A BEAR FED BY HUMAN IS A BEAR SENTENCED TO DEATH!

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## Conflict prevention near households:

- DON'T FEED BEARS!
- Do not leave leftover food in the yard, garden!
- Use efficient, tightly closed rubbish bins!
- Ask for regular garbage pick-up, preferably in the evening!
- Minimize odor-causing factors!
- Secure your property well!
- Pick the fruit as soon as it ripens!
- Do not leave fallen fruits on the ground!

## If you see a bear in the village:

- **KEEP AWAY!**
- **DON'T FEED THE BEARS!**
- **DON'T TAKE PHOTOS!** The flash or the sound can disturb or angry him!
- **DON'T CHASE THE BEAR!** Moderate gossip (whistling, clapping, etc.) can remove it, but the shouts and murmur made by many people at one place can scare him and cause him to act aggressively.
- **KEEP THE DISTANCE FROM THE BEARS!** Bears are cute, but they are wild animals that can hurt us. Their behavior is unpredictable when they meet the man.

# HIKING TIPS - avoid injury

## TIPS FOR PREVENTING THE HUMAN BEAR MEETING

- It is best to avoid walking/trekking in the forests where bear presence is signalled.
- Please use only the marked trails and the existing paths and roads with public access.
- Always walk/hike in a group and during the day!
- Avoid walking/trekking early in the morning, late in the evening or at night!
- Make your presence heard in the forest, but do not exaggerate (you can talk, sing or whistle). Bears recognise human voices and they go away.
- While hiking in a forest where bears are likely to be present, look for signs that indicate their presence: tracks, logs or uprooted dead trees (bears leave them behind as they look for ants), signs of berries on the ground, signs of claws on tree bark or even hairs on trees.
- Be careful and watch for bear tracks! Go back the way you came if you notice tracks!
- If you bring your pet dog along, keep it on a leash or under control.
- Do not store food in the tent! Camping with a tent is only recommended in specially designed areas.

## BEHAVIOR TIPS WHEN MEETING A BEAR

**It is good to be prepared for such a meeting.**
**In this case: Stop! Evaluate the situation!**

- Don't provoke the bear! Don't face him! Stay calm and leave the area without running. Talk slowly or move your hands while you withdraw!
- Respect the bear's space without crowding it, and it will retreat!
- Watch the bear's reactions, but avoid looking him straight in the eye!

## TO REMEMBER:

- If the bear hears you coming, it usually will avoid you
- The bear will feel threatened if taken by surprise.
- The brown bear does not consider human as a potential prey.

**The bears are:**

• key species, being like farmers in the wild: disperses seeds and fertilizes the soil in forests;

• indicator species: healthy bear populations indicate healthy forests and balanced ecosystem

• umbrella species for all other living things in its habitat: if we protect bears, both the rest of the species and the habitat are protected

What bears need, people need too!
Our future depends on wild places!

**What's good for bears is good for humans ...
and for the planet!**

**THE BEAR'S HOUSE IS IN NATURE!**

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