

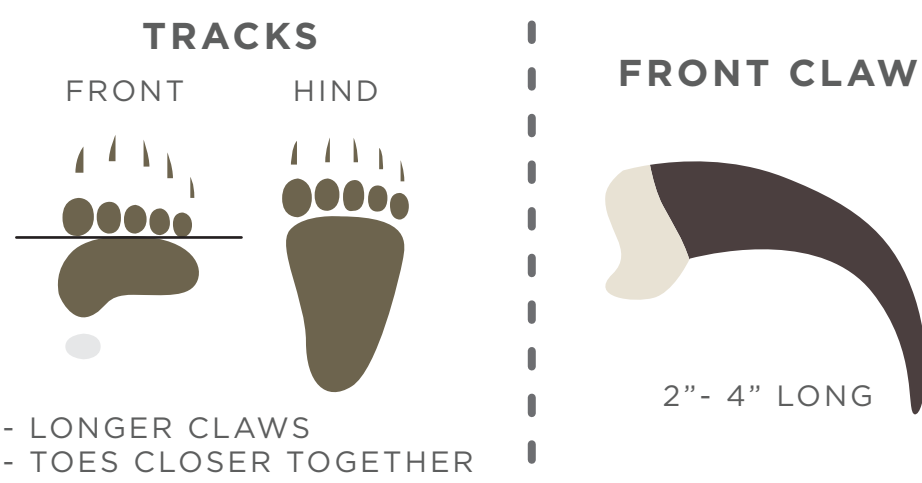
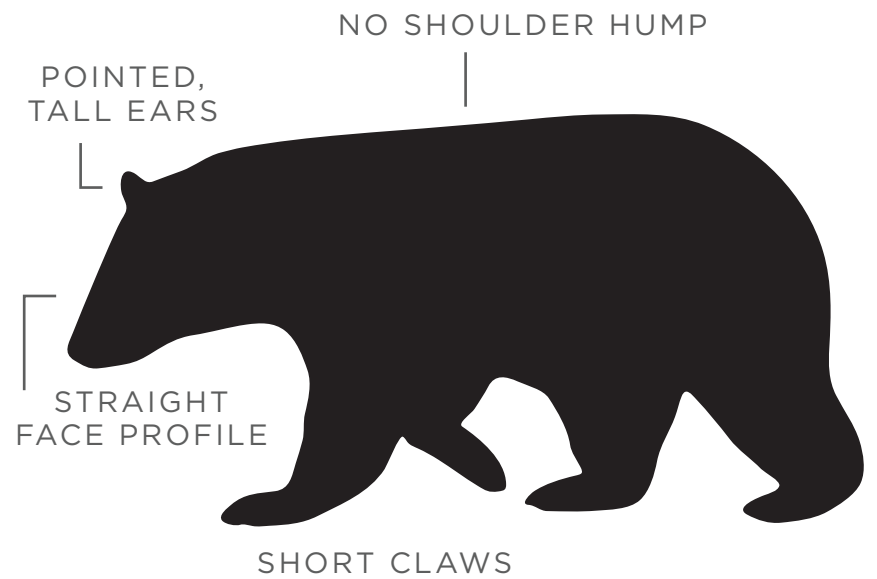
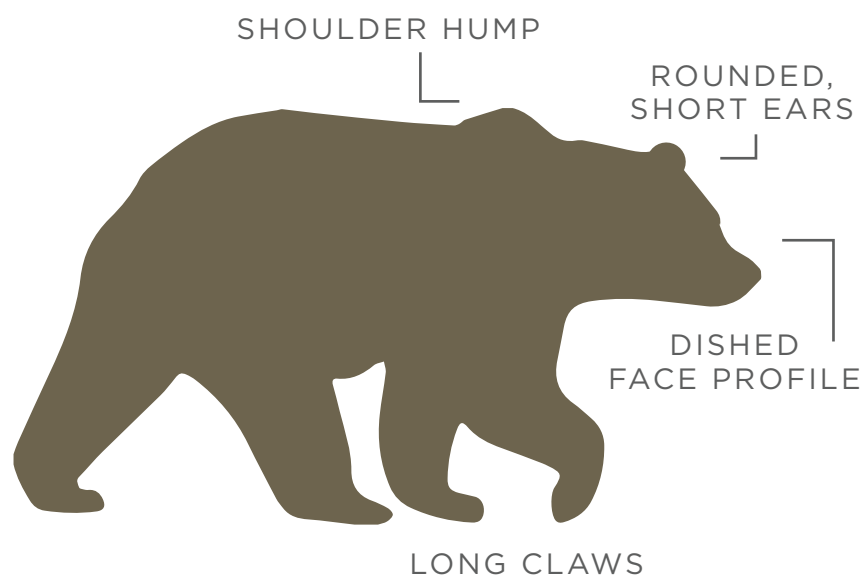
KNOW YOUR BEARS

Grizzly bears and black bears tend to behave differently in a given situation, so it helps to know which species you're dealing with.

GRIZZLY BEAR

VS

BLACK BEAR



Use more than color and size to correctly ID bears.
Try a combination of characteristics.

BEAR ENCOUNTERS

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BLACK BEAR OR GRIZZLY BEAR IN THE WILD:

- Back away
- Do not run
- Do not climb a tree
- Stay Calm
- Stay in a group
- Have your bear spray ready

If you have time to distinguish between a grizzly bear or black bear:



GRIZZLY BEAR

THE GRIZZLY BEAR APPROACHES YOU

- Speak quietly
- Avoid eye contact
- Back away
- Have your bear spray in hand and ready

THE GRIZZLY BEAR CHARGES YOU

- Remain standing
- Use your bear spray

THE GRIZZLY BEAR ATTACKS YOU

- Use your bear spray
- Experts recommend lay flat on your stomach or curl in a ball
- Cover your neck and head with your hands
- Avoid eye contact
- Keep backpacks on as added protection between you and the bear



BLACK BEAR

THE BLACK BEAR APPROACHES YOU

- Make noise
- Appear bigger by raising your arms
- Have your bear spray in hand and ready

THE BLACK BEAR CHARGES YOU

- Stand your ground
- Have bear spray ready and deploy it

THE BLACK BEAR ATTACKS YOU

- Use your bear spray
- Fight back

Bear conflicts are a community issue.

It is important to work together to remove bear attractants.



For more information on bears in Big Sky, visit us online at bscomt.org/bearsmart

