

## Wildlife viewing – a word about Safety!



You may encounter wildlife at any time. **Be alert, and don't leave food accessible to animals.**

### When viewing wildlife always remember:

- **All wild animals are potentially dangerous.** Even a gentle-looking elk can seriously hurt a person.
- **Never approach or feed wildlife,** regardless of species or size.
- **Keep a safe viewing distance at all times** (30 to 100 metres).

**Please report all carnivore (bear, wolf, etc.) sightings to park staff immediately.**



**Thank you! Your efforts in keeping a 'BARE campsite' are appreciated!**



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## THE "BARE" Campsite Program



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## Welcome to the wild...

By camping here, you're sharing space with wild animals that depend on it for their survival. These can include bears, cougars, wolves, coyotes and others.

### How to keep a "bare" campsite

This campground has a "Bare" Campsite program in place. Ensure that no wildlife attractants are ever left unattended. **Stay safe and help keep the wildlife in our national parks alive and wild – please keep a BARE campsite.**

Anything that has an odour or could be considered food may attract wildlife to your site. **Never leave ANY of these items unattended at your campsite:**

- Coolers – full/empty
- Food – open/closed
- Garbage/Wrappings
- Dishes/Pots
- Pet Food/Bowls
- Bottles/Cans
- All scented products – such as shampoo, toothpaste, candles, citronella, dish soap

#### A "bare" campsite



**If you are camping here, you are agreeing to:**

- ➔ Store ALL FOOD and FOOD-RELATED ITEMS in a hard-sided vehicle or the provided food storage lockers when not in use.
- ➔ Tent trailers are NOT bear-proof.

### If your campsite is not "bare"...

**When people leave their food out, bears and other animals can lose their fear of humans.** Once an animal gets used to human food, it becomes a risk to public safety and may be destroyed. By keeping a "bare" campsite, you are playing an important part in preventing the creation and destruction of "problem" animals.

**Staff patrol the campground to ensure that campers have not left anything out that could attract wildlife.** If you come back to your site and find items missing, look for instructions left by park staff.

#### A "wildlife at risk" and cancelled permit site



Campers who fail to comply with the "Bare Campsite" program may have their camping permit cancelled, with no refund, and may be charged under the *Canada National Parks Act* and Regulations.

## Sharing an ecosystem – You are camping within wildlife habitat



**Be aware of your surroundings**, especially at dusk and dawn, or in densely vegetated areas. **Surprising an animal that is busy feeding can be very dangerous!** Animals rely on every part of this ecosystem for their survival. They need to forage for their natural food undisturbed in order to gain enough fat to survive the winter. By keeping a "bare" campsite and not feeding animals you are helping them to survive in this challenging landscape.

### Attention Pet Owners!

**Please keep pets on a leash at all times.** Don't leave pets unattended outside – especially at night. They can attract carnivores and may be attacked.