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Bear Safety

Bears may be encountered throughout parks in BC during the summer months. These bears are not the cute cuddly kind you take to picnics so here are some simple precautions to avoid dangerous encounters:

- Never feed or approach bears and obey all park closures and warnings.
- Reduce or eliminate odours that attract bears. (Store food in air-tight containers in your RV or car trunk. Cook and eat away from your tent. Don't wear perfume while camping.)
- Keep pets leashed and children nearby and in sight.
- Hike as a group and watch for bear signs such as tracks, droppings, clawed/bitten trees, trampled vegetation, etc. (stay away from these areas).
- Notify Park Staff immediately upon bear sighting.
- If you see a bear in the distance make loud noises and quickly find an alternative route or detour.
- If you are at close range, remain calm, avoid eye contact and move away without running. (If it is a grizzly, consider climbing a tree.)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hastings park nature walk & workshop (Vancouver)	2 Hastings park nature walk & workshop (Vancouver)	3 Hastings park nature walk & workshop (Vancouver)	4	5
6	7 Hastings park nature walk & workshop (Vancouver)	8 Annual General Meeting (Burnaby)	9	10 Shoreline cleanup (London's Landing, Richmond)	11 Shoreline cleanup (London's Landing, Richmond)	12
13	14	15 Bears presentation (Richmond)	16 Youth Estuary Stewardship Class (Vancouver)	17 Climate Change presentation (Surrey)	18	19
20 	21	22 Reptiles and Amphibians presentation (Vancouver)	23	24	25	26
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