

# Living On a Bear Trail - follow up

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It has been about a month now, since the most recent 4 legged visitor came by. "Bubba" as we have named him (since he is a very cute, very playful young male bear).

On the morning of September 10th, while preparing for the Mountain Arts Festival at Vogel State Park, I noticed "Bubba" up on my upper deck. Wondering why he was up there, I remembered I had left a bag of chips out there while working on a display the previous evening. I watched him as he put the bag in his mouth, and carried it off the deck, into the woods. I then finished preparing for the Art Fair, watching out of the corner of my eye for him, loading my car, and grabbing a quick breakfast sandwich.

At about 7:45 am, I decided it was time to leave to Vogel. Driving down my driveway "Bubba" once again made his presence known, he jolted out in front of me from one side of the drive to the other. A neighbor was walking his dog about 100 yards from where he passed in front of me, and I told him that "Bubba" was down there, so watch out for him (for his dogs sake)!

Being that it has become closer to the colder season here in the mountains, I figured it would be about the last time I would see him, or any other bear this year.

It has been an exciting ride this year having so many of the locals (4-legged) visit us. Has definitely helped with creating new artwork and photography for "Cabin Critters Art." Being an artist and photographer



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opportunities such as the "Bear Visits" don't come around too often.

Deer are plenty at this time, the little "Bambi's" are absolutely beautiful. Having the void left by the magnificent creatures know as the American Black Bear, has been as much a roller coaster ride (downward) them leaving, as much as it was having them visit each day (upward).

Hopefully they will have a great time during the Winter months in their dens, caves, etc... and resurface in the spring with their new young, and showing us how much they have grown. The 3 little cubs that visited quite often during the past couple months, will undoubtedly be larger.

Please remember our four-legged magnificent creatures, you were here long before myself and others, so please do not allow the cutting down of your playgrounds deter you from making your presence known to us.