

ALLIGATORS



AVOID CONTACT WITH ALLIGATORS

- 1. Leave Them Alone!** — It is illegal to harass, capture, and kill alligators, as well as keep them as pets.
- 2. Don't Feed Them!** — Make sure to dispose of fish scraps properly at boat launches, fish camps, and anywhere else where people clean fish around water.
- 3. Always Be Alert** — Be aware of possible encounters with alligators when around fresh or brackish water.
- 4. Swim Responsibly** — Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. Don't swim at night, outside of posted swimming areas, or in waters that might be inhabited by alligators.
- 5. Watch Your Pets** — Do not allow pets to swim, exercise, or drink in or near waters that may contain alligators.
- 6. Report Nuisance Alligators** — If you believe a particular alligator presents a genuine threat to public safety, contact your local Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office.

LEVELS OF CONCERN

ALLIGATOR BEHAVIOR

Retreats when approached by humans. No evidence of aggression. No evidence of being intentionally fed by people.

No fear of being approached by people. Regularly hanging around spots where people gather (boat launches, fish camps, parks with bodies of water).

Direct evidence of being fed by people. Apparent stalking of pets or people near the water. Entered private pond or swimming pool.

Intentionally approaching people expecting to be fed. Directly attacking or attempting to attack pets, people or boats.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1

Supervise pets & don't let them roam free. Don't feed any alligators & discourage others from doing so. Dispose of fish scraps properly. Always be aware of your surroundings, especially around water.

2

All of the above. Avoid swimming in the area, especially at night.

3

All of the above. Keep away from the water if possible, especially pets & children. Report nuisance alligator to DCNR and Mobile 311.

4

All of the above. Call 911 if a person has been physically attacked.