

WARNING!

Coming Soon to L.A. County!

The Gray Wolf

A Major Carnivore!



"Living With Urban Wildlife"

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This WOLF can run 37 MPH and Weigh 185 LBS

Be AWARE but not FEARFUL of the Re-Entry of the Gray Wolf into California!

The Wolf has been absent in California for 87 years, but has begun to re-populate the Golden State, when one (1) Lone Wolf came across the state line from Oregon in 2011. By 2015 the first new Wolf Pack had re-established their former territory in Siskiyou County. The count of Wolf Packs in 2019 blossomed into (7) Packs and now (in 2024) number 44 Packs, (a six-fold increase) over the past 5 years.

Wolves in California?

Trending now as reported above, Wolves are spreading around California rapidly. Not to be afraid, as Wolves Rank LOW on the totem-pole for attacking Humans for no good reason. However; the Wolf is a carnivorous predator and that puts California Humans and their domestic pets on their menu!

If you travel North of the Kern Count Line towards (Oregon, Northern Nevada or Idaho) you might encounter a Wolf. Simple things can help you survive any harm by just knowing what to do, how to react but moreover what NOT to do!

***L.A. County Fish and Wildlife Commissioner James Etter
Is projecting the Grey Wolf will cross into L.A. County soon!***

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If you encounter a lone Wolf, your chances to escape any harm has all the numbers on your side!

-HOWEVER-

If you encounter a pack of Wolves, your life may be on the line!

If you meet-up with a Lone Wolf, they are not-likely to attack you if unprovoked.

Read and understand the ways Wildlife Experts say may save your life!

- 1. Stay Calm..... DO NOT RUN!**
- 2. Wolves dislike Loud Noises.** (It is a good idea to talk, sing and make your presence known when hiking, so if there is a Wolf near-by, they likely will run the other way.) They do NOT like Humans!
- 3. If you are confronted by a Wolf: Yell at them, Stand Firm, Make Noises. Look TALL!**
- 4. If you have any concerns that you might meet up with a Wolf (or another Wild Animal) be prepared with Noise Makers, A Shrill "LOUD" Whistle, Air Horn, Clap your Hands, Bang on Pots & Pans, grab some hefty sticks and bang them together. (-also- BEAR SPRAY, but *not advised for all conditions*)**
- 5. FACE THEM with eye contact and STARE at them. Look AGGRESSIVE (without charging them)**
- 6. Back Away SLOWLY! Don't Flinch or show Weakness. ALWAYS Leave the Wolf an Escape Route. *If they feel trapped they may charge at you.***

IF APPROACHED BY A PACK, STAND FIRM! THEY LIKELY WILL RETREAT!

NEVER CROUCH OR PLAY HIDE & SEEK! STAND TALL and ACT CALM, THEY CAN SMELL FEAR!

Back away slowly and calmly (Don't TRIP) Get In your Car, Trailer or any building to close you away safely from the pack. Employ any and all Noise-Makers. Clap, Scream, but NEVER RUN! Numbers create strength. If you have Bear Spray, know how to use it! If they charge you, climb a Tree, they can't climb trees, but can reach 8/ft so climb high and fast and wait them out!

A.) I will NEVER enter a Wolf Environment without Noisemakers and Bear Spray.

There is a specific training for the use of BEAR SPRAY! Be sure you know how to use it, or it could injure you!

B.) Know where you are going. Ask a Ranger about safety. Take a Cell Phone and a Map.

Ask Rangers about the Wildlife, what you might encounter. Take enough Water and be sure your phone is fully charged

C.) Stay together if in a group. Never allow small children to get far away from you.

D.) Even if faced by a Pack of Wolves, always leave a clear escape for them.

E.) If there is no safe way to seek your escape, employ Screaming, making noise and Standing Tall. Keep Eye Contact, Stare at Them, Keep pets and children behind you.

F.) Never Run. Face Them. Sometimes (even if in a pack) they respond to STRENGTH and they might take advantage of the moment if they see any WEAKNESS!

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