Keep your distance. Stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from elk, bison, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. You are safer hiking with groups of three or more. In areas of low visibility, make noise to avoid surprise encounters. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.

Give wildlife a break. More than 100 large animals are killed on park roads each year. Unless posted slower, top speed here is 45 mph (72 kph). Watch from pullouts. If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop in the road. Regardless of what others may do, keep moving to the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe distance.

Share the road. Pass no closer than three feet (1.0 m) to bicycles and roadside pedestrians, especially if your vehicle has large, detachable side mirrors.

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