

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- 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):

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 REDUCTION 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 OMB 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