



PREVENTING CONFLICTS WITH COUGARS

There have been several cougar sightings in Tahsis over the last few weeks. This fact sheet aims to educate residents and visitors on how to avoid conflicts with cougars in Tahsis.

Avoid attracting wildlife, especially deer, onto your property.

- Never feed wildlife or leave out salt licks or food for deer
- Keep garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids and clean up spillage from bird feeders
- Don't leave pet food outside

Don't provide cougars with shelter

- Keep grass cut at all times
- Trim shrubs and low tree branches along driveways and walkways
- Close off spaces under decks and buildings
- Have good outdoor lighting

Keep children safe

- Children should play outside only during daylight hours with adult supervision and away from heavily wooded areas. Be sure they don't wander away from the group
- Remind children that if they see a cougar, they should not turn their backs, run away or show fear by screaming
- Play areas should be set up in open spaces, away from trees and wooded areas.

Protect your pets

- Ensure outdoor animal enclosures are secure and closed across the top
- Don't let cats and dogs roam free.
- Walk dogs during the day and avoid off-trail areas with thick vegetation

Report all cougar sightings to BC Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277

For more information contact WildSafe BC: <https://wildsafebc.com/cougar/>