

Sightings of young black bears increase with summer roaming

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Sightings of black bears have recently been occurring in neighborhoods, backyards, urban areas, and even on dash cams and doorbell cameras in areas of Kentucky not accustomed to seeing many of them. Biologists and game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want the public to know that this is normal bear behavior and encourage the public to learn more about Ken-

tucky bears to better understand and live safely with them.

In late spring and early summer, young male black bears get pushed out of areas where they were raised in eastern Kentucky by older and more dominant male bears for mating season. These juveniles may wander up to several weeks or more into unfamiliar territory in search of food, good habitat and prospective mates before instinctively returning to the mountains by the fall. Bears can travel 20 miles or more in a day if left

undisturbed, and Kentucky bears have been suspected of traveling as far away as Missouri in recent years.

"This is the time of year when young male bears are usually spotted outside of their normal home range in the mountain counties of eastern Kentucky," said John Hast, Bear Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife. "These young bears are just juveniles and are easily scared and confused causing them to wander into populated areas because they don't yet know any better. They may hide during the day and leave the area at night only to be reported being seen again a county or two

away within a couple of days. Residents should keep their distance, remove all food sources and let the bear move on when he feels safe to do so."

Black bears have a natural fear of people and dogs, and adverse encounters

are extremely rare. Never approach or feed a bear and keep a safe distance away. If a bear is posing an immediate danger, a person should yell and wave their arms to look more threatening to scare him off or call local law enforcement immediately.

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Thursday, July 9th, 2026 at 7:00pm

- Casey's Site Plan- Williamstown.
- Megan & Jon Redman have requested a zone change from RIB (Residential One B) to R2 (Residential Two) Property location: 100 Avalon Dr., Williamstown: a sign will be posted on the property.
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Regular meeting of the Commission will take place **Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Grant County Courthouse, 101 N. Main St., Williamstown, Kentucky** at which time those wishing to comment on these items shall appear and be heard.

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