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**FROM/DE:** ORILLIA OPP DETACHMENT

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### **LOCAL WOMAN CHASED BY BLACK BEAR**

**(RAMARA TOWNSHIP, ON.)** – On Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at approximately 7:45 p.m. the Orillia OPP responded to a call of a woman being chased by a black bear while riding her bicycle.

A 26 year old Ramara Township woman was riding her bike alone, in the area of Ramara / Dalton boundary lines and Fairgrounds Rd. when a bear (weighing approximately 300 pounds) exited the tree line and started to chase her.

The woman called 911 while riding her bike and managed to get safely into a vehicle that she flagged down. The bear then left the immediate area.

No injuries were sustained from this incident.

OPP patrolled the area and there were no further sightings.

The Ministry of Natural Resources have been notified of this incident.

The OPP wish to advise home and cottage owners to follow a few simple tips to help keep your family and pets from encountering a bear in your area. When out for a walk or bike ride be sure to make some kind of noise so that you do not accidentally startle a bear.

By following these tips you can avoid attracting bears to your property; however a nuisance bear can be reported at anytime by contacting the Ministry of Natural Resources Hotline at 1-866-514-2327 or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122

#### **Garbage:**

- Eliminate odours. Put garbage in containers that have tight fitting lids, and only put it out on the morning of garbage day, not the night before
- Whenever possible, store garbage in bear-resistant containers, or indoors (house, shed, garage). Do not store garbage in plywood boxes, old freezers or vehicles
- Put meat scraps in the freezer until garbage day
- If you do not have curb side pick up, take your garbage to the dump often
- Frequently wash garbage cans and recycle containers and lids with a strong smelling disinfectant

#### **Bird/Pet food:**

- Fill bird feeders only through the winter months



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- Do not leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors, not outside or in screened in areas or porches

### **Fruits/Vegetables/Compost:**

- Avoid landscaping with trees, shrubs or plants that produce food known to attract bears (some examples include crab apple trees, mountain ash, beech and oak)
- Do not put meat, fish or sweet food (including fruit) in your composter
- Remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground
- Pick all ripe fruit from trees and bushes

### **Smells:**

- Be aware that cooking odours can attract bears
- Remove grease and food residue from barbecue grills, including the grease cup underneath, after each use

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[www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca)*

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