

Wildlife Safety

Staying safe in nature and keeping nature safe!

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TICKS/MOSQUITOS

-Ticks love dark, moist areas 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.

-Mosquitos carry deadly diseases so use bug spray! Make your own by mixing lemon eucalyptus oil & distilled water.

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COYOTE

-If you see a coyote do not turn your back on them, or run away from them.

-Make loud noises and make yourself look big to scare the coyote.

-If they do not back down start throwing rocks or other objects.

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BEARS

-NEVER enter a cave you find on a hike. This could be the home of a bear family.

-Do not make direct eye contact with bears.

-Make loud noises to try and scare the bear away.

-You can use bear spray to repel bears away.



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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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!

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.