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Re: do you carry bear spray?

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wildtrout2 wrote:

No. Of the 15 or so bears I have seen in Pa, every single one of them has run away once it realized I was a human. If you're close enough to hit a bear with spray, you're prolly going to get mauled anyway. It's the bear that doesn't run, that might change your world. I just break small branches/twigs while walking to let a bear know something is around. Bears don't like company.

I've been dealing with bears at our cabin near Kettle Creek State Park since 1975. Please don't think for a minute that all bears run away, or even walk away. Only 2 bears I encountered this year ran away (out of 25+-). They become used to humans, now more-so than ever before. We don't feed them, but other camps on the mountain do. Discharge a firearm and they come back half an hour later following any scent of food they can smell. I now lay a line of ammonia around the porch and at the door to discourage them, especially since one particular bear tried to get into the door in April. I had to blockade the door with a picnic bench They are a pain in my azz.

And I've had several encounters along creeks where they just stand their ground. By the way, like other animals, they don't like eye contact.