

# WARNING

- **Cougars have been encountered at close range recently in this area.**



**If you encounter a cougar:**

- 1. Stop, stand tall and don't run. Pickup small children. Don't run. A cougar's instinct is to chase.**
- 2. Do not approach the animal, especially if it is near a kill or with kittens.**
- 3. Try to appear larger than the cougar. Never take your eyes off the animal or turn your back. Do not crouch down or try to hide.**
- 4. If the animal displays aggressive behavior, shout, wave your arms and throw rocks. The idea is to convince the cougar that you are not prey, but a potential danger.**
- 5. If the cougar attacks, fight back aggressively and try to stay on your feet. Cougars have been driven away by people who have fought back.**

**Department of Fish and Wildlife responds to cougar and bear sightings when there is a threat to public safety or property. If it is an emergency, dial 911**