

You are in a wild area



While using trails, it can be easy to forget that you are in a natural space and encounters with wildlife are possible. Keep yourself and wildlife safe by doing the following:



Avoid surprise encounters. Make noise, and avoid recreating alone. Watch for scat and other signs of wildlife in an area. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.



Manage pets appropriately. Adhere to leash zones and keep dogs out of areas they are not permitted. Not only can dogs displace wildlife, they can attract wildlife. Dogs that chase after bears can bring them back to their owners or be killed and wolves and coyotes can perceive dogs as a threat or prey.



Keep your distance. View and photograph wildlife from a safe and respectful distance of at least 100m for bears and other predators and at least 30m for all other animals. Never approach wildlife or remain still while it approaches you. Remember that you are in their home. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close.



NEVER feed wildlife. One of the biggest causes of human/wildlife conflicts is food-conditioning which can lead to tragic consequences for both people and animals. Whether it's a bear or a squirrel, NEVER feed wildlife and always keep attractants secure and out of reach.

Encountering a bear, cougar, coyote or wolf:

While all animals are different, some general rules apply to encounters with all

- Stay calm. Do not run.
- Move away slowly without turning your back on the animal.
- If necessary, deploy a deterrent such as bear spray.

For more information about wildlife and reducing conflict, go to wildsafebc.com

Report all conflicts with wildlife to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP line: 1.877.952.7277