

Alert Regarding Black Bears in Okutama

- Okutama Town is located entirely within Chichibu Tama Kai National Park, and bears inhabit these mountains.
- The most recent Tokyo Metropolitan Government survey of this region shows the bear population increasing, meaning that increased contact with humans is likely. Also, bears facing diminished food supplies may be unusually aggravated.


➔ Hikers and climbers should actively plan to avoid any encounter with a bear. Please thoroughly take the following basic steps.

- ① **Check all available information (also use displayed QR codes) regarding bear sightings and incidents, with reference to your maps and planned activities.**
- ② **Use bear bells and radios, as well as repellent spray if possible.**
- ③ **Avoid going solo and take extra care near streams, remote areas and areas with poor visibility**

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Okutama authorities cooperate with local hunting groups as well as the Okutama Town Tourism Industry Division, TMG Bureau of Environment (Okutama Visitor Center), and the office of The Environment Ministry's Okutama Conservation Officer, to reduce the chance of visitors encountering bears.

Activities include observation and tracking patrols, control of conditions that attract wild animals (such as abandoned foodstuffs or oily substances), and the use of explosive devices to drive bears away from certain locations. Even so, bears are very mobile and can cover large distances. Take nothing for granted.

We wish you relaxed enjoyment of the natural beauty of Okutama, with personal safety as a responsible priority.