

We share natural spaces with coyotes

Regional parks and greenways provide significant habitat and travel corridors for wildlife, including coyotes (*Canis latrans*).

Reduce the risk of coyote encounters by keeping your distance, never feeding coyotes, and keeping dogs leashed.

Keeping coyotes wild and people and pets safe is everyone's responsibility.

What do coyotes want?

Food (primarily mice, rats, squirrels, and rabbits, but also berries, eggs, and insects)



Safe places (denning sites, resting areas)



Coyotes are active year-round, but are more reactive to humans and dogs when mating (January and February) or when denning (April to July).

To report any wildlife-human interaction where public safety may be at risk, call the Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277.

Coyotes can be regular visitors in regional parks or just be passing through.

Understanding coyote behaviour helps keep people safe and coyotes wild.

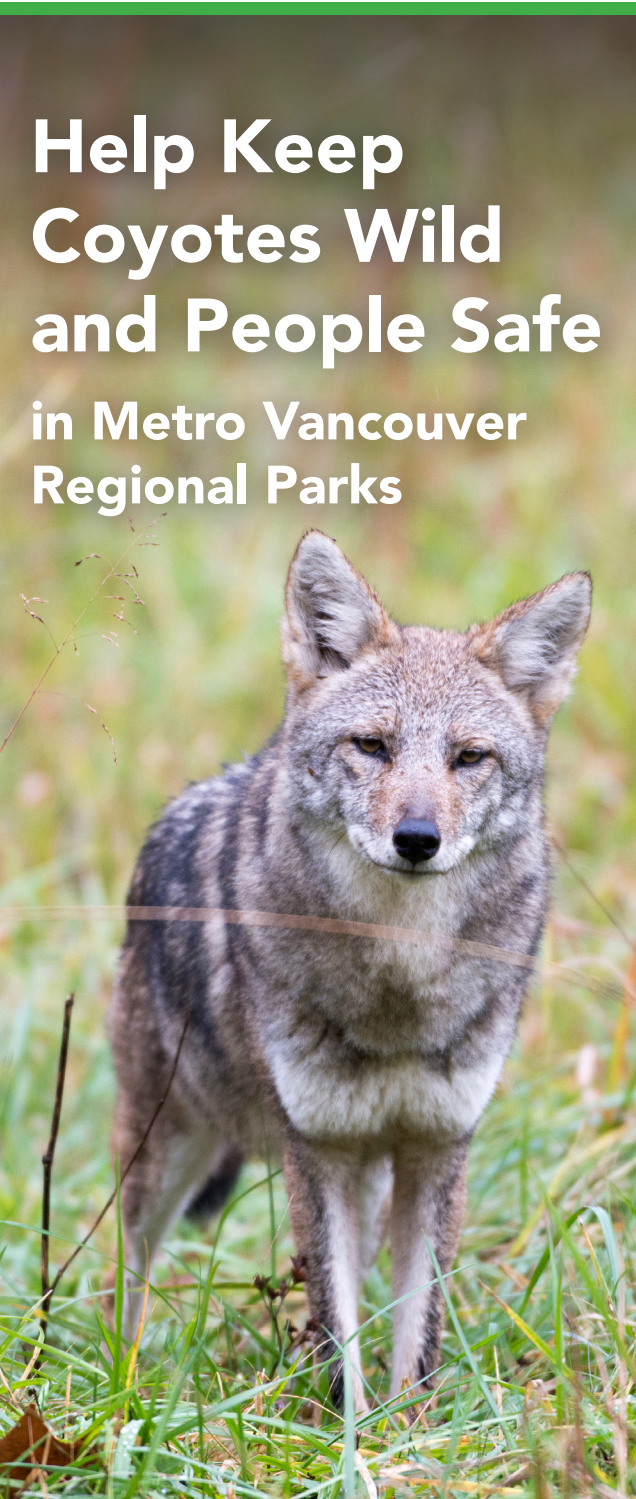
Be aware of what's going on around you and reduce your risk of an encounter.

Learn more about coyotes

Wildsafe BC has information about coyotes including facts, safety, and more at <https://wildsafebc.com/species/coyote/>

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Help Keep Coyotes Wild and People Safe in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks

Protective parents

Coyotes become more active, vocal, and territorial during mating and pupping season in spring.

During this time, coyote parents are more protective of denning areas and more active in hunting food.

In summer, when pups begin to venture out, parents become even more protective. A coyote that might usually leave when encountering a person or dog will now stand its ground.



Keep coyotes wild and people safe

Here are some simple things you can do to help:

When on the trail

- Keep dogs leashed (especially during denning season)
- Pick up small dogs if a coyote is near

When picnicking

- Never feed or leave food for coyotes
- Never leave food unattended
- Put all trash in wildlife-proof garbage bins

If you see a coyote:

- Face the coyote and stand your ground
- Wave your arms, yell, and make noise
- Throw sticks or rocks if needed
- Calmly leave the area

Bad habits are hard to change

Coyotes are usually wary of people and will avoid us whenever possible.

However, coyotes that learn to associate food with people lose their natural avoidance of humans.

They become bolder and more aggressive in seeking food, putting themselves and people at risk.

Help keep coyotes wild and people safe by making sure that you don't leave any food or garbage that might tempt a hungry coyote.



Report coyote encounters to
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks at
604-432-6200 or
regionalparks.info@metrovancouver