

COMMUNITY ALERT MOUNTAIN LION AWARENESS

Mountain lions are indigenous to the Verdugo Mountains and generally exist wherever deer are present. Mountain lions are quiet, solitary animals that typically avoid people. Although mountain lion sightings are rare, it is important to be aware of the recommended precautions should you encounter one in the Verdugo Mountains.

The following precautions have been provided by the California Department of Fish and Game:

- Do not feed deer; it is illegal in California, and it will attract mountain lions.
- Do not hike, bike, or jog alone.
- Avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active—dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Keep a close watch on small children.
- Do not approach a mountain lion.
- If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
- If attacked, fight back.
- If a mountain lion attacks a person, immediately call 911.

It is important to remember that a variety of wildlife inhabit the Verdugo Mountains. Mindful consideration of the safety recommendations will ensure that the beautiful Verdugo Mountains continue to be shared harmoniously by both people and wildlife.

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