

Photographers Code of Conduct

Jasper National Park is a protected place with a diversity of wildlife. Your actions have a big impact on the health and survival of wild animals. When capturing the perfect shot, be a smart photographer and follow these guidelines.

Safe and respectful wildlife viewing

Give wildlife space.

Do not approach wildlife. Stay 30m (3 bus lengths) away from elk, deer, and moose. Stay 100m (10 bus lengths) away from bears and other carnivores. This is a park regulation. Offenders may be charged and/or may have their business licence revoked.

If you are close enough to take a selfie, you are too close.

If an animal approaches you, you are responsible for backing away. Be alert for any animal warning signs that indicate you are too close.

Do not chase, follow, pursue, stalk, entice, or otherwise harass wildlife.

Parks Canada staff may need to manage wildlife for the safety of the animals and park visitors. This will take priority over wildlife viewing and photography. **Your cooperation is mandatory.**

Stay in your vehicle if you see wildlife while driving.

Observe, take photographs **from the safety of your vehicle,** and move on to avoid traffic jams.

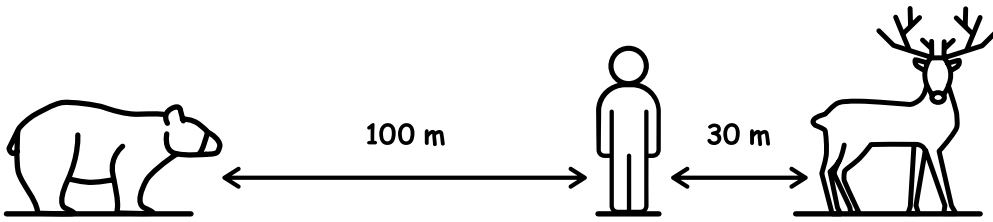
Human food and garbage kill wildlife.

Do not feed wildlife. This is a park regulation. Offenders may be charged and/or have their business licence revoked.

You are responsible for your own safety.

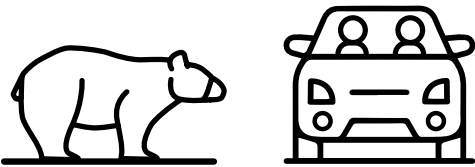
When on the trails, **carry bear spray.** Know how to use it.

Roadside photography



Notice of Restriction - Wildlife Viewing Practices in Jasper National Park

As of April 1st, 2021, the following restrictions apply to anyone viewing wildlife from within 200m of any road, parking lot, or place intended for the passage or parking of vehicles within Jasper National Park. These rules are in place to ensure that long-standing guidelines surrounding wildlife viewing are respected, and to ensure a safe and positive wildlife viewing experience for all visitors and the wildlife themselves.



You must not approach, remain, view, or engage in any other activity within 100m of bears, cougars, or wolves, or within 30m of elk, moose, caribou, sheep, or goats. If you wish to view wildlife from closer than these

distances, you must be completely inside your motor vehicle, and your motor vehicle must be parked legally and safely.

You must not remain within the prescribed distances, even if you find yourself close to wildlife by accident or surprise. If approached by wildlife **you must retreat to a safe distance or return to your vehicle.**

You must **not interfere with the movement of wildlife**, or through your actions, create an unsafe condition for wildlife or visitors.

Parks Canada staff on site may identify an unsafe condition at any time. They may direct you to return to your vehicle or to leave the area. **It is your responsibility to cooperate with the direction provided by Parks Canada employees.**

Reporting violations

If you see violations, please report them to Jasper Dispatch **780-852-6155**.

Take note of vehicle make, colour, licence plate number and any other relevant information.

Low impact visits

- Park in designated parking spots and roadside pull-offs.
- For your safety and the safety of others, avoid long stops on roadside shoulders.
- If a parking lot is full, move on to another location.
- Conduct your photography earlier in the day or in the evening to avoid the crowds.
- Protect wildlife habitat. Stay in areas open to the public.
- Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV or Drone) use is restricted in all national parks.
- Check the [important bulletins on our website](#) before heading out. It is your responsibility to know park regulations, park restrictions, and what areas are closed to public access.
- Do not cross barriers and fences; they are there for a reason.
- Make wise choices to keep you and wildlife safe. Live to take another photograph.