

# WILDLIFE WARNINGS

Mountain lions, bears, elk, deer, coyotes, snakes and other animals that live in this area are important members of the natural community. These animals are seldom seen, but their whereabouts and behaviors are unpredictable. Although attacks on humans are rare, it is imperative that you exercise caution.

- Always hike with at least one other adult.
- Keep children close to adults at all times.
- Observe all wildlife from a safe distance, including small animals such as squirrels and rabbits.
- Do not feed animals.
- Do not attempt to get close for that perfect picture.
- Be aware that you might be standing between a mother and her cub(s). If so, the animal's defense stance might become aggressive.
- Give large animals plenty of room to maneuver away from you.
- If you surprise a mountain lion, bear or coyote, **do not run**. This may stimulate the animal's instinct to chase and attack.
- Convince the animal that you are not prey, and that you actually can be a danger to it.
- Make eye contact, wave your arms slowly overhead, make yourself appear larger, make plenty of noise to frighten it away.
- Pick up small children without bending over, if possible.
- Throw rocks, sticks or other objects at the animal.
- If attacked, fight back.

This preserve is maintained for preservation of native plants, animals and the natural features, as well as for your enjoyment. On occasion, you may experience a brief encounter with wildlife. If you exercise caution and behave appropriately, these encounters can be an exciting and memorable adventure.

**The Wildlands Conservancy is not responsible for bodily injuries or damage to personal property caused by natural phenomena or acts of God.**