

Grizzly Bear Warning from the Department of Fish and Game

In light of the rising frequency of human/grizzly bear conflicts, the Department of Fish and Game is strongly advising Scouts, hikers, hunters, and fishermen to wear little noisy bells tied to their clothing while in the field so as not to startle bears that aren't expecting people to be walking in their habitat. It has also been strongly advised for Scouts and outdoorsmen to carry non-lethal pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

The Department states it is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity such as fresh tracks and scat. How a person responds to a black bear encounter can be different from a response to a grizzly bear encounter. Therefore, recognizing the type of bear frequenting an area is very important. Anyone spending time in the backcountry should be able to recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear scat.

Black bear scat is smaller and contains lots of berries.

Grizzly bear scat has little bells in it and smells like pepper.



Black Bear Scat



Grizzly Bear Scat