What Bear Goes Where
A Home Away from Home
Project WILD K-12 Curriculum & Activity Guide
Grades: K-8

1. Watch a video about bears, such as All about Bears for Kids or Bears 101 – Nat Geo Wild.

2. Discuss where each bear lives, the differences in each place, and bears adaptation to their environment. Use DEEP Wildlife Fact Sheets on black bear.

3. Have students create a poster or presentation of the habitat of the black bear or a bear of their choice. Students can use paper, poster, and other craft supplies, an online tool, such as SketchUp, or a video game, such as Minecraft.

4. Discuss the posters, the bear, and their habitat and adaptations.

5. Have students create a zoo enclosure for a bear that has been transferred to a place that is not its native habitat. For instance, have students create an enclosure or 3-D model for a polar bear that has moved to a desert climate. Students can use paper, poster, and other craft materials, an online 3-D model, such as SketchUp, or a video game, like Minecraft, to create an enclosure. In order for the bear to be healthy, consider what the temperature, humidity, amount of water and food, and other elements need to be included in the enclosure.

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