



Mountain Goat

Important Safety Information

Mountain goat aggression toward people is very rare; however, mountain goat habituation to people can occur, which places both people and goats at risk. By being informed and following the guidelines below, you can help ensure mountain goats remain wild, and fellow visitors safe, in Cathedral Provincial Park.

1. Mountain goats can become habituated to people and allow very close approach.
2. Mountain goats that are habituated to people are more likely to attempt to assert dominance over people by holding their ground, and in certain circumstances, become aggressive.
3. All mountain goats will use their horns to defend their personal space.
4. Mountain goats crave salts. They will seek human salts in sweat and urine, which can result in conflict with people.
 - i. **Do not** urinate on the ground in the campgrounds. Use the facilities provided or use a 'pee bottle' at night and dispose of the urine in the outhouse.
 - ii. **Do not** urinate on or near trails. Move at least **50 metres** off the trail and urinate on snow or bare ground.
 - iii. **Dispose of grey water** in the appropriate facility. Do not dispose grey water on the ground in or around campsites.
 - iv. **Do not leave** sweaty clothing and equipment out for animals to lick.
5. Keep a safe distance, a minimum of 50 metres, from mountain goats at all times. Animals that are closely approached lose their fear of people and can become habituated. If a goat approaches you, move away slowly to a safe distance. **If it follows you, chase it off by yelling and throwing rocks.**
6. **If you encounter a goat exhibiting aggressive behaviour, holding their ground, or approaching people, please inform the Park Operator of the incident.**

The key action to prevent hazardous encounters with mountain goats is not let them get habituated to human presence and to remove human salt attractants.

Wildlife that becomes habituated to human attractants and human presence can pose a risk to people and may need to be moved or destroyed for public safety.

If everyone does their part, we can protect this special place and the animals that live here.

Thank you for your cooperation.