



Bear Aware: Travelling in Bear Country

Course Overview:

The best way to minimize an encounter with a bear is by practicing prevention. Don't wait until you are head to head with a bear to think about what you could have done to avoid an encounter. Bear Aware: Travelling in Bear Country provides a general knowledge about bears, their habits and behaviours. It will also discuss some ways to help prevent bear encounters, as well as what you need to do to increase your chances of survival should a bear encounter or attack happen.

Who Should Take the Course?

This course is designed for anyone travelling or camping through bear country.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, the participant should be able to:

- Differentiate between grizzlies and black bears
- Identify potential food sources for bears
- Understand what is meant by "home range" and "personal space"
- Identify bear body language that is associated with stress levels
- Understand your role in creating problem bears, and what you can do to help prevent this
- Know how to set up a camp area that will be as safe as possible
- Understand what deterrents are and when they should be used
- Comprehend the DO's and DON'Ts for preventing bear encounters
- Understand the differences between a bear's defensive behaviour and its aggressive behaviour
- Know what to do in both defensive and aggressive encounters and attacks

Evaluation Process:

At the end of the module, there is a test. Participants that do not achieve 100% can review the module content and try as many times as necessary to complete the course. Test questions are randomly selected from a test bank, making each test unique.

Upon successfully completing the module, there is a printable certificate for your records.

Course Duration:

This online course is self-paced. Participants may leave the course at anytime and can resume where they left off. The duration will depend on the individual participant and their prior knowledge of the subject matter. On average, the course will take between 1 - 2 hours to complete.