

BE ADVISED

YOU ARE ENTERING MOUNTAIN LION COUNTRY

You are entering a wilderness area. Mountain lions may be present and are unpredictable. Be cautious. They have been known to attack without warning. Your safety cannot be guaranteed. You are advised to stay alert for potential danger.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A LION

- Don't run!
- Hold your ground, wave your hands, shout!
- If the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones.
- Convince the lion that you are not prey and that you may be dangerous to it.
- Do all you can to appear larger. Pick up small children and place them on your shoulders if you can.
- Don't crouch down; the lion has seen you long before you saw it.
- Report any mountain lion sightings, IN DETAIL, to a ranger as soon as possible.

REMINDER: MINORS (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE) SHOULD BE UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.

These suggestions are among the lessons learned by people who have encountered mountain lions. There is no guarantee that these suggestions will work every time, but they are based on the best current information. The best plan of action is for you to avoid the lions.

You are safer hiking in a group than alone.

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