### Wildlife Safety

**Staying safe in nature and keeping nature safe!**

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<td>-Ticks love dark, moist ares so check yourself after every hike. If you’re bit make sure to properly remove the head and keep an eye out for a bullseye mark.</td>
<td>-If you see a coyote do not turn your back on them, or run away from them.</td>
<td>-NEVER enter a cave you find on a hike. This could be the home of a bear family.</td>
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<td>-Mosquitoes carry deadly diseases so use bug spray! Make your own by mixing lemon eucalyptus oil &amp; distilled water.</td>
<td>-Make loud noises and make yourself look big to scare the coyote.</td>
<td>-Do not make direct eye contact with bears.</td>
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<td>-If they do not back down start throwing rocks or other objects.</td>
<td>-Make loud noises to try and scare the bear away.</td>
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<td>-You can use bear spray to repel bears away.</td>
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### You might also see:

**Frogs**
NJ has many different types of frogs & toads. Some are poisonous to humans and dogs so leave them where they lay.

**Turtles**
Painted turtles, Box turtles and snapping turtles frequent hiking trails in NJ. Keep your hands and fingers to yourself because they will bite!

**Birds**
New Jersey is home to many different types of birds. Bring binoculars on your next hike and see what you can find! If you find a nest, let it rest!

### FOXES/BOBCATS
-While foxes are mostly harmless to humans we should stay away. Foxes can get protective of their kits, which might be hidden nearby. If a fox starts to get aggressive you should slowly back away and don’t make any sudden movements.

### DEER
-Deer are all over New Jersey. They are more afraid of you and will run when they see you.
-Do not approach a male deer, it will protect itself using it’s antlers.
-Ticks love to bite deer so do not touch them or you are sure to also get ticks on you.

### SNAKES
-There are a lot of ‘friendly’ snakes but NJ also has venomous snakes. It is best to leave any snakes alone so you do not find out if it is venomous or not.
-Snakes like to sun bathe to gather heat in their bodies. You will often find them on trails and in swampy waters.

### RACCOONS
-You should not see a raccoon during the day. If you do Slowly back away & break eye contact. Try to get inside a building or vehicle.