



Rancho Simi

RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT OFFERS SAFETY TIPS WHEN INTERACTING WITH WILDLIFE

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District encourages residents to enjoy the outdoors in the 51 developed parks and 80 miles of hiking trails they offer within the communities of Simi Valley and Oak Park.

When enjoying the outdoors, be sure to employ these important safety tips:

Hikers are encouraged to walk with a partner and be aware of their surroundings. Always inform someone where you are hiking and keep dogs on a leash at all times. Be sure to bring plenty of water for both you and your canine friend. And always plan to finish your hike before sundown.

If you find yourself in a situation faced with potentially dangerous wildlife, it's important to remain calm. If you encounter a rattlesnake, back away slowly and make noise. Give the snake time to move away and alter your route if the snake does not vacate the area. Do not attempt to capture or use a stick to remove a rattlesnake from a trail.

Although rare, if you encounter a mountain lion, back away slowly. Do not turn your back and run. Make yourself appear larger than the mountain lion, wave your arms, and speak in a loud voice. If you're with a child or pet, pick them up, or keep them as close to you as possible.

For more safety tips, please visit the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District website at www.rsrpd.org, call (805) 584-4400 or email info@rsrpd.us.

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