

THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY



Newcomers learning to camp saw a black bear and her cubs. It was far away. They took pictures of the bears.

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Surprise! We saw bears

LEVEL 2

Newcomers to Canada enjoy learning about camping and wildlife.

Last year we went camping. We camped in a national park.

We woke up very early. We went bird watching. We didn't see any birds.

We saw a black bear and her cubs!

We were very surprised.

The bears were far away from us.

We were very quiet.

We took lots of photographs from a distance.

Then the bears walked back into the forest.

Now we have a great story to tell our friends and family.

Bears like to be alone.

Never go near a bear, especially a bear with cubs. Bears are dangerous.

Parks Canada protects bears.



Newcomers learning to camp are roasting marshmallows for s'mores over the campfire.

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Parks Canada helps newcomers learn how to camp.

Learn-To camp is a program for new Canadians. They go camping.

National parks are a great place to see wildlife. Parks Canada plans activities to help people learn. They learn about wildlife and camping.

At Learn-To Camp we:

- play games
- learn new skills like how to set up a tent
- go hiking
- eat hotdogs and s'mores by a campfire



These two are setting up a tent.

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Campers learn how to respect plants and animals.

It is important to understand what wild plants and animals need to be healthy and safe. We can help save these special places for our children to enjoy when they grow up.

Follow these tips:

- always give wildlife space
- never feed wildlife

At our national parks we say "take only photographs, leave only footprints". This means we try not to impact the environment or wildlife.



Take only photographs, leave only footprints.

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This young woman is using binoculars to look at wildlife.

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Remember to bring your binoculars so you can safely view wildlife from a distance.

We do not want to attract wildlife to our campsites.

It is not safe for wildlife to be in our campsites.

1. Always make sure to put food away after eating in a bear proof container.
2. Wash all the dishes.
3. Put all garbage into a bear-proof container.
4. Never bring food into the tent.
5. Never leave food alone at the picnic table.
6. Keep the campsite clean and tidy.



This woman is putting her food in a bear proof container.

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What is a s'more?



This man is holding a s'more. It's ready to eat.

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A s'more is a tasty dessert. S'mores are easy to make over a campfire. They are called s'mores because you always want "some more."

All you need are graham crackers, chocolate, marshmallows and a campfire.

Click on this link to find out how to make s'mores:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-S'more>



Are you interested in learning to camp?

Click on these Parks Canada links to learn more about the Learn-to Camp program:
<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/media/ltc-dlc/index.aspx>

Where can I participate in Learn-To Camp?
<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/media/ltc-dlc/ltc-dlc08.aspx>

Learn about camping safely in wildlife areas:
<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/media/ltc-dlc/ltc-dlc04/ltc-dlc04e.aspx>

Find a national park in B.C.
http://www.pc.gc.ca/listing/np-pn/recherche-search_e.asp?search=&p=1&province=BC&sort=

Vocabulary

Impact: to have a strong effect on something

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Exercise - What did you learn? who, what, where and why

Pick your answer from the box below and write it on the line.

1. Who goes camping in the Learn-To camp?

2. What did the campers see?

3. Where should you store your food?

4. What animal likes to be alone?

5. What dessert is made from roasted marshmallows and chocolate?

6. Where do you roast marshmallows for s'mores?

7. Who will the campers tell about seeing the bears?

newcomers
family and friends
a black bear and her cub
s'mores
over a campfire
in a bear proof container
bears

Write your own answer to this question.
There are many answers to this question.

Why should we care about wildlife?

Answer key

1. newcomers, 2. a black bear and her cub, 3. in a bear proof container, 4. bears, 5. s'mores, 6. over a campfire, 7. family and friends