



BEAR AWARE Wildlife Safety Training for Remote Field Workers

Backcountry Wildlife Monitoring Ltd. is a leader in wildlife safety training for remote field workers. This 2 module course is designed to provide an introduction to wildlife commonly found in Northern British Columbia and to provide students with the knowledge to appropriately protect themselves in the field.

The 2 courses can delivered together or as independent modules.

Course Scope:

The objective of the Wildlife Safety Course is to ensure that participants are familiar with local wildlife and the applicable safety measures.

Course Objectives:

In order to achieve the course scope outlined, students will be presented with information on:

1. Wildlife as a hazard
2. Dangerous wildlife
3. Differences between Grizzly Bear and Black Bears
4. Bear encounters - assessing the situation
5. Ways to deal with bear attacks
6. Use of bear spray
7. Bear incident prevention
8. Cougar protection techniques
9. Elk protection techniques
10. Moose protection techniques
11. Ticks—how to prevent and how to remove, when to seek aid

MODULE 1 - Wildlife Safety Training For Workers

Classroom – 3 hours

A workbook is provided to students.

- Incorporating wildlife hazards into a Field Level Hazard Assessment
- Wildlife commonly found in Northern BC
- How to recognize signs of wildlife in area i.e. scat
- Seasonal changes in wildlife behavior
- Bear encounter prevention techniques

- Differences between grizzly bears and black bears
- Assessing the situation for bear encounters
 - Predatory bears
 - Spooked bears
 - Territorial bears
 - Mothers with cubs
- Bear protection techniques
- Bear spray theory
- Cougar, Elk and Moose incidents
- How to identify and remove ticks
- Waste management and attractants

Teaching method: This course uses a combination of lecture, PowerPoint presentation, student manual and class discussion

Examination: 10 question written multiple choice test. 80% required to pass. 1 opportunity to re-write.



Mark Werner instructing a class at CNC in Prince George

Module 2 - Live Bear Pepper Spray Course

Outdoors – 1 to 2 hours depending on class size

This course includes an outdoor component where each student will deploy inert pepper spray on a 3 dimensional bear target. There is instruction on:

- Range of spray, spray time and volume
- Overview of the various manufacturers and

- Other equipment such as holsters and helicopter containers
- Wind conditions and contamination



The instructors will supply the following for each student:

- 1 can of inert bear spray for training
- Safety glasses

Additional Equipment Available:

Backcountry can supply custom labeled bear whistles to be given to each participant in the course. The cost is approximately \$3.50 per participant and volume discounts are available from the supplier.



The Bear Whistle is a lightweight durable whistle. Perfect for outdoor activities such as hiking and camping, and the perfect self defense or emergency safety alarm. The high pitch shrill is over 120 decibels and can be heard over a mile away, cutting through interference from other sounds. The semispherical pea produces a distinctive sound that rescue dogs are trained to listen for. It's convenient key chain notch and portable size make it a must have for all age groups.
<http://www.highcalibertine.ca/1233-the-bear-whistle.html>



Certification:

Bear Aware Training for Workers certification is valid for 3 years upon successful completion.

Students successfully completing each course will a laminated wallet sized card.

<p>BEAR AWARE TRAINING This is to certify that:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Has completed a 3 hour training course in Wilderness safety for field workers.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Instructor _____ Date _____</p>	<p>BEAR AWARE TRAINING</p>  <p>This certificate expires 3 years after the date of issue. Go to www.bearmonitoring.com for information on renewal.</p>
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Sample card

Course Pre-requisites:

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

Cost:

\$90 per student for MODULE 1 – Bear Aware

\$75 per student for MODULE 2 - Bear Spray Practical Training

Maximum 30 students per course, minimum 15. Payment terms are net 30 days.

Classroom rental: Cost plus 10%

Mileage: \$1 per kilometer. Point of departure is the junction of Hwy 97 and Hwy 16 in Prince George unless otherwise arranged.

Living out allowance: Cost plus 10% for lodging, \$75 per diem for food

Locations:

Prince George, BC with mobile training available across BC from Fort Nelson to Prince Rupert via Fort St. John. The instructors have classroom privileges at College of New Caledonia campuses in: Prince George, Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Mackenzie, Quesnel and Vanderhoof.



For all other locations where other facilities exist, the instructor will arrange for suitable classroom space at a local school, hall, camp or hotel.

Cancellation Policy

We required 2 days notice to cancel a course.

Instructors

Backcountry's leadership are experienced instructors.



Mark Werner is recognized as one of the foremost experts on dangerous wildlife dispatching as a leading guide outfitter in BC. With over 35 years of hunting and guiding experience, Mark is uniquely qualified to train students. Mark has worked as an industry educator in loss prevention, private investigations, hunter education and martial arts.

As President of the Guide Outfitters Association of BC, he was instrumental in bringing in minimum standards in education for guides and sat on the education committee responsible for the design of the program.

Mark is leading the Wildlife Monitoring industry as an instructor and faculty member of the College of New Caledonia where he teaches the industry approved Wildlife Monitor Training Course. Mark works with industry and government and is providing guidance on the Wildlife Monitor Permit which will be a requirement for all operators in the near future.

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About Backcountry

Mission Statement:

- Backcountry Wildlife Monitoring Ltd. will provide quality and relevant training and education to workers in Northern BC and Alberta.
- Our commitment is to deliver programming that meets or exceeds industry standards.
- We will identify and develop new courses that will create opportunities for both workers and industry.

By committing to developing and delivering programming that meets and exceeds industry standards, BCWM is able to provide relevant, high quality training and education to workers in Northern BC and Alberta. With an eye to the future BCWM will look to create new courses and learning opportunities for workers and industry.

Motto:

“Training tomorrows workers, today”