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Bear & Mountain Lion Sightings December 2006

Below are summaries of black bear and mountain lion sightings, taken from wildlife sighting cards turned in by park staff and visitors. Please note that these wildlife sightings are posted as a safety notice to alert park visitors to the presence of bears and mountain lions in the park. This information is NOT intended to attract people to locations of sightings.

Do not approach or offer food to bears. Always keep a safe distance away from wildlife.

Black Bears

- Sow & 2 cubs on Window Trail, 1 mile down 1st, 10:30 am
- Sow & 2 cubs on Basin Road, around mile 5.5 2nd, 2:40 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on ridge across the road from Lost Mine Trail 3rd, 1:15pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road in switchbacks 3rd, 3 pm
- 2 bears on Pine Canyon Trail 4th, 11:45am
- 1 bear crossing road near Glenn Springs Rd junction 5th, 2 pm
- 3 cubs in tree along Basin Road, just n. of Lost Mine Trail 7th, 11:40am
- 1 bear in Pine Canyon 7th, 2 pm
- 4 bears on Basin Road, south of Lost Mine Trailhead 8th, 6 pm
- Sow & 2 cubs on Window Trail 9th, 4 pm
- 3 bears in separate locations on Window Trail 10th, 2-3 pm
- Sow & 2 cubs on Basin Road, mile 1 11th, 9:30 am
- 1 cub 1/2 -way down Window Trail 12th, 9am
- 1 bear in Pine Canyon 14th, 9 am
- 1 bear in Pine Canyon 17th, 2 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road near bear sign 17th, 3:45 pm
- 1 bear on Basin Road, mile 2 19th, 4:50 pm
- Sow & cubs near Lost Mine Trailhead 19th, 6:30
- 1 bear on Basin Road near "Bear & Lion Country" sign 19th, 9 pm
- Sow & 2 cubs on Basin Rd, mile 4.5 20th, 10:45 am
- Sow & 2 cubs on road 21th, 6 pm
- 1 bear on Basin Road, mile 1 22nd, 7:45 am
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road near switch backs 23rd, 1:30 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead 23rd, 3:15 pm
- Sow & cub on Basin Road 1/4 mile N of Lost Mine Trail 24th, 8:15 am
- 1 bear in Pine Canyon about 1/2 mile from pour-off 24th, 2 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road between mile 5—6 25th, 12:23 pm
- Sow & yearling cub on Basin Road near mile 4 25th, 4:20 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road between mile 4—5 25th, 4:30 pm
- Sow & cub near Lost Mine Trailhead 26th, 8:45 am

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Bear Sightings, continued

- 1 bear in Pine Canyon 26th, 2 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road, 1/2 mile s. of Lost Mine Trail 27th, 9:50 am
- Sow & 3 cubs along Basin Road 27th, 10am
- 3 cubs at Lost Mine Trailhead 27th, 11:30am
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road 27th, 1 pm
- 2 cubs on Basin Road between mile 4 — 5, near bear sign 27th, 2 pm
- 1 bear on Basin Road, 1 mile below 1 hairpin turn 27th, 5 pm
- 1 bear on Basin Road between mile 4 -5, near bear sign 27th, 5:30 pm
- Sow & 3 cubs on Basin Road between mile 4—5 27th, 6 pm
- 1 bear on Window Trail, mid-way down 28th, 9:15 am
- Sow & 2 cubs near Boulder Meadow #1 campsite 28th, 3 pm
- Sow & cub on Basin Road 29th, 1 am
- 1 bear on Grapevine Hills Road, 0.2 mile in 29th, 1:30 pm
- Sow & 2 cubs along Basin road, mile 4.5 29th, 1:50—2 pm
- 1 bear along power lines 1.5 miles west of Panther Junction 30th, 12:20 pm
- Sow & 2 cubs at 1 stone culvert on road to stone cottages 31st, 11:15am

Mountain lions

- Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive, mile 4 12th, 3:50 pm
- RGV Campground between site #10 and Nature Trail 15th, 12:45 pm
- Basin Loop Trail near Pinnacles junction 17th, 2:15 pm
- Junction of Boot Canyon and Juniper Canyon Trails 20th, 10am
- On main park road 2-3 miles west of Panther Junction 23rd, 6 am