



# BEAR CENTRE

## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

### Spring is here – and the bears have returned! 🐻

Spring has arrived early this year, and the season has started ahead of schedule. Snow levels are noticeably lower than last year, creating excellent conditions for wildlife activity.

The first bear of the season was spotted on the evening of **March 29th**, marking an exciting and early start to bear watching. The arrival came more than two weeks earlier than last year, when the first sighting was recorded on April 10th.

Although the season is just beginning, this early appearance is a promising sign. As temperatures continue to rise, we expect more bears to arrive in the area in the coming days.

We look forward to another unforgettable season filled with incredible wildlife encounters.



Photo Johan Paulussen

### Client comment – Winter Wolverine Photography

We had another fantastic week at WBB in late March–early April 2026. Despite warmer weather, we photographed wolverines in the snow—twice in daylight during six days. This period offers excellent chances, as wolverines are more active and visible in beautiful light.

As a bonus, an early brown bear appeared, and a stunning red fox in winter coat completed the experience. The week truly exceeded our expectations.

Highly recommended for patient photographers looking for unique wildlife moments in the silent wilderness of the Finnish–Russian border.

Johan & Chris Paulussen, Belgium



Photos Chris Janssens



Photos Dirk Goudkuil

### ❄️ Special Offer – Early Booking 2027

#### ❄️ Winter Wolverine Photography Week 2027

*A rare opportunity in pristine winter wilderness*

Photograph the elusive wolverine in stunning snowy landscapes, with excellent light conditions and close encounters.

#### 📅 Dates Saturday – Saturday:

March 20 – March 27, 2027

March 27 – April 3, 2027

April 3 – April 10, 2027

💰 Price: €790 / person

👥 Max. 8 photographers per week

#### Included

- Accommodation (double room)
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Transfers Kajaani – Bear Centre – Kajaani
- Access to professional wildlife hides
- Guidance and briefing

More information and bookings:

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## Wolverine



Photos Dirk Goudkuil

During the spring, a total of four different wolverine individuals have been observed in the area. Wolverines are active both during the day and at night, and they are photographed from the same hides used for bear photography.

Encounters have been exceptionally close this season, with wolverines frequently approaching the hides at distances of just 5–20 meters. The closest sighting was approximately five meters from the hide, offering a truly unique opportunity for observation and photography.

The most commonly used lenses have been in the 200–500 mm range, which work perfectly for both very close encounters and slightly more distant shots.



Photos Johan Paulussen

## Red Fox



Photo Johan Paulussen

### 🦊 Fox Photography – A Rare Treat

Foxes are among the most challenging animals to photograph due to their cautious and elusive nature. However, for patient observers, they can offer truly unforgettable moments.

At the moment, two different fox individuals have been seen in the area, occasionally appearing at the same sites as bears and wolverines. Sightings remain rare, making each encounter all the more special.

In spring, foxes are at their most beautiful, with thick, well-groomed fur that makes them exceptional photographic subjects whenever the opportunity arises.

### We have recently launched our renewed website at Bear Centre!

The new site features an updated design, improved usability, and expanded content to better showcase our photography experiences. It is now available in multiple languages, making it easier for our international guests to explore and plan their visit.

We warmly welcome you to take a look!

Welcome to photograph and encounter the bears safely up close!

Book your adventure today!

Best Regards  
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