

FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

Respecting Wildlife

We are fortunate to have an amazing urban provincial park like Fish Creek, but all park visitors must remember that our provincial park is home to many wildlife residents. To ensure a pleasant visit for yourself and the park's wildlife, please remember to respect their home at all times.

Personal Space – Keeping Your Distance



There are many curious creatures in Fish Creek Provincial Park, and although they may want to come close to you, remember to give space to our wildlife residents. This is especially important during the spring and summer months when there are many babies emerging. Remember, even if you can't see her, that the little one's mother is always close by, and ready to come to the rescue if her young one is threatened.

The mother of a newborn may act defensively if you get too close to her young. Keep extra distance when around wildlife mothers and their young.

On-Leash and Under Control

Failure to keep your dog on a leash can have negative consequences for the wildlife, your pet and you. By law, you must have your pet on-leash and under control at all times. Failing to follow this regulation can lead to fines ranging from \$120 to \$2,000.

Do not allow your dog to harass, bite or give chase to wildlife. Many species, such as snakes, deer or rabbits, may be injured or killed by dogs. In turn, some larger wildlife species like coyotes and porcupines can pose a risk to an un-leashed or out of control dog.

We've Already Eaten, Thanks!

Please do not feed ANY wildlife in the park. Feeding wildlife can lead to animals losing their fear of people. This is especially true with birds and ground squirrels in the park. Because past visitors have fed them they now expect food from anyone that comes near. We must all work together to reverse this unfortunate situation, and keep the wildlife wild by letting them find their own food.

If you see injured wildlife in the park, please do not approach the animal. Note your location and call Kananaskis Emergency Services dispatch at 403-591-7755 with the details.



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