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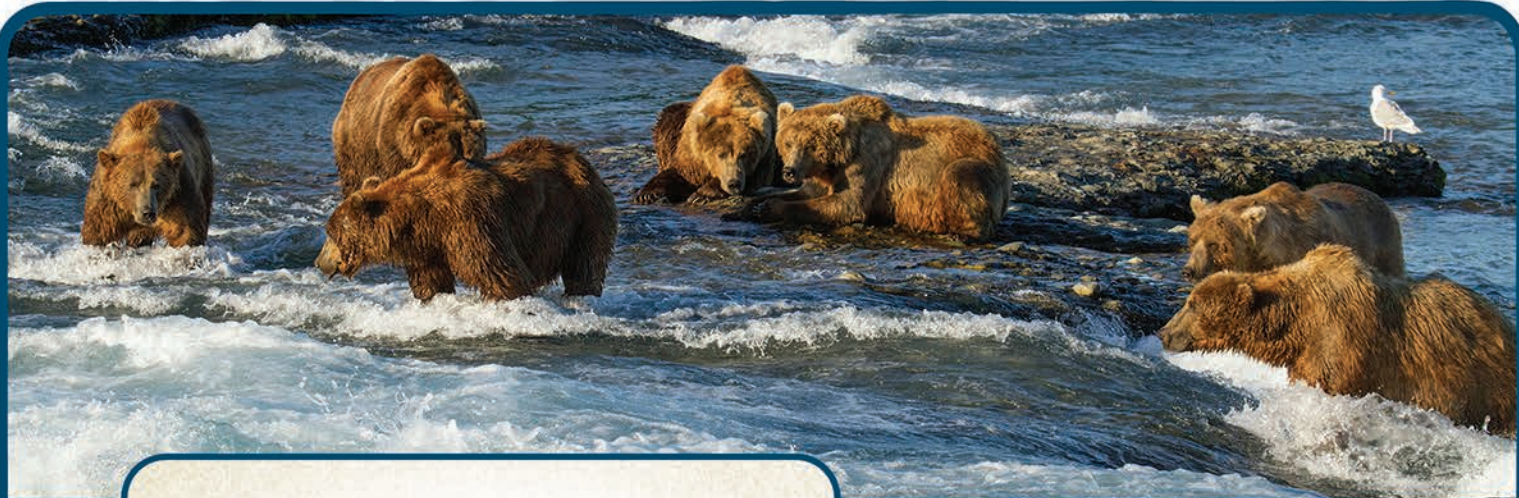


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WELCOME to the WORLD of BEARS



Why Are Brown Bears Important?

Bears are a part of our culture: For thousands of years, people and bears have shared the land. Pictographs in central Montana dating back 3,000 years illustrate the importance of bears to prehistoric humans. Brown bears are considered to be an enduring symbol of true wilderness in North America. Their strength, power and beauty have inspired our respect, fear and admiration. Many native Americans believe brown bears possess special powers and can even take on human form.

Bears are like us! Bears are more like us than you might think. They sometimes stand on two feet, use their paws to reach for things and eat both plants and meat. Female bears are great moms. They fiercely protect and care for their cubs for their first two years. During that time mothers teach their cubs how to survive on their own.

Bears keep our environment healthy: Brown bears keep wildlife populations healthy and strong by feeding on sick and weak individuals. They keep plant-eating animal species from overpopulating and help forests grow by spreading seeds. Natural areas that support bears are home to many other animals. So by protecting bears, we protect other wildlife too.

Bears are survivors: At one time brown bears were scarce in the continental US and headed for extinction. Today America's greatest predator is making a comeback! Their recovery is one of our biggest conservation success stories and represents what we can accomplish when we all work together!

Bears share our space: As bear and human populations grow, conflict for space and resources between the two are on the rise. By becoming bear aware – learning ways to avoid unwanted or unsafe encounters – and teaching others what you've learned, you can create a brighter future for bears.





How do brown bear cubs learn and grow?

Movie Timeline Images

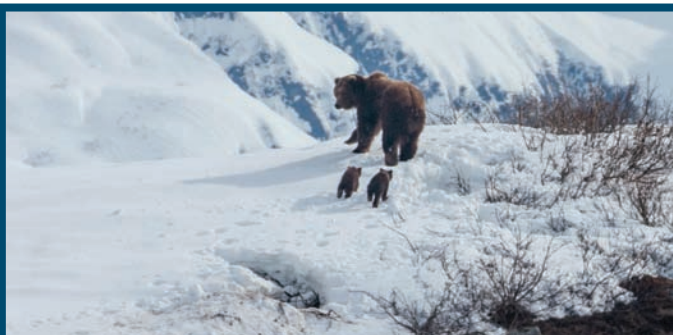
DIRECTIONS: Cut out the photos from Disneynature **BEARS** below and place them in order of events. The photos will follow brown bear cubs Amber and Scout through their first year with their mother, Sky.



Cubs observing salmon fishing



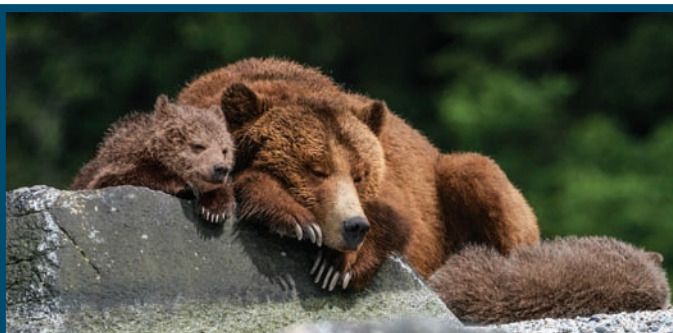
Cubs nursing



Cubs emerging from den



Cubs playing



Cubs resting



Cubs digging for food

Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Search in all directions for the 24 bear-related words below. Circle them when you find them. Good luck!

L	F	O	O	T	P	R	I	N	T	S	U	R	K	C	C	M
K	D	M	E	T	S	Y	S	O	C	E	P	Y	T	A	K	Y
Z	R	N	B	E	R	O	V	I	B	R	E	H	M	R	S	T
Z	E	I	P	R	E	D	A	T	O	R	E	O	W	N	W	C
R	I	V	E	R	E	O	W	A	P	U	U	L	O	I	E	U
T	A	O	M	I	E	T	O	T	J	F	L	Y	D	V	P	U
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Z	Z	L	J	Y	P	E	L	A	G	Z	W	L	C	U	W	U
F	A	I	A	F	P	C	B	N	O	Q	R	P	S	H	Z	G
S	J	K	N	Z	B	I	U	C	N	H	N	G	Z	H	E	Y
W	R	Z	N	O	T	E	C	V	C	N	P	R	B	Q	J	A
I	A	M	T	A	K	S	A	L	A	Y	H	A	S	H	H	F
Q	E	Y	T	M	L	N	E	R	K	H	M	X	J	A	K	X



WORDS TO FIND:

Camouflage

Herbivore

Meadow

Forest

Prey

Adaptation

Carnivore

Habitat

Alaska

Paw

Ecosystem

Omnivore

Species

River

Den

Footprints

Territory

Salmon

Niche

Cub

Scavenger

Predator

Katmai

Bear

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Make Your Own Bear Mask!

DIRECTIONS: Print this sheet on a piece of thick paper. Use your favorite coloring material to color the bear. Ask an adult to help you cut out the eye holes. Carefully punch holes on the dotted circles on each side of the bear's face and tie the ends of an elastic string on each hole. TIP: You may want to reinforce the holes with scotch tape to prevent tearing. Try on your mask and adjust string as necessary.





How do I compare to a bear?

Comparing Adaptations

Bears have special adaptations to survive in their environment including their height, fur and claws.

Use a ruler or measuring tape to compare yourself to a bear.



1

Bears stand on their hind legs to intimidate intruders and find food. An adult bear can be as tall as 275 centimeters or 9 feet when standing on its hind legs!

Measure your height in centimeters and feet.
How tall are you?

_____ cm _____ ft

2

Bears' hair color helps them to blend in with their environment while keeping them warm.

What do you use to keep warm in cold temperatures?

3

Bears have long claws that help them forage for food. An average bear claw is 7 – 10 centimeters or about 3 – 4 inches!

Measure your thumb fingernail in centimeters and inches. How do they compare to a bear's claw?

_____ cm _____ in

4

An adult male brown bear's skull measures about 40 centimeters or 15 inches in length! An elongated nose gives a bear a strong sense of smell.

Measure the distance from your nose to the back of your head. How long is it?

_____ cm _____ in



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Visit a local zoo or aquarium to learn more about animal adaptations.

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How do I compare to a bear?

Comparing Hands

Line your hand up to the bottom of the paw print. Trace your hand. How are your hand print and the bear paw print alike and different?



Adult Male Brown Bear Paw Print

Measure your fingernail and the bear claw in centimeters and inches. Whose is longer?

BEAR: _____ cm / _____ in

ME: _____ cm / _____ in



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Look for animal tracks in your backyard to find out what wildlife visits your home.

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How do scientists use footprints to study bears?

Brown Bear Identification Guide

Help scientists learn which bears have visited the river! Use the pictures, rear footprints and descriptions in the Brown Bear Identification Guide below to complete the *Which Brown Bears Visited This River?* activity sheet.



Sky

Adult Female

NOTES: Large adult female with dark coat and long claws. Sky visits the river to catch fish to eat. She needs to feed her growing cubs.



Chinook

Adult Male

NOTES: Adult male with wide paws and short claws. Chinook often competes with other bears for fishing spots on the river.



Amber

Young cub

NOTES: Amber's paw is thin and long. She watches her mother's every move – learning the best ways to open clams or fend off wolves. If Sky happens to catch a fish, Amber will be there to share it with her.



Scout

Young cub

NOTES: Scout's paw is wide and short. Scout is a fearless adventurer who puts his nose everywhere – especially where it doesn't belong. Scout can get into trouble, but Sky is always there to protect Scout.



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Use a local field guide to explore your backyard or a park near your home!
Have an adult help you make plaster molds of any footprints you find.

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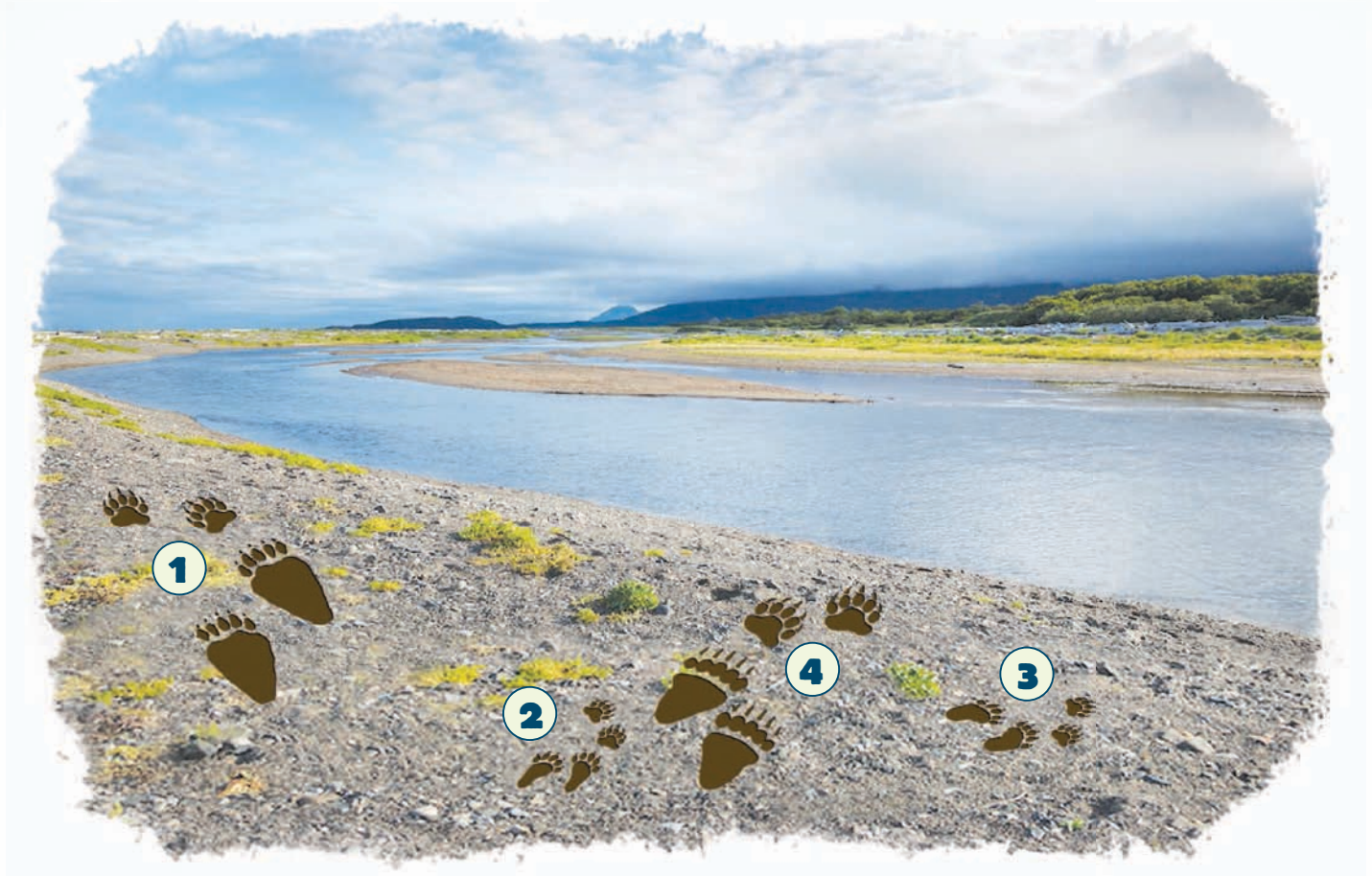
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How do scientists use footprints to study bears?

Which Brown Bears Visited This River?

The river is a popular spot for brown bears in Katmai National Park! Use the back footprints from the brown bear Identification Guide to decide which prints belong to each bear.



Based on my observations, these brown bear footprints belong to:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Why do you think bears are visiting this river?

Do you think this area of the river should be protected? Why or why not?



Use a field guide to look for and identify animal footprints in your backyard or near your school!

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ANSWERS: 1. Chinook 2. Amherst 3. Scout 4. Sky

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How can I safely visit bear country?

How Can I Safely Visit Bear Country?

Help this family make their campsite safe by circling the things below that are good practices and placing an **X** on the wrong practices.



Do your research before you visit a park! Learn more about the animals that live there and how you can be safe when you visit.



How can people live safely with bears?

What Threats Do Brown Bears Face?

Each of the images below depicts a threat to brown bears. These images are not from the movie. Use the lines provided to identify and describe them in your own words.



THREAT: _____



THREAT: _____



THREAT: _____



THREAT: _____



Be an animal researcher at home! Decide what technology or tools you need and then go outside to learn more about the wildlife in your backyard.