

# Brown Bear



## Size:

Brown bears weigh from 200 to over 1300 pounds. The largest brown bear is the grizzly bear. A very large grizzly bear can weigh 1700 pounds. Two of these large grizzly bears weigh the same as a medium-sized car.

A large grizzly bear standing on his hind feet can be 9 feet tall -- 2 feet taller than a big basketball player!

## Description:

Bears are very strong and have good endurance. They can outrun a horse and outswim an Olympian!

The tails of brown bears are 3 to 8 inches in length.

## Eating Habits:

While they eat meat when they can, bears eat mostly plants and also like insects. The kind of plants they eat changes by the season.

- \* in spring they eat grasses, moss, roots, and bulbs
- \* in summer and early fall they search for berries and bulbs
- \* in fall, some will eat meat & fish including moose, elk, mountain sheep, and salmon

## Interesting Facts:

When bear cubs are born they cannot see and have no fur.

Bears travel hundreds of miles in the fall to find food – especially berries and salmon. They eat more in the fall so they can survive winter hibernation for several months.