

# OBSERVE...

black bears in a natural Northwoods environment.



Lorie Kennedy  
and Mike Johnson

Black Bear Field Study Course participants learn directly from wild black bears, close-up, under the guidance of Lynn Rogers, Ph.D., and his experienced staff. Participants learn black bear behavior, communication, ecology, and bear-human coexistence through experiences with bears, daily presentations, a walk to learn bear sign, and field trips

by land and water. From Sunday to Wednesday,

participants are totally cared for at the Wildlife Research Institute's scenic Northwoods Research Center. Nestled between two lakes (with canoes on each) and surrounded by wildlife, it is 12 miles west of Ely, Minnesota.



The courses are in July and August when big, gentle males and mothers with cubs are at peak numbers. Participants are immersed in bears. The small class size (8) maximizes safe experiences with bears as seen on Animal Planet's "The Man Who Walks With Bears" and BBC's "Bearwalker of the Northwoods."



Participants include students, professionals, and anyone interested in bears. For people who fear bears, the courses are life-changing. Participants new and old enjoy meeting new bears and reconnecting with old favorites—and sharing their experiences with like-minded people.

capture your experience to share with friends and family!



## BLACK BEAR FIELD STUDY COURSE



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[www.bearstudy.org](http://www.bearstudy.org)

with Lynn Rogers, PhD



# LEARN...

more about bears than you ever imagined possible!



Lynn Rogers with telemetry

Safe, close-up observation of wild bears is enhanced by discussions, field trips, videos, and slide lectures such as:

**Why We Fear Bears** – This fast-moving in-depth slide lecture explores bear danger, our fears and misconceptions, black bear responses to people, and how to read body language and vocalizations.

**Black Bear Life** – Foraging, travels, reproduction, hibernation, territorial behavior, and more.

**The Secret Lives of Black Bears** – Videos and stills from the Den Cams summarize breakthrough findings ranging from births to care of cubs, play, bad dreams, and wildlife intruders.

**Bear Sign** – This photo/video presentation and field trip opens one's eyes to easily overlooked black bear sign, including the marks left as they bite, claw, and rub trees and as they forage, play, and scent-mark. Learn to spot bear sign in your home area.

**Radio Telemetry** – Use radio telemetry to home in on a radio-collar in an interesting location.

**Bear Dens** – Hike, drive, or canoe to bear dens you've seen on the Den Cams. Maybe crawl into one.

**Life on the Lake** – Board a stable 24-foot pontoon boat to photograph northwoods wildlife en route to a special bear den.



Photographing bear cubs high in a tree



Finding bear sign

# UNDERSTAND...

these intelligent animals and learn how to coexist with them.

"I attended the black bear study course two years in a row, and it was an amazing experience. Thanks to Dr. Rogers and staff, we enjoyed lectures, field trips in bear habitat, exploring dens and learning about bear behavior, language, and the misconceptions people have concerning bears. Loved it all, and hope to return next year." Carol – Florida



## "A life-changing experience" as quoted by many past participants.

Receive close-up experiences with wild bears to learn their different personalities and gain a greater depth of understanding than would be possible in any other way.



Checking the size of a bear den

"During my black bear field course I took several pictures of black bears and cubs in the wild doing things that normally a person would never see." Tom W. – Arkansas

"I flew in from London, UK for the course and for my love of black bears. I didn't expect to spend so much time in the company of male bears. They are absolutely amazing. And the cubs watching you from the tree, delightful. We were well looked after and I cannot thank Prof Lynn enough for sharing his work with us. Brigitte S. – UK

"It was fascinating to see the non-invasive research methods by Dr. Lynn Rogers and his team. It was great being among likeminded individuals. The WRI is in a stunning location, and it was great to wake up in the morning and look at the splendid view, and see the animals pottering about around the building." Susan B – UK



# CONNECT...

with wild black bears to learn their gentle nature.

"It is said that life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away. I could hardly catch my breath between unforgettable moments during the Black Bear Study Course: the mournful cry of a cub calling for mom, the tenderness between mom and cubs that humans would do well to emulate, a huge bear fleeing up a tree to avoid conflict although he could easily win, the joy of life the bears showed with their playfulness, the bear's intelligence and ingenuity as evidenced from their dens. I learned so much about black bears during the course, and I learned absolutely as much about life from the bears themselves. I am forever changed."

Debra I. – Kentucky



"A thrilling adventure. Dr Lynn Rogers was a great leader and gave many excellent lectures about bear behavior, bear biology and about his other bear research. He joined us for all meals which were excellent. The participants had my same passion for bears. A lifetime of memories". Reed W. – Minnesota

"From the moment you arrive you'll see natural wild bear behavior (even from the sofa) nearly all day, every day. You'll quickly be recognizing individual bears and seeing how they relate to each other, all whilst with likeminded bear enthusiasts in the Northwoods of Minnesota. A unique life changing experience!" Becky and Mark – UK



Taking a peek inside a bear den



Lynn Rogers watches a bear forage

# PHOTOGRAPH...

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