

BEAR WISE

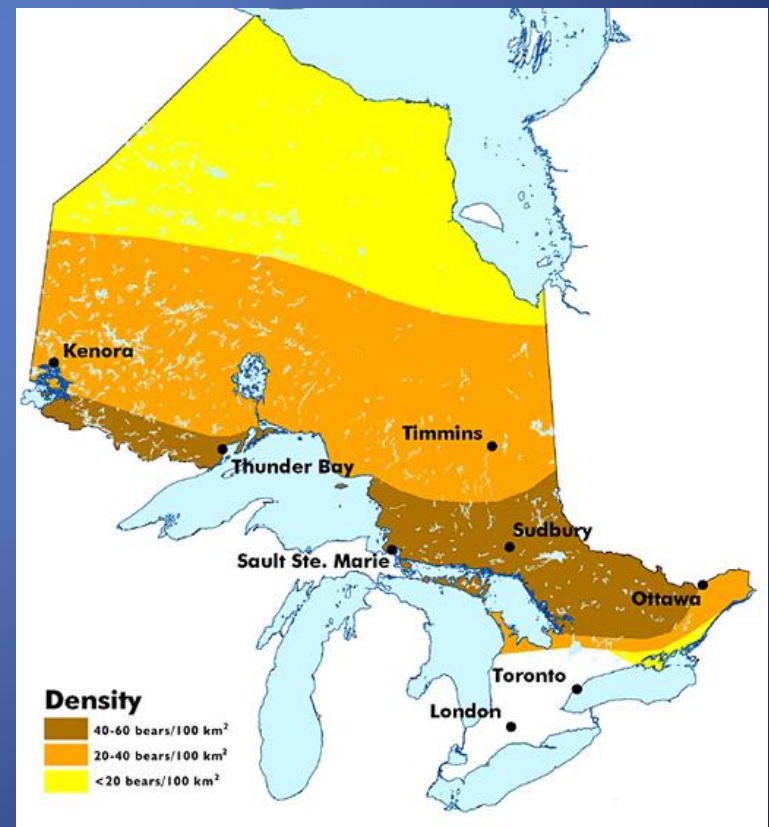


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Be Bear Wise

FOCA and our partners at the Ministry of Natural Resources are committed to reducing preventable causes of human - bear conflict.

Since 2004, Ontario's Bear Wise program has been educating people about bears and how to avoid attracting them.



What can you do?

Reduce Attractants

- Keep garbage away from Bears
- Feed birds only in winter months
- Clean your bbq regularly
- Do not feed bears or other animals

Resources



- **Bear Wise page of the FOCA website** launched in 2 weeks
 - info in the March Elert
- **Bear Wise article** in next FOCA Lake Stewards Newsletter
- **Factsheets**
 - Be Bear Wise – Don't invite bears to your cottage
 - Be Bear Wise – When opening your cottage
 - All about black Bears
 - Avoiding bear encounters
 - What to do if you encounter a bear
- Visit the **MNR Bear Wise website** - ontario.ca/bearwise
- Invite a **Bear Wise speaker to your AGM** – contact the FOCA office or your local MNR office

Send us your stories!