

WILDLIFE LIVE HERE

This landscape is the original habitat and home to many animals, including black bears, cougars, bobcats, coyotes, and raccoons. These animals play important roles in local ecosystems. We can be mindful of our impact on their homes by taking these simple steps to support the safety and well-being of wildlife and humans.

DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE — INTENTIONALLY OR OTHERWISE

- Keep trash and compost bins indoors until the morning of pick-up; use wildlife-resistant bins.
- Feed pets indoors and store pet food indoors.
- Clean up food waste after picnics.
- Keep barbeque grills clean.
- Plant native plants to provide food for birds, rather than hanging a birdfeeder.
- Enclose compost piles, fruit trees, beehives and chicken coops with fencing.

KEEP PETS AND WILDLIFE SAFE

- **Keep pets on a leash** when they are with you outdoors to prevent potential conflicts with wildlife.
- **Keep cats indoors** unless they are in an enclosed outdoor space, such as a “catio.”
- **Keep dogs in an enclosed area**, such as a kennel, or under your supervision when outside in the yard.
- **Maintain a safe distance from wildlife.** Hold your thumb pointing up, extend your arm fully, and close one eye — if your thumb covers the whole animal, then you’re at a safe distance!

COEXISTENCE IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT!

These actions will be most effective if we all work together. Please collaborate with your neighbors to help your community coexist with wildlife!



Bobcat kitten. Community photo shared with Carnivore Spotter at www.carnivorespotter.org



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