

YEAR OF THE BEAR

HABITAT HUNT

A habitat is a place where an animal finds everything it needs to survive. For a Black Bear, finding their needs may require them to migrate across the state. Their range can be anywhere from 8 to 800 square miles. (North Carolina is only 503 miles wide by 100 miles tall). Food is a factor in how far they will migrate. Black Bears are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and meat. But you may be surprised to know that 75% of their diet is plants. In fact they have a special gap in their teeth (called a diastema) that allows them to strip leaves off of plants.



Just like how a Black Bear has to hunt for their needs, use the word search below to find some of the habitat needs of a Black Bear.

W F J H G C F B Q M M E M N Y
 Q F W I B O A O K X J I D H V
 S M W Y S T H G Y H Q J K I R
 K F B Z R I N S E C T S J J R
 G I V E T H C F D J L C H D C
 R S W T R W A T E R R E O N F
 U H C S T R K M U M Y W N W N
 B Y T V H Q I V M D R O E O M
 S Z H X O E X E P C B I Y R Z
 C V O G V B L N S B E C C M F
 U R I Y Y L O T U B R G O S P
 F U N G I V N U E T K S M H A
 V L H W T R N M Y R S L B X V
 J C A R R I O N G R A S S E S
 K E J E G Q D R S E D G E S C

Honeycomb

Berries

Worms

Water

Insects

Shelter

Carrion

Nuts

Sedges

Fungi

Grasses

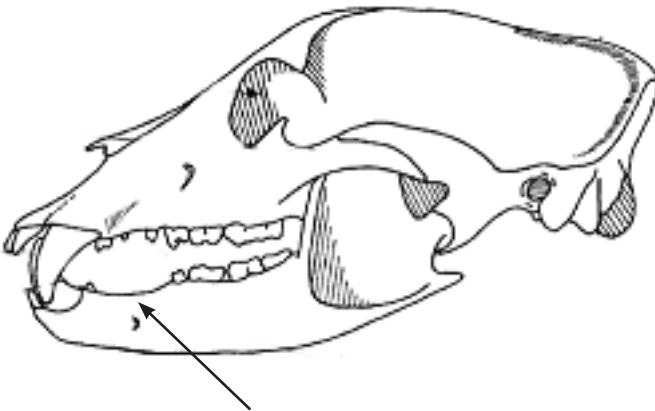
Fish

Grubs



Now hike a trail and see how many Black Bear needs you can find. Put a check in the word bank below next to the ones you found.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HONEYCOMB | <input type="checkbox"/> WORMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSECTS | <input type="checkbox"/> CARRION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEDGES | <input type="checkbox"/> GRASSES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRUBS | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BERRIES | <input type="checkbox"/> NUTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHELTER | <input type="checkbox"/> FISH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUNGI | |



Diastema