

Local Wildlife Safety

The Parks at Monterey bay Housing Areas are close to wood lined and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) properties. These areas provide some of the best hiking and mountain biking areas in Monterey County, but they are also home to many species of wildlife including (but certainly not limited to) coyotes, mountain lions, wild pigs, wild turkeys, deer, raccoons, and skunks.

It is important to be aware of the presence of these animals and take some precautions:

- ✓ Do not leave pets outside unattended.
- ✓ Keep trash containers closed/ secured.
- ✓ Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside.
- ✓ Remove sources of water.
- ✓ Put away bird feeders at night to avoid attracting rodents and other coyote prey.
- ✓ Do not hike, bike, or jog alone.
- ✓ Do not approach mountain lions or coyotes. Keep your distance, even if the animal appears to be docile.
- ✓ If you encounter a mountain lion or coyote, make loud noises waive your arms and try to look bigger by waiving your arms. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction. Pick up small children.
- ✓ If attacked, fight back.
- ✓ POC for additional information is Julia Parish, DPW Environmental Division at (831) 242-6736. In emergency, call 911.

The California Department of Fish and Game has a variety of resources and additional information available on their website as part of the *Keep Me Wild* program:

- ✓ Information on Mountain Lions
- ✓ Information on Coyotes
- ✓ To report wildlife, please click [here](#)