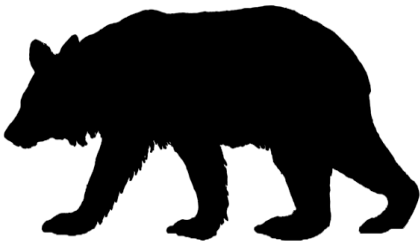




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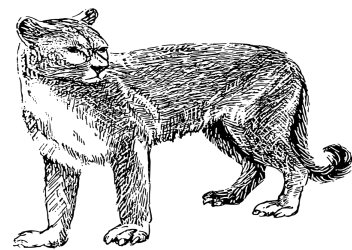
**The safest wildlife encounter is one prevented.
Your best defense is to be aware of wildlife in the area.**

- Be aware of wildlife in the area
- Make noise to avoid a surprise encounter - *use your human voice, clap hands or two rocks together – especially near running water or in dense brush*
- Carry a walking stick - *adults can carry bear spray in a side holster*
- Walk in groups
- Keep dogs leashed and/or under voice control
- Never approach or feed wildlife
- Never turn your back on wildlife



If you encounter a Bear:

- STAY CALM - DO NOT RUN
- Let the bear know you are human (arms out to side)
- Use your voice in a calm, assertive manner
- Back away slowly and allow the bear an escape route



If you encounter a Cougar:

- STAY CALM - DO NOT RUN
- MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT
- Pick up small children and small pets
- LET the Cougar know you are human- NOT prey
- Make yourself as large and as mean as possible
- Use your voice in a loud and assertive manner
- Back away slowly. Never turn your back on wildlife
- If the Cougar attacks, fight back with everything that you've got, it is a predatory attack

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