

Staying Safe Around Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are quiet, solitary and elusive. They typically avoid people. A small population makes their home on the former Fort Ord.

Should you come across a mountain lion:

- *Stay calm.*
- *Do not run. This may trigger the lion's natural instinct to chase.*
- *Stand and face the lion.*
- *Make eye contact. Slowly and carefully back away.*
- *Do not yell. Talk calmly and firmly.*
- *Do not crouch or bend over.*
- *Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms and open your jacket.*
- *Control children so they don't run.*
- *Never approach a lion. Give them a way to escape.*
- *If attacked, fight back.*



*For more information, visit the California Department of Fish and Game website and their "Keep Me Wild" campaign:
www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/docs/lionbrochure.pdf*