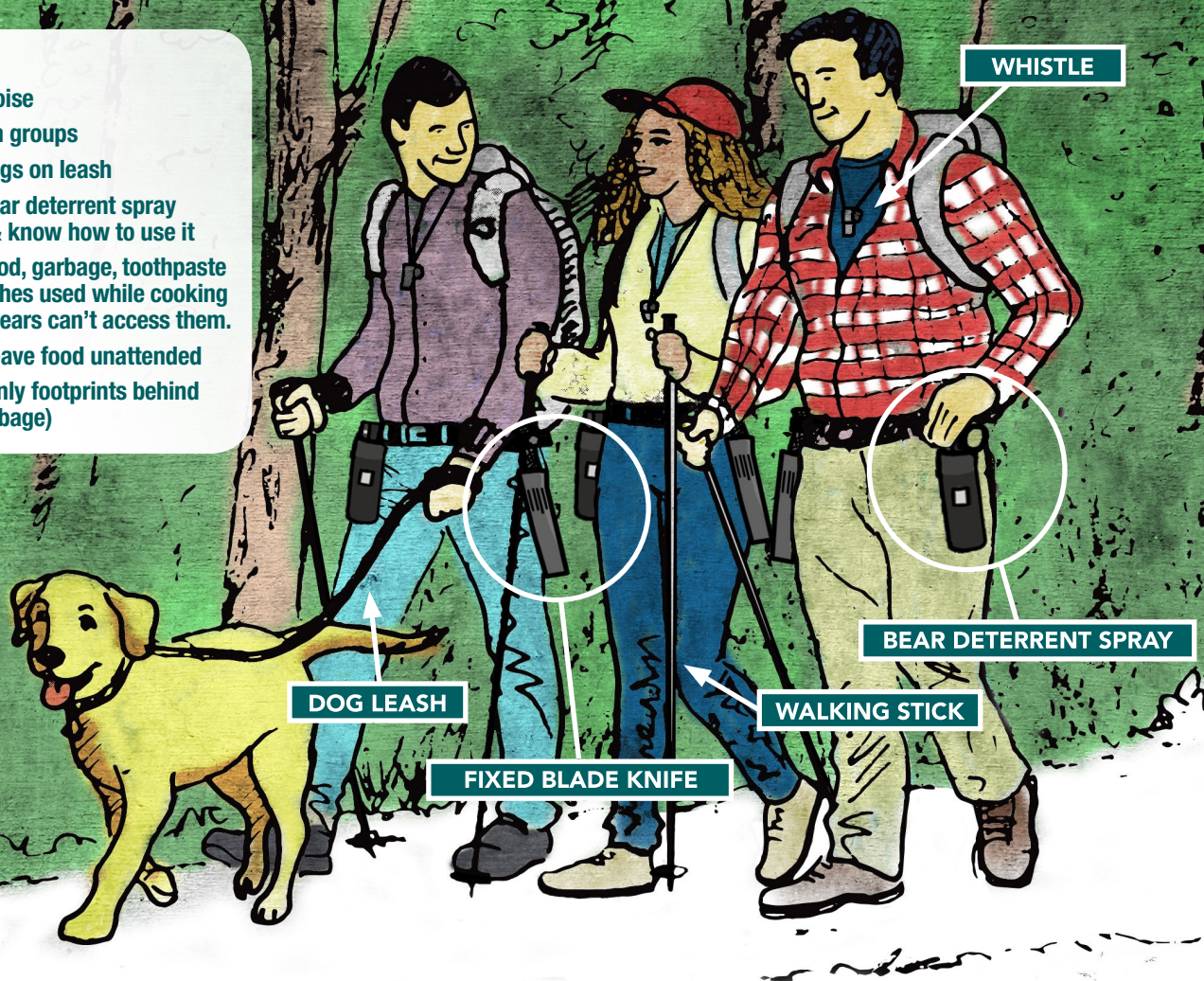


SAFETY IN BLACK BEAR COUNTRY

Never feed or approach a bear, or any wild animal.

- Be alert
- Make noise
- Travel in groups
- Keep dogs on leash
- Keep bear deterrent spray handy & know how to use it
- Store food, garbage, toothpaste and clothes used while cooking where bears can't access them.
- Never leave food unattended
- Leave only footprints behind (not garbage)



WHEN ENCOUNTERING A BEAR

- Stop and assess the situation and the bear's response.
- During a surprise encounter, slowly back away and prepare to deploy bear deterrent spray.
- If the bear charges, stand your ground and use your bear deterrent spray.
- If the bear attacks during a surprise encounter, play dead.
- If the bear persistently stalks you and then attacks, fight back.
- If the bear attacks you in your tent, fight back.

Bears should neither be feared nor dismissed as harmless, but should be respected for the potential danger they pose.

For more information, visit
www.manitoba.ca/blackbear