

Wildlife Viewing Tips & Ethics

- Use the Right Tools – A field guide list or book, pair of binoculars and comfy pair of shoes are a good start.
- Wear natural colors and unscented lotion.
- Walk softly so as not to snap twigs, crouch behind larger rocks or vegetation to hide your figure or break up your outline.
- Watch at Dawn and Dusk – This is the time when most wildlife species are active enough to view.
- Keep Your Distance – Stay on established trails, or within public land boundaries. Maintain a distance that is comfortable for wildlife.
- Stay Quiet – Move slowly and quietly to increase your chances of viewing wildlife, and to avoid stressing the animals you wish to watch.
- Use your peripheral vision rather than turning your head. Look for out-of-place shapes or motions.
- Look in high visitation areas: trail intersections, perches, ledges overlooking open areas and drinking sites.
- Do Not Feed the Wildlife – There is plenty of food available in the wild. Human food can cause digestive problems, provide improper nutrition and even kill an animal.
- Do Not Leave Garbage Behind – Animals may eat aluminum foil, plastic, and other wrappings. This can severely damage their digestive system and may even cause death.