

The Forest Lyceum

Winter and Spring 2013 Lecture Series

Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Norfolk Library

Wine and Cheese reception at 7:00 pm

Presentation begins promptly at 7:30 pm

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Meet Your New Neighbors: Black Bears (*Ursus americanus*)



Deforestation and unregulated hunting extirpated black bears from southern New England in the mid-1800s. In the 1980s, a few breeding pairs wandered south and established the current population of several hundred bears in Connecticut. Black bears are intelligent and opportunistic omnivores that live about 20 years. Their size (up to 250 lbs. for females and 450 lbs. for males) and shuffling gait belies their ability to run at up to 35 mph. They also are agile climbers and strong swimmers and possess an incredible sense of smell. The bear population is expected

to double every five to seven years so now is a good time for us to learn how to be good neighbors with this denizen of the North American forest.

Many of you heard Steve's previous lectures "Coyote at the Kitchen Door" (2011) and "The Life and Habits of the North American Beaver" (2012), so be sure to reserve seats for this one!

Seating is limited and reservations are required; please email jean@greatmountainforest.org or call the library at (860)542-5075.



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