

Seeley Lake Historical Museum and Visitor Center
Recreation Opportunity Guide

GET OFF THE BEATEN PATH.

- Get out and walk, away from roads.
- Look near water. One of the best places to find wildlife is near water.
- Sit on the ground and gaze up into the trees. See birds and insects.
- Check out the “edge effect.” Critters like where two or more different habitats meet. Loiter around where meadows meet forest, hillsides meet riparian, etc.
- Get out a dawn and dusk. Songbirds sing, browsers browse.
- Sit quietly. Its good for the soul and good for seeing wildlife doing what they do.
- Use binoculars or a spotting scope to stay away from wildlife.

BLEND IN

- Use blinds and camouflage to avoid detection.
- Use boulders, trees, brush, and other natural objects to hide you body profile.
- Follow swales in open areas; avoid showing your silhouette on hilltops and ridges
- Move slowly and quietly.
- Wear drab, natural colors.
- Perfume, cologne and scented deodorants can make wildlife be gone.
- When the sun is out, cover or remove any reflective objects.
- Leave the dog at home. They are great companions, but will spook most wildlife.

LEARN ABOUT ANIMALS AND BIRDS

- Learn all you can about a species, including it habitats, migrations, daily patterns, food and sources.
- Your behavior can make animals nervous or calmer. Avoid creeping directly toward and animal or bird. Relax and walk casually.
- Move at an angle instead of walking directly at them.
- Look at their body or background rather than looking them in the eye.
- Let wildlife behavior guide your behavior. If an animal stands up or stiffens up, you are too close for its comfort. Back off.

BE ALERT.

- Look for signs of wildlife presence; tracks, scat, diggings, or nests.
- Listen. Deer snort, elk mew, raptors scream, ducks chuckle.
- Sniff the air. Deer, elk, foxes give off odors. Dead stuff attracts stuff.
- Keep your wildlife-watching radar on all the time when outside, even driving..
- Always wonder about what you see and hear. One thing often leads to another.
- Expect the unexpected.

DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS