

Bear Activity & Wildlife Ordinance Enforcement Report

Years 2024 & 2025 YTD



Summary of Bear Sightings in Vail, Colorado

	Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2025	Year 2024
Sightings in residential areas	68	114
Sightings in public ways	85	47

Bear Sightings

	Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2025
Drawn to / Going Through Trash Bin	50
Roaming Front/Backyard/Porch	13
Drawn to / entered garage	9
Bear Being a Bear	24
Drawn to bird or wildlife feeder	2
Drawn to Outdoor Grill / Smoker	1
Walking street/roadway/bike path	37
Entering Vehicle	1
In the Creek	1
At Door/Attempted B&E (Bear & Entry)	5
Completed B & E	2
Up a Tree	3
Near / On Interstate 70	2
Other / Misc	3

	Year 2024
Drawn to / Going Through Trash Bin	59
Roaming Front/Backyard	23
Bear Being a Bear	19
Walking Street/Roadway/Bike Path	18
Drawn To / Entered Garage	7
At Door/Attempted B&E (Bear & Entry)	7
Up a Tree	6
Other / Misc	22

Wildlife Protection Ordinance Violations

	Jan 1 – Oct 31, 2025	Year 2024
Warnings Issued	348	528
Citations & Summons Issued	6	7

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Summary Report of Sightings

Location	Jan 1 – October 31, 2025 In Order of Most Recent
31 October 2025, 21:30 hrs Montaneros Condos	"Bear stuck in the parking garage. Bear then got out and ran across the street."
21 October 2025, 21:53 hrs Village Parking Structure	"Bear getting fruit from the trees near the main stairs coming from Covered Bridge."
17 October 2025, 20:17 hrs Gravity Haus	"Big bear in the area between Gravity Haus and Mountain Haus."
16 October 2025, 07:27 hrs Village Parking Structure	"Bear in the pedestrian walkway by the elevators, eating berries."
16 October 2025, 01:04 hrs Smartwool at Arrabelle	"Bear being a bear walking down the road."
15 October 2025, 01:33 hrs Covered Bridge	"Bear near the top of the stairs."
11 October 2025, 00:37 hrs Gasthof Gramshammer	(No remarks)
8 October 2025, 00:43 hrs Sierra Condos	"At a house nearby, bear got into the trash and his head is stuck in there."
7 October 2025, 00:22 hrs Bell Tower Building	"Reporting party states there was a bear in the downstairs garage."
5 October 2025, 22:03 hrs Gold Peak Lodge	"Bear just hanging out, going east by the pickleball courts."
3 October 2025, 18:28 hrs Marriott Resort	"Bear out back of deck between Ritz Carlton and Hythe. Is up in a tree."
1 October 2025, 23:56 hrs Covered Bridge	"Bear heading east, just doing bear things."
29 September 2025, 22:48 hrs Lion Square Lodge	"Second night in a row, bear running around and almost went into the lobby."
29 September 2025, 21:49 hrs Vail Health Parking Structure	"Bear near the bus stop."
29 September 2025, 18:12 hrs Gore Creek Dr/Wall St	"Large bear walking towards Gore Creek Dr, being a bear."
25 September 2025, 23:37 hrs Smartwool at Arrabelle	"Reporting party states there is a bear in the lower loading dock area, going through trash cans."
23 September 2025, 18:59 hrs Eiger Chalets	"Bear walked past reporting party's window. Limping, right front leg."
20 September 2025, 22:35 hrs Austria Haus	"Bear walking around next to Austria Haus."
19 September 2025, 22:46 hrs Gasthof Gramshammer	"Saw a bear by the trash cans."
19 September 2025, 22:03 hrs Gasthof Gramshammer	"Reporting party states there is a bear trying to get into food in the area."
19 September 2025, 20:37 hrs Lodge at Vail	"Bear walking around in the village near the Children's Fountain."
18 September 2025, 23:19 hrs Vendetta's	(No remarks)
17 September 2025, 21:02 hrs Red Lion Inn	"Bear in the trash behind Red Lion."
15 September 2025, 11:50 hrs Smartwool at Arrabelle	"For the last week, bear has been around, walking through the tunnel."

13 September 2025, 23:39 hrs La Bottega	"Bear walking behind La Bottega. A larger bear."
13 September 2025, 21:56 hrs Vantage Point	"Big black bear, may have walked towards the village."
13 September 2025, 05:17 hrs Check Point Charlie	"3 bears near a palate of produce."
12 September 2025, 20:43 hrs Vendetta's	"Bear running around, down Bridge Street."
12 September 2025, 01:11 hrs Antlers at Vail	"Guest called the property manager about a bear in the area."
10 September 2025, 21:28 hrs Village Parking Structure	"Bear on level 1."
10 September 2025, 06:35 hrs Austria Haus	"Black bear walking around, heading west on Meadow. No sign of Paddington or Yogi."
10 September 2025, 00:49 hrs Covered Bridge	"Bear in village, in front of The George."
8 September 2025, 09:22 hrs 1xx W Meadow Dr	"Bear got into trash, happened last night."
7 September 2025, 22:46 hrs Covered Bridge	"Two bears under the bridge, were fighting and are now walking eastbound along Gore."
7 September 2025, 22:29 hrs Children's Fountain	"Bear sighting at the Children's Fountain, ran down the alley by Pepi's and is still back there by the dumpster."
4 September 2025, 20:26 hrs 2000 Block Chamonix Lane	"Huge bear, sniffing people's cars."
4 September 2025, 09:05 hrs Intermountain	"Bear running along the fence line on South Frontage."
4 September 2025, 08:01 hrs Spruce Way/Columbine Dr	"Bear ran across the intersection, through the tunnel, and pooped just before the tunnel."
2 September 2025, 23:38 hrs S Frontage Rd West	"Caller saw bear on the street."
2 September 2025, 09:58 hrs Lions Mane Condos	"Bear got into the trash this morning."
30 August 2025, 23:41 hrs Lift House	"Big black bear hanging out in the area. Went down the little sidewalk area."
30 August 2025, 06:50 hrs 2xx Beaver Dam Rd	"Bear running around just east of this address."
28 August 2025, 22:26 hrs Vail 21	"Bear in the area by Vintage Point and Vail 21."
28 August 2025, 19:52 hrs 14xx Lions Ridge Loop	"Single bear, in the dumpster."
28 August 2025, 18:40 hrs Savoy Villas	"Bear in the dumpster."
25 August 2025, 11:24 hrs Interstate 70 MM 178	"Bear cub trying to get onto the highway."
23 August 2025, 19:46 hrs Covered Bridge	"Bear walking across the bridge."
23 August 2025, 11:49 hrs Chamonix Chalet	"Cub in caller's yard, laying on ground eating bird feed."
22 August 2025, 08:52 hrs Timber Ridge Apartments	"Bear on the trail, walking around."
21 August 2025, 20:00 hrs Interstate 70 MM 173	"Bear cub on the other side of the guardrail."

21 August 2025, 19:16 hrs Vail Run	"Bear at the back of the building outside, climbing over the fence."
21 August 2025, 01:44 hrs Vail Village	"Caller sees bear track near Bridge Street, no bear at the moment."
17 August 2025, 23:12 hrs US Post Office Vail	"In the road, going towards Lions Ridge."
17 August 2025, 04:48 hrs Sebastian	"Huge black bear, walkin' in the streets. Last seen near the roundabout."
16 August 2025, 21:02 hrs Gallery Building	"Bear behind dumpster at Russell's."
15 August 2025, 20:06 hrs Villa Valhalla	"Bear wandering around the area, heading to Golden Peak."
13 August 2025, 06:18 hrs 1xx Vail Rd	"Bear in the garage. Got into the trash."
10 August 2025, 06:32 hrs 4xx Gore Creek Dr	"Bear wandering around in the area near a building."
8 August 2025, 01:39 hrs 16xx Matterhorn Cir	"Bear in the garbage, then the reporting party scared it away."
2 August 2025, 22:11 hrs Arrabelle	"Bear walking through Lionshead Square, going through trash cans."
2 August 2025, 20:00 hrs 14xx Vail Valley Dr	"Bear going through trash cans at a construction site."
31 July 2025, 21:56 hrs Lionshead Mall	"Bear near the creek."
31 July 2025, 00:06 hrs Lionshead Bus Stop	"Bear walking around, going towards Garfinkle's. Had gotten into a dumpster again."
28 July 2025, 21:40 hrs International Bridge	"Black bear roaming around from the bridge towards El Segundo."
28 July 2025, 03:29 hrs Vail Public Works Office	"Black bear running around."
27 July 2025, 23:24 hrs 1xx W Meadow Dr	"Reporting party states there is a bear that knocked over a trash can."
24 July 2025, 21:05 hrs 10xx Homestake Cir	"Bear trying to get into trash cans, is not a baby bear."
24 July 2025, 03:05 hrs Qdoba Mexican Grill	"Bear in the area looking around, not doing anything."
23 July 2025, 21:16 hrs Lionshead Mall	"Bear in the area close to the stairs by Bart and Yeti's, then ran back towards the mountain."
22 July 2025, 23:51 hrs Solaris	"Bear turned east towards the parking deck."
22 July 2025, 22:55 hrs DoubleTree by Hilton	"Bear near McDonald's."
22 July 2025, 06:19 hrs Potato Patch Club	"Bear pushed a window screen in, then ran away."
21 July 2025, 23:26 hrs The Hamlet	"Very large bear going through the trash can."
17 July 2025, 23:48 hrs Lions Ridge Apartments	"Adult sized bear on porch."
17 July 2025, 20:49 hrs Vail Trails East	"Bear in dumpster, medium sized, people in the area."
17 July 2025, 08:57 hrs 42xx Columbine Way	"Bears roaming around in the area, got into trash last night."

17 July 2025, 01:27 hrs Vail Village	"Advised bear in the area."
16 July 2025, 21:47 hrs Lionshead Mall	"Bear behind Montauk, close to the parking structure, getting into dumpster enclosures."
16 July 2025, 20:54 hrs Lionshead Mall	"Bear in the area near Vail 21. Huffing and puffing, doesn't look too happy."
15 July 2025, 21:12 hrs Vail Village	"Large bear walking towards the covered bridge."
15 July 2025, 12:59 hrs Vail Golf Course	"Came across mom and baby bear. Just bears being bears."
14 July 2025, 22:58 hrs Vail Run	"Two baby bears on the bike path headed east."
14 July 2025, 20:43 hrs Vail Trails East	"Bear in the dumpster, kids also in the area."
14 July 2025, 20:33 hrs Vail Village	"Bear across from Tivoli in the dumpster."
14 July 2025, 19:45 hrs Northwoods Condominiums	"Medium sized bear seen 10-15 min ago."
14 July 2025, 01:14 hrs Vail 21 Building	"Bear behind Vail 21 in the dumpster."
13 July 2025, 21:04 hrs Christiana	"Bear is stuck in the dumpster enclosure on the village side. Was able to escape."
13 July 2025, 02:17 hrs Vail Trails East	"Bear in dumpster, 4 nights in a row."
13 July 2025, 00:40 hrs 23xx Garmisch Dr	"Bear at the end of the street, getting into the trash and dragging it into the driveway."
12 July 2025, 20:40 hrs Cottonwood Park Townhomes	"Bear near the creek, grazing on some bird seeds. Looks like a juvi bear."
11 July 2025, 23:11 hrs Christiana	"Bear is now gone."
11 July 2025, 02:51 hrs Vail Trails East	"Bear in the trash."
10 July 2025, 06:50 hrs Potato Patch Club	"Bear tried to access the home, just wandering around now."
9 July 2025, 20:32 hrs Vail Trails East	"Bear in gated area with dumpsters, eating trash."
9 July 2025, 09:23 hrs Lift House Condominiums	"A guest was almost attacked by a bear last night. This bear has been getting into the trash."
8 July 2025, 07:25 hrs Pine Ridge Townhomes	"Bear meandering through the townhomes, not doing anything."
7 July 2025, 23:51 hrs Lionshead Bus Stop	"Bear in Lionshead Village just west of the bus stop."
7 July 2025, 22:34 hrs Christiana	"Bear in the trash, ripped the gate off."
7 July 2025, 20:57 hrs Vail Village	"Big bear walking around, crossed the bridge and went into the water."
7 July 2025, 19:40 hrs Vail Golf Course Townhomes	"Brown bear is trying to open the back door, is now headed to the golf course."
7 July 2025, 18:56 hrs Vail Golf Course Townhomes	"Bear was in the house. There's a mess in the kitchen."
6 July 2025, 04:22 hrs Bighorn Lodge	"Bear in dumpster."

5 July 2025, 23:00 hrs Lift House Condominiums	"Bear is angry and treed in front of Alpine Pizza, teenagers trying to play with it."
5 July 2025, 20:45 hrs Coldstream Condominiums	"Bear is roaming parking lot, doing bear stuff. Another call for baby bear in the area."
4 July 2025, 23:55 hrs A & D Building	(No remarks)
4 July 2025, 23:04 hrs Texas Townhomes	"Black bear in front yard tossing neighbor's trash."
4 July 2025, 17:00 hrs 18xx Alpine Dr	"Bear eating berries in backyard."
3 July 2025, 21:20 hrs Vail East Townhouse Condos	"Bear roaming around the condos, just being a bear and wandering."
2 July 2025, 22:12 hrs Lionshead Mall, Vail	"Adult sized bear heading north near Christy Sports."
2 July 2025, 06:41 hrs Bighorn Lodge	"Bear currently in the dumpster."
1 July 2025, 21:59 hrs Christiana	"Bear actively digging through trash near Tivoli Lodge."
1 July 2025, 15:59 hrs 15xx Golf Ter	"Bear took a bag of trash from neighbor's house and took it up the hill."
1 July 2025, 09:06 hrs Vail Trails Chalet	"Bear outside, doing bear things around the river."
1 July 2025, 08:53 hrs Bighorn Lodge	"Bear coming multiple times per night, unlocked dumpster."
1 July 2025, 08:07 hrs Vorlaufer	"Young bear in the road."
29 June 2025, 11:14 hrs 10xx Homestake Cir	"Bear sighting in the backyard, sniffing around trash cans."
26 June 2025, 21:26 hrs Bighorn Lodge	"Bear eating out of the Sonnenalp dumpster."
22 June 2025, 23:06 hrs Grand Hyatt Vail	"Bear in courtyard area."
22 June 2025, 22:55 hrs Altar Vail Inn	"Bear currently in dumpster at building next door."
22 June 2025, 04:43 hrs 41xx Spruce Way	"Bear in dumpster."
21 June 2025, 16:14 hrs Vail Interfaith Chapel	"Bear doing bear stuff."
21 June 2025, 13:16 hrs Willow Park	"Bear cub, wandering around the river."
21 June 2025, 09:45 hrs 16xx Buffehr Creek Rd	"Bear in the condo, thrashing around inside. Is now outside running towards the pool."
20 June 2025, 21:11 hrs Vail Mountain Club	"Bear in the garage. Just being a rascal!"
16 June 2025, 04:36 hrs 18xx Alpine Dr	"Bear trying to access trash cans and feeding on the property."
15 June 2025, 21:46 hrs Mill Creek Tunnel	"A bear in the ski patrol garage."
14 June 2025, 20:04 hrs 3xx Beaver Dam Rd	"2 huge black bears heading east. Just bears being bears."
11 June 2025, 19:00 hrs 26xx Kinnikinnick Rd	"2 bears walked by, just looking through trash."

9 June 2025, 20:52 hrs 17xx Geneva Dr	"Full grown bear, pushed over a trash can."
7 June 2025, 16:35 hrs Founders Plaza	"Baby bear roaming around, walking towards Go Pro."
5 June 2025, 23:30 hrs 24xx Arosa Dr	"Bear in the area, direction of travel up the street."
5 June 2025, 19:55 hrs Christiana	"Bear outside by Rogers Dog Park."
5 June 2025, 10:37 hrs Vail Golf Course Townhomes	"4 bears, in trees going through trash."
4 June 2025, 22:57 hrs 24xx Arosa Dr	"Baby bear in the road, trying to get into trash."
3 June 2025, 19:51 hrs 27xx Larkspur Ct	"Bear outside, medium sized, by the garage."
2 June 2025, 22:28 hrs 29xx Booth Creek Dr	"Bear has tried to get into the house 3x tonight. Looks to be a baby bear."
1 June 2025, 20:05 hrs Tivoli Lodge	"2 bears on Hansen near Valley Rd, got into Tivoli dumpster."
31 May 2025, 21:07 hrs 42xx Nugget Ln	"Huge bear knocked over RP's grill, left towards the woods."
29 May 2025, 23:01 hrs Tivoli Lodge	"West side of building, a very large bear in the trash."
29 May 2025, 07:16 hrs Mueller Interiors	"On Fairway Dr, going down a hill."
25 May 2025, 22:41 hrs Sweet Basil	"Bear signing across the street from Sweet Basil."
25 May 2025, 21:22 hrs Eaton Plaza, Vail	"Black Bear wandering around near Elway's."
25 May 2025, 06:51 hrs 2200 BL Chamonix Ln	"Medium sized bear, rummaging about behind Qdoba."
23 May 2025, 20:38 hrs 16xx Matterhorn Cir	"2-year-old bear, he was on the porch and now ran off."
21 May 2025, 14:35 hrs Chamonix Chalet	"Bear in RP's backyard last night, got into his toolbox."
18 May 2025, 18:21 hrs Gore Creek Dr/Vail Valley Dr	"Bear in the area not doing anything."
17 May 2025, 01:06 hrs Apollo Park Building A	"Black bear in the courtyard, next to the pool."
16 May 2025, 22:35 hrs Arosa Dr/Garmisch Dr	"2 brown bear cubs running yard to yard. Just bears being bears."
14 May 2025, 23:35 hrs Mustang Condominiums	"Bear underneath deck. Bear ran off."
13 May 2025, 07:20 hrs Doubletree Vail	"Bear running through the neighborhood."
10 May 2025, 09:55 hrs 26xx Larkspur Ln	(No remarks)
2 May 2025, 14:49 hrs 1xx E Forest Rd	"Trash can knocked over, saw bear run away in backyard."
30 April 2025, 06:20 hrs 51xx Main Gore Dr N	"Trash in street and saw bear run off."
13 April 2025, 00:32 hrs 25xx Arosa Dr	"Bear on deck, roaming in back of units."

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Wildlife Protection Ordinance, please visit:

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