



Riding Mountain
National Park

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Wildlife viewing – a word about safety!

Seeing wild animals in the park can be a thrilling and rewarding experience, but remember:

- All wild animals are potentially dangerous
- Never approach, feed, or entice wildlife of any kind, regardless of size
- Keep a safe viewing distance at all times (30 to 100 metres)

Thank you! Your efforts in keeping a “BARE” campsite are appreciated by Parks Canada and your fellow campers. Please take what you have learned here to other campgrounds in the future – we can all help to keep each other safe and wildlife wild.

Attention Pet Owners!



Not only do we want to keep wildlife safe, but your pets are important as well. For that reason, please keep pets on a leash and do not leave them unattended, especially overnight.

Sharing an ecosystem

You are camping within
wildlife habitat

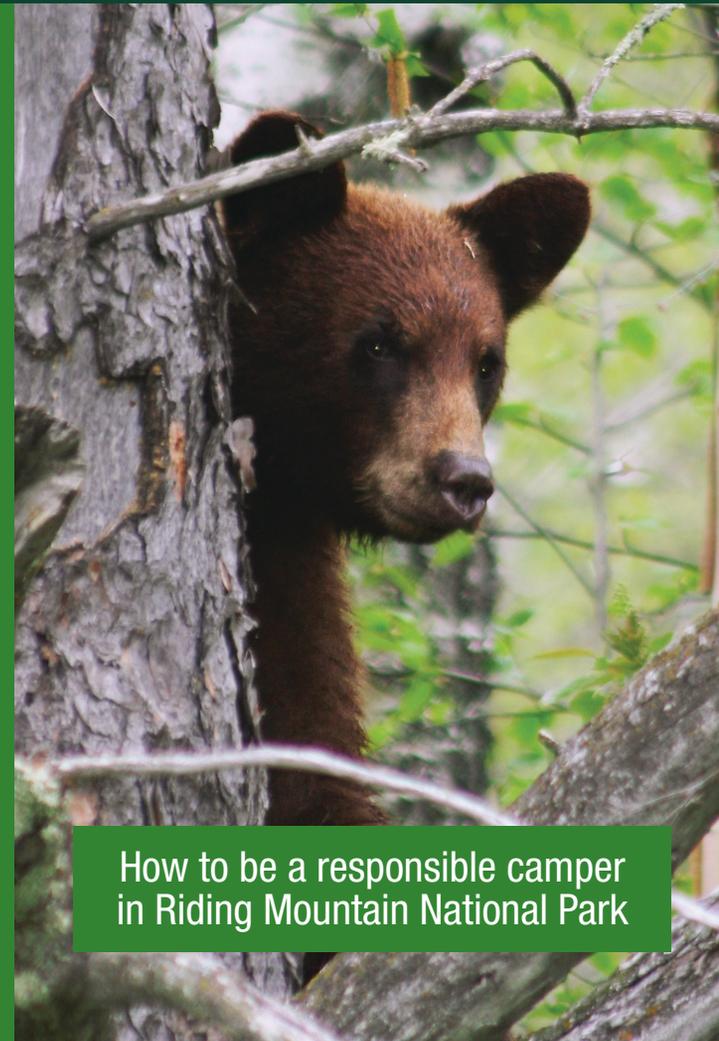
Animals rely on every part of this landscape for their survival. Their travel routes, natural food sources, mating grounds, and resting sites don't necessarily stop at the campground boundary. You may encounter wildlife at any time. Be aware of your surroundings, especially at dusk and dawn, or in densely vegetated areas. Surprising a bear feeding on natural food such as berries can be dangerous.



If you have an encounter with wildlife, please report it to RMNP or phone **1-877-852-3100**

**WE are the key to long term
survival of wildlife in OUR parks.**

The “Bare” campsite program



How to be a responsible camper
in Riding Mountain National Park



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Welcome!



You are camping in a very special place, a national park. We share this landscape with wild animals that depend on it for their survival. These can include black bears, cougars, wolves, coyotes, and others.

This campground has a “Bare” campsite program in place. A special effort is being made by both park staff and campers to ensure that no wildlife attractants are ever left unattended at any sites in this campground. The “Bare” campsite program is in place for your safety, and to help keep the wildlife in our national parks alive and wild.



Human Food **Kills** Wildlife.

Do **NOT** Litter or Feed any Wildlife.



Anything that has an odour or could be considered food may attract wildlife to your site.

How to keep a “Bare” campsite

Store all food and food-related items in a hard-sided vehicle/trailer/motor home or in the campground food storage lockers (not in a tent or tent-trailer) when not in use, at night while you are sleeping, or when your site is unattended for any length of time.



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
- Barbeques/campstoves
- Tablecloths
- Toiletries/suntan lotion/insect spray
- Containers of gasoline/oil
- ANY item associated with food preparation

If your campsite is not kept bare?

Park staff will be patrolling the campground regularly to ensure that campers have not left anything out at their site that could attract wildlife.

If you return to your site and discover that items are missing, they may have been moved to wildlife-proof storage. Look for a notice left by park staff. It contains further instructions.

Campers who fail to comply with the requirements of 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.

When people leave their food out, bears and other species 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 role in preventing the creation of “problem” animals.

