

We have a cabin on Twin Lakes, where I was staying by myself and last week a momma bear and her two cubs were spotted near our cabin during the day. Later that night, I drove into town to grab some dinner and when I came back to the cabin I saw the two cubs near our main door. As I got closer and looked around, I noticed the momma bear right in front of the door. When I shined my lights on the area, I noticed that the momma bear was tearing the side boards off of the kitchen wall. Also, I noticed that our screen door was ripped apart. After flashing my lights and honking the horn, the momma and her cubs left and went into nearby brush. After they were gone I boarded up the side of the cabin where she had torn wood off. On June 13, I was there with my two daughters opening up our cabin for the summer. We observed the momma bear and her two cubs (who are featured in Steve's personal video clip on the homepage of website) for most of three days. They slept there two nights and were not a problem to us. We enjoyed the pleasant company and watching the cubs play with each other and look for food. Little did we know they would later become a problem. Two days after we left, we were notified from another cabin resident that a bear(s) had broken in to our cabin. We called to get the details, and found out the following. The momma bear and her cubs broke a bedroom window that is next to the kitchen. The only food left in the cabin was canned food in a cabinet. The momma bear took the cans and tossed them out the window to her cubs waiting below. When we arrived back in Mammoth about a week later, we had stains all over the floor and outside not too far from our cabin, there was a pile of opened and empty food cans. Hopefully that was the end of visits from our unexpected guests. -bear enthusiast