Welcome

Campgrounds in Jasper National Park support the “Bare Campsite” program. This means that visitors should always properly store food, garbage and other wildlife attractants when leaving their campsites unattended. This is to help keep animals wild and keep you safe. Below is information on how you can help keep animals wild by maintaining a “bare campsite.”

How to keep a “bare” campsite

If you camp here, you agree to the following:

• Store all food and food-related items in a hard-sided vehicle/trailer/motorhome, or in the campground food storage lockers (not in a tent or tent-trailer) when not in use.

• The policy applies whenever these items are not in use, at night while you are sleeping or when your site is unattended for any length of time.

• When away from your site, you may leave out your camping furniture (eg. lawn chairs, lanterns and tents).

If your campsite is not “bare”...

Park staff patrol the campgrounds regularly to ensure that campers have not left anything out at their site that could attract wildlife.

If you come back to your site and items you left unattended are missing, look for a written warning 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.

A “bare” campsite

A “wildlife at risk” and cancelled permit site

NEVER feed wildlife.

Thank you! Your efforts in keeping a “bare campsite” are appreciated by Parks Canada and your fellow campers.

For more information: parkscanada.gc.ca/bear-info

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Report all wildlife encounters to a Parks Canada staff or phone 780-852-6155. It is illegal to feed, entice or disturb any wildlife in a national park. Violators will be charged, be required to appear in court, and could pay fines up to $25,000.
Give Wildlife Space.

**DO NOT APPROACH OR ENTICE WILDLIFE.**
Following, crowding or startling wildlife can lead to aggressive encounters, which can put you and others in danger. When viewing wildlife:

- Stay at least 100 metres away from bears, coyotes, wolves and cougars.
- Stay at least 30 metres away from elk, bighorn sheep, moose and deer.

If you see wildlife on the road **always slow down.**
If you do stop (not recommended for the safety of wildlife):

- Pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Use your hazard lights to alert others.
- **Stay in your vehicle.**
- Quickly observe, take a photo and move on.
- Move on if a traffic jam develops. It is unsafe for people and wildlife.

Human Food and Garbage Kills Wildlife.

**NEVER LEAVE FOOD UNATTENDED.**
Wildlife that eat human food or garbage become aggressive with people. This puts both people and wildlife at risk of being hurt or killed.

You are responsible for your own safety.

*Wild animals can be aggressive and dangerous.*

- Never approach, feed or pose with wildlife.
- Keep children in immediate sight and within close reach at all times.
- Respect wildlife and give them space.

*Keep pets on a leash.*

- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Pets attract wildlife and may be attacked if they are left unattended.

*Do not leave pet food out.* If you walk away, store food dishes – empty or full. Always store food dishes at night.