

Black Bear



Grizzly Bear



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Know your bears—look for a combination of characteristics.

Black Bear

- **Color** varies from black, blond, cinnamon, rust, white, and even blue.
- **No distinctive** shoulder muscle hump.
- **Rump** is higher than front shoulders.
- **Face profile** is straight.
- **Ears** are tall.
- **Front claws** are 1–2 inches long and curved to facilitate climbing. Claw marks **are not** usually visible in tracks.

Grizzly Bear

- **Color** varies from brown, golden-tipped, black, silver-tipped, and even white.
- **Distinctive** shoulder muscle hump.
- **Rump** is lower than shoulder hump.
- **Face profile** appears dished in.
- **Ears** are short and rounded.
- **Front claws** are 2–4 inches long, depending on the amount of digging the bear does, and are slightly curved. Claw marks **are usually** visible in tracks.

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