





## Outside

# Nature Card

Make your very own Outdoor Guide





## Black Bear

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The Black Bear is one of the biggest animals in the Blackstone Valley. An adult can be 6 feet tall and weigh anywhere from 200-600 pounds! It is a forest critter, but sometimes we see it in our neighborhoods. They visit because the forests are getting smaller, forcing the Black Bears into places where people live.

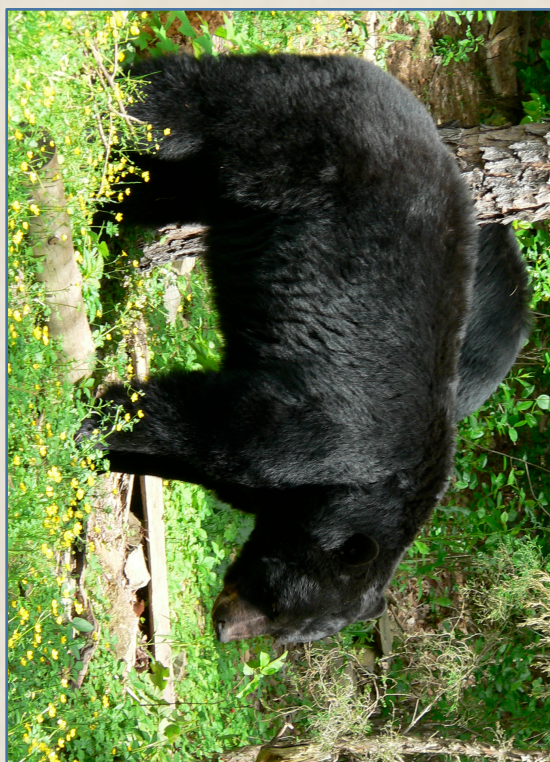
In the summer, mother bears push their teenagers out on their own to forage for food. The young bears think it's easier to get seeds from people's bird feeders or dog food from dishes left outdoors on a porch than to go to a stream and catch a fish! Their moms also taught them to eat their vegetables – like pinecones, berries, and roots.

Black Bears are not always black – they can be various shades of brown from mahogany to cinnamon. They are wild, dangerous animals and you should always stay away from them.

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**Make** your very own set of Nature Cards to take with you when exploring the Blackstone River Valley. Print on heavy paper or cardstock, cut out along the lines, and glue both sides together. To make the cards last longer, laminate or seal with clear packing tape. Punch a hole in the top, left corner of each finished card and use an O-ring or a paperclip to keep them organized.

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Critters of the Blackstone*