

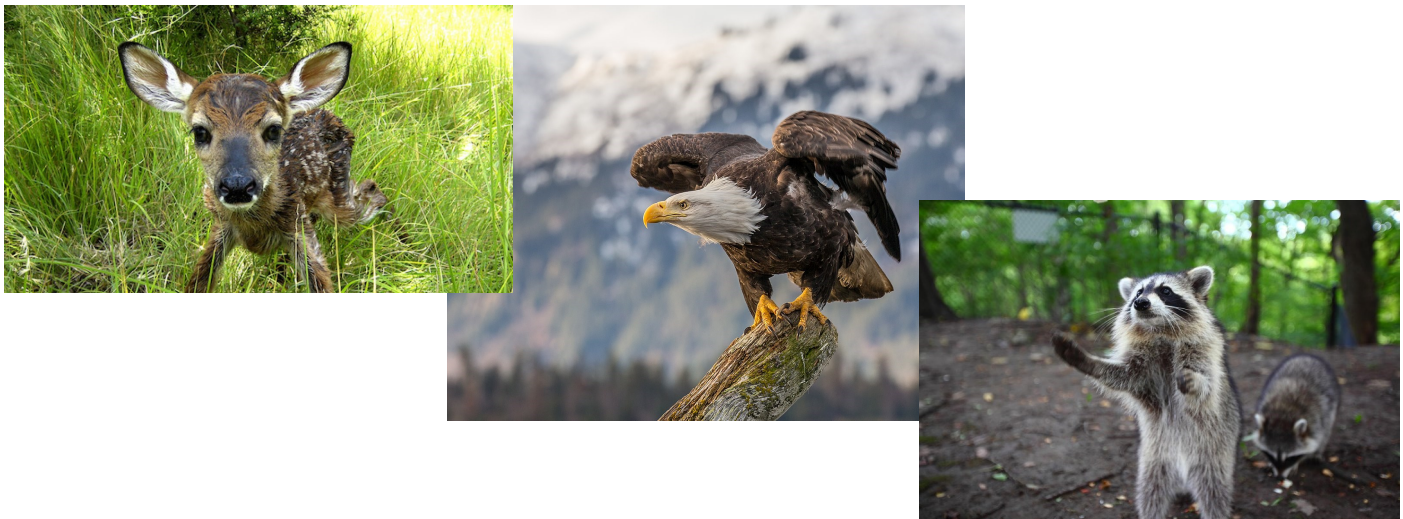


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How to Reduce Wildlife Encounters



These tips apply to many types of wildlife, so whether you're concerned about encounters with potentially dangerous animals, like bears and cougars, or less-threatening ones, such as mice, skunks, raccoons and deer, it's recommended that you follow them

Properly store food and other scented items: Leaving food and scented items unattended is like putting up a welcome sign for animals.

Give animals space: Many animals will not willingly attack unless they feel threatened or provoked. One of the best ways to prevent this is to stay a safe distance away.

Stay aware: Use your eyes, ears and nose to stay aware of your surroundings.

Research the area you'll be traveling in: Knowing something about the wildlife you're likely to encounter will help you be informed about tactics for preventing encounters, and let you know the best way to respond if you do have a run-in.

