



Coyote Safety Tips

The Cannon Beach Police Department has received recent reports about coyotes in our area. The Cannon Beach Police would like the community to become educated about these animals as well as the dos and don'ts when encountering a coyote.

Coyotes are definitely NOT new to Cannon Beach and have always existed in our neighborhoods.

What should I do if a coyote approaches me?

There are occasions when coyotes need to be reminded that they should keep their distance from people. In the unlikely event that a coyote approaches you (or if you have an encounter within 50 feet and the coyote does not move away on its own accord) here are some things you can do:

Do not turn your back on a coyote or run away from a coyote.

Frighten coyotes with loud noises.

If approached, make loud noises, and make yourself look big. If this fails, throw rocks or other objects.

Always keep yourself between the coyote and small children.

Fear of humans is important for coyote survival.

How to avoid coyote contacts with humans:

Coyotes are usually skittish around humans and typically try to avoid people whenever possible.

Never feed coyotes or leave food outside. Secure trash cans and keep bird feeders out of reach.

In your yard, remove pet food, and fallen fruit.

Stay with your pets while outdoors.

Do not allow pets to run loose. Keep pets on a leash.

What should I do if I see a coyote in Cannon Beach?

Coyotes are part of our environment and sightings are common. However, if you encounter an aggressive coyote or a coyote with odd behavior contact the Cannon Beach Police Department right away: 503-436-2811