



The Bernalillo County Open Space vision is to become a dynamic network of properties with important natural or cultural resources. These properties are managed to benefit people, plants and wildlife by protecting or enhancing view sheds, water resources, wildlife habitat, cultural/historic sites, and prime agricultural land; and providing resource-based recreation and environmental education."

Ojito de San Antonio is an unique Open Space property located in the east mountains that offers prime wildlife habitat for bears, birds and other animals due to the water and fruit bearing trees. When visiting the property, please remember respect the wildlife and for your safety keep children near and dogs on a leash.



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# Be Bear Aware!



"Ignorance creates fear,  
and what man fears he  
destroys"

—Jan Hayes

## Bearly Interesting!

- ⇒ Males weigh up to 500 lbs.
- ⇒ Females weight up to 300 lbs.
- ⇒ Colors: Brown, black, cinnamon, red, and blonde.
- ⇒ Short distance runners (up to 25mph)
- ⇒ Omnivores, (Consume up to 20,000 calories a day)
- ⇒ 90% of their diet is vegetable matter
- ⇒ Sows (females) have lowest reproduction rate among wildlife.
- ⇒ 7 month pregnancy, at birth cubs are the size of a mouse!
- ⇒ During hibernations bears do not eat, drink, urinate, or poop.
- ⇒ Bears are in hibernation from November to April or May.
  - This depends on the amount of food consumed through out the year.

*Note: If they are not full enough, bears will not go into hibernation.*

## New Mexico BearWatch

### New Mexico BearWatch:

Formed in 1993 by Jan Hayes

#### Goal of BearWatch:

- Maintain stable bear population
- Inform mountain residents on bear safety
- Educate people on how to co-exist with bears

**FEED A BEAR,  
KILL A BEAR.**



**DON'T LEAVE  
FOOD UNATTENDED!**



## Bearly Scary

### Living with Bears:

- Don't feed the bears
- Use bear proof garbage cans.
- No outdoor pet food
- Hang bird feeder it least 10ft high
- Clean Barbeque/store indoors
- Keep doors/windows closed on warm nights
- Keep fruit trees around your home fenced in.

### Camping with Bears:

- ♦ Use bear pepper spray
- ♦ Hike with a companion
- ♦ Be Noisy!
- ♦ Don't approach visible bears
- ♦ Don't camp near food or animal trails.
- ♦ Sleep away form food sources
- ♦ Store in food in bear proof container.
  - NOT IN YOUR CAR

**IMPORTANT: Do NOT call New Mexico Game & Fish unless the bear is aggressive.**