



*Wilderness Tourism Association of the Yukon
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1 - Environment Yukon Posts an Advisory Concerning Bear Viewing on the South Klondike

Use proper wildlife viewing etiquette to protect South Klondike bears. Environment Yukon reminds everyone travelling the South Klondike highway near the Annie Lake Road to be aware that bears are frequently on the roadside, with people stopping to view them as a result. Conservation Officers are concerned with the frequency of unsafe viewing practices for the area, for example people leaving their cars and tour buses to get close to the bear family groups. They have received reports of several “bear jams” in the area over the past week.

There are two sows with cubs that are seen frequently in the area. There are indications that the bears are becoming habituated to humans, which usually results in conflict and a bad ending for the bears. There are implications for area residents as well with respect to attractant management.

Wildlife viewing is a valuable experience for residents and visitors alike. For both their sake and yours, please follow these basic rules when observing roadside wildlife if you decide to stop:

- Stop safely and pull off the road completely
- Look from inside your car, and
- Leave promptly without lingering.

“We are very excited that people have such a great opportunity to see bears in the wild,” Wildlife Viewing Biologist Carrie McClelland says. “But we all have a responsibility to take care of our wildlife – it’s possible to love our bears to death.”

“Following these basic rules allows you to both enjoy watching a bear while keeping both the bear and yourself safe.”

For more information about roadside bear viewing do’s and don’ts, pick up a copy of the Bear Viewing Along Yukon Highways pamphlet published by Environment Yukon. It is an offense to feed wildlife – report incidents of concern to the TIPP line at 1-800-661-0525 or www.env.gov.yk.ca/tipp.

2 – Three Globalstar GSP 1600 Satellite Phones for Sale

Yukon Wide Adventures is selling some of their satellite phones. All three phones are fully functional and come with accessories and NEW batteries.

Asking \$200 each or \$ 500 the entire package.

Please inquire for further details by e-mail: info@yukonwide.com or by phone: 867 393-2111.

Congratulations to Thomas de Jager

I’m pleased to announce Thomas de Jager, owner of Yukon Wide Adventures proudly finished this year’s Yukon River Quest Canoe/Kayak Race in 3rd place in the Men’s Solo Kayak Class, 10th overall and was awarded this year’s fastest Yukoner K1. Congratulations Thomas, well deserved.

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