

MONTREAT COLLEGE

WILDLIFE PROTOCOL



SNAKE SAFETY

Spring, summer, and early fall are snake seasons in our mountains. We only have two poisonous snakes in our area.

- Copperheads are more common and tend to be more aggressive. While their bites are rarely lethal, they do require medical treatment and can be painful.
- Timber Rattlesnakes are larger and can deliver more venom. Their bites can be lethal.

BEST PRACTICES

1. Stay aware of your surroundings.
2. Step with caution.
3. Minimize exposed skin.



BAT SAFETY

Anyone who makes direct contact **or has suspected contact** with a bat, must be **evaluated by a medical provider** for the possibility of rabies.

BEST PRACTICES

LIVE BAT

1. Call Campus Safety and/or Facilities.
Campus Safety Cell: 828.713.2520
Facilities Office: 828.357.4222
2. Never attempt to capture a bat on your own.
3. If possible, close the door to the room and wait outside.

BEST PRACTICES

DEAD BAT

1. Call Campus Safety and/or Facilities.
Campus Safety Cell: 828.713.2520
Facilities Office: 828.357.4222
2. Place a trash can over the bat.
3. Be alert for the presence of other bats inside the building.



BEAR SAFETY

Black bears rarely become aggressive when encountered. When you see a bear, quietly move away and leave the area.

BEST PRACTICES

1. Never run from a bear.
2. Travel in groups.
3. If approached by an aggressive bear, calmly stand your ground.
4. Raise your arms to make yourself look bigger.
5. Make loud noises.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL 911.