

WILDLIFE IS MOST ACTIVE dusk to dawn

Although collisions can happen, anytime of the day, bobcats, elk and deer are most active around dawn and dusk. Wildlife also travels at night. It's especially important to be alert after sunset, because dark-colored animals can be very hard to see until they are right in front of your headlights .



**RESPECT THE SPEED LIMIT
SAVE A LIFE**

PROTECT

Be observant!

Keep yourself, your family and wildlife safe from harm. Be vigilant at all times when driving. Wildlife collisions are tragic and expensive. Animals often dart across the road. That means that drivers must not only scan ahead but also both sides of the road for approaching wildlife. If one deer crosses there are more behind. Please be cautious.



**LIVING RESPONSIBLY
& RESPECTFULLY
WITH WILDLIFE**



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POISONS KILL

Chemical poisons that are used to kill rats, mice, gophers, ground squirrels, and other nuisance critters may be labeled as 'safe' and are frequently marketed as 'pellets' or 'bait'. Hawks, owls, foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, other wildlife and pets are harmed and die when they ingest poisoned rodents. Rodents are the main food source for much of BVS Wildlife. Poisons devastate the natural food cycle and put things out of balance. Consider using alternatives that won't cause secondary poisoning.

WILD ANIMALS ARE NOT PETS!

Bear Valley Springs is a haven for both humans and wildlife and that's because hunting is NOT permitted in our valley. To maintain a healthy balance you must do your part to respect the natural order and avoid feeding wildlife or attracting them to your property. There's a saying...
A FED bear is a DEAD bear.



CAUTION!

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE



Elk are unpredictable. They weigh 700 pounds, can move rapidly and run at a speed of 40 miles per hour. Elk can jump eight feet vertically.

They may appear to be docile as they become habituated to human activity but don't be fooled, they can charge with their antlers cause serious damage and put your life at risk.

KEEP WELL CLEAR OF ELK!

Be advised, fines can be issued by Fish and Wildlife for getting too close to Elk. Be smart. Be safe.



PROTECT & PRESERVE

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AVOID ATTRACTING WILDLIFE

Bring pet food, hummingbird feeders and bird food inside at night.

Store animal foodstuffs in secured buildings instead of outside.

Take trash to waste transfer station regularly

Make sure animal enclosures are predator proof.

Supervise pets when they are outdoors. Small pets are prey for wildlife and large pets can be injured or killed in wildlife encounters.



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