

HOW TO: Respect Desert Wildlife

IN GRAND
STAIRCASE
ESCALANTE
NATIONAL
MONUMENT

Help Wildlife Stay Wild

From desert bighorn sheep and mountain lions to lizards and kangaroo rats, Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument has a large variety of wildlife!

When visiting the Monument, it is important to respect desert wildlife because they are an essential part of desert ecosystems and landscapes.

Different animals have different responses to the presence of humans. Many animals, like bighorns, bears, and mountain lions will actively avoid human contact while rodents and certain birds may get close to get a bite to eat or add something shiny to their nests. It is important when visiting Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument to be aware of the impact you may have on desert wildlife and do your best to minimize disturbing them and their habitats.



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RULES OF THUMB:

1. NEVER FEED WILD ANIMALS

Human food can be detrimental to desert animals. Food includes human and pet food, trash, and scented or flavored toiletries.

NO!
YOU MUST
RESIST THE
CUTENESS!

2. OBSERVE WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE

Do your best to watch animals from an appropriate distance - never startle them or force them to flee. Treat animals with the utmost respect and do not follow, approach, touch, or handle them. If you are in the path of a wild animal, get out of the way and allow it to pass. Do not block sources of water or harass animals out of hiding places, especially during the heat of the day.

3. KEEP A CLEAN CAMP

Hang your food if possible or store it in an animal-resistant container or sack.

BEAR CANISTER

BACKCOUNTRY FRONTCOUNTRY

ANIMAL RESISTANT SACK

BUT I'M NOT A BEAR!

